

HANDBALL (mixed)

2017

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

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 9
- Maximum registered players – 13
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the court without incurring a forfeit – 5
- Minimum number of women on the court at any one time – 2

2. Substitutions

- 2.1. Each team may make unlimited substitutions during each match (preliminaries and finals).
- 2.2. Only the players in the nominated squad, plus up to a maximum of 2 team officials, will be permitted to sit on the substitution bench.
- 2.3. Players who have been suspended will not be permitted to sit on the substitution bench during the period of their suspension.
- 2.4. Players disqualified or excluded from play during the current match shall leave the enclosed playing area and will not be permitted to sit on the substitution bench for the remainder of that match.

3. Game time/duration

- 3.1. All games will be 2 x 20 minutes duration with 5 minutes for half time.
- 3.2. Medal matches will be 2 x 30 minutes in duration and will be fully timed with 7 minutes for half time.
- 3.3. A summary of game time/duration is also available via the [AUS supplement – games time summary](#).

4. Point score

- 4.1. 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
- 4.2. 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 team with the highest goal difference (goals for - goals against) in all pool matches
 - b) The team scoring the highest number of goals
 - c) 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 scoring draw
 - lowest losing margin
 - d) If two or more teams are still equal their ranking shall be determined as follows:
 - greatest number of points obtained in all pool matches between the teams concerned
 - goal difference resulting from all pool matches between the teams concerned
 - greatest number of goals scored in all pool matches between the teams

5. Drawn matches

- 5.1. If preliminary matches are drawn at full time, both teams will be awarded 2 points as per section 4.1.
- 5.2. If progression or medal matches are drawn at the end of normal time, two extra halves of 5 minutes duration with a 1 minute half time break shall be played.
- 5.3. At the end of this period, if scores are still tied, a best of 5 penalty shoot out will take place.
- 5.4. In the event that both teams score the same number of penalties, a "sudden death" penalty shoot out will apply.

6. Forfeits

- 6.1. Handball 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 time where either team is unable to commence play.
- 6.3. The forfeit score is 10 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 competition management or AUS), 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. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the Competition Manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal.
- 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 Handball are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
 - Shorts, shirts and socks
 - Shirts cannot be shoulder cut
 - Numbering is required on the back (at least 20cm high) and front (at least 10cm high) of shirts
 - Non marking soled shoes preferred
 - The use of handball resin is not allowed in AUS competitions
- 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 Handball are:

- One person from each team competing in the current match will be required to assist with scoring and time keeping
- 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](#).
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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
 - Mixed champion
 - For the Australian University Games
 - Overall mixed champion
 - Mixed champion division 2
- 9.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion team at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at the closing presentation):
- Mixed Overall Champions – AUS Handball Champions trophy
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Previous rule amendments

July 2007 | May 2008 | March 2010 | April 2011 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017