

HOCKEY (men and women)

2016

AUS Hockey competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of hockey from the [International Hockey Federation](#) (FIH) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 14
- Maximum registered players – 18
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 7

2. Game time/duration

- 2.1. All games will be 2 x 20 minutes in duration with 5 minutes for half time.
- 2.2. Medal matches will be 2 x 25 minutes in duration with 7 minutes for half time.
- 2.3. A summary of game time/duration is also available via the [AUS supplement – games time summary](#).

3. Point score

- 3.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;
 - Winning team: 3 points
 - Drawn match: 2 points per team
 - Losing team: 1 point
 - Forfeited team: 0 points
- 3.2. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:
 - a) The result of round game/s of the teams on same points
 - b) The team with the highest goal difference i.e. goals for - goals against in all pool matches
 - c) The team scoring the highest number of goals in all pool matches shall be placed above the other team(s)
 - d) The team with the best result against the top team in their pool shall be placed above the other team(s). The best result to be determined by applying the following in order until the teams are separated:
 - Largest winning margin
 - Highest scored draw
 - Lowest losing margin
 - e) In the event that this still does not separate the teams then the winner will be decided by a penalty stroke competition.

4. Drawn matches

- 4.1. If preliminary matches are drawn at full time, both teams will be awarded 2 points as per section 3.1.
- 4.2. If progression or medal matches are drawn at the completion of normal time, two extra period of 10 minutes duration shall be played.
- 4.3. At the end of this period, if scores are still tied, a best of 5 penalty shoot out will take place.
- 4.4. In the event that both teams score the same number of penalties, a "sudden death" penalty shoot out will apply.

5. Cautions and send offs

- 5.1. The competition manager will maintain a daily record of green, yellow and red cards awarded to players throughout the tournament, along with the reason for the card and which umpire awarded it.
- 5.2. If a player amasses 2 yellow cards, the competition manager will notify this player and their team manager that a subsequent card could result in match suspensions.
- 5.3. If a player amasses a 3rd yellow card or receives a red card, it will be the competition manager's discretion as to whether this player will be suspended for one or more subsequent games.

6. Forfeits

- 6.1. Hockey is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 6.2. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.
- 6.3. The forfeit score is 5 goals to nil (0).
- 6.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the sport officials), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams.
- 6.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

7. Uniform requirements

- 7.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 7.2. The specific uniform requirements for Hockey are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
 - Shirts, shorts/skirt, socks
 - Number on backs of shirts must be 20cm high
 - All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used) unless the shirt is damaged
 - Mouthguards are compulsory
- 7.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
 - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
 - Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
 - All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
 - Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
 - Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

8. Team duties

8.1. Team duty requirements for Hockey are:

- One person from each team competing in the current match will be required to assist with timing and scoring

8.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.

8.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

9. Award ceremonies

9.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.

9.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the competition.

9.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams:

- For regional university games events
 - Mens champion
 - Womens champion
- For the Australian University Games
 - Overall mens champion
 - Mens champion division 2
 - Overall womens champion
 - Womens champion division 2

9.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion teams at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at closing presentations):

- Mens Overall Champions – Inter University Syme Cup
- Womens Overall Champions - Intervarsity Women’s Hockey Cup

Previous rule amendments

August 2000 | July 2004 | August 2005 | March 2010 | May 2012 | May 2013 | June 2015