

MINI Games 08

Hockey – Competition Rules

Ethos

Fun Competition. The emphasis of the MINI games is competing for your borough in a fun / relaxed atmosphere. Where winning is the aim but not the 'be all and end all', playing the game fairly to the best of your ability is priority.

They Mini's provide a great opportunity for Sport Leaders and Young Officials to gain valuable experience of running and officiating competitions in a controlled supportive atmosphere.

The Mini Games is a school-based competition; club teams are not eligible to participate.

Age Group

The young people taking part in this competition should be in School Years 5 & 6

Squad

The number of young people in a squad to take part in the competition should be no more than 10

There should be three boys and three girls playing outfield on the pitch plus a Goalie (the goalie can be of either gender). Each team must have a goalie on the field.

Rules

It should be recognised that due to the multi-sport nature of the event the best/perfect facilities may not always be available. The host will do the best they can to accommodate sports with the facilities available, however, please understand there may need to be compromise to get the best overall atmosphere on one venue. This may mean that some sports may have slight changes or adaptations. E.g. Basketball outdoors rather than indoor.

This competition will run to the normal Mini Hockey 2005 rules of the game laid out by England Hockey available here: http://www.greatersport.co.uk/private/files/hockey_7_a_side.pdf, Some key points are:

The rules / play:

There are 3 key differences from the 11 a-side game.

- 1.** Any intentional offence by a player in their defending half of the pitch should be penalised by the umpire - a penalty corner should be awarded to the opposition.
- 2.** When a penalty corner is awarded, 2 of the defending team must go to the shooting circle at the opposite end of the pitch.
- 3.** When a penalty stroke is awarded all non-involved players must go to the other side of the centre line.

Substitutes

They are six field players and one goal-keeper. The remaining three players are substitutes. Every team must play with a goal-keeper. Kicking backs are not permitted in Mini Hockey. Substitutions are allowed at any time, excepting following the award of a penalty corner, when only the defending goalkeeper may be substituted - if injured.

Free Hits

Free hits are to be taken close to where the offence occurred. The ball must be stationary at a free hit and it must move a minimum of 1 metre before being played by a member of the same team. All players except the taker must be a minimum of 5 metres from the ball.

Participant entry

A participant entry form should be completed and handed to you borough contact before the day of the event. This form can be obtained from your borough contact or downloaded from www.greatersport.co.uk/whats-on/gm-mini-games

The photographic consent form should be completed by or on behalf of the young people taking part and handed to you borough contact before the day of the event. This form can be obtained from your borough contact or downloaded from www.greatersport.co.uk

Fair Play

A perpetual fair play trophy will be awarded to the team (including the teacher/coach) that has participated in the competition with the spirit of fair play.

Review

These competition guidelines will be reviewed on annual basis in March and changes will be implemented in the following year e.g. review March 08 – changes implemented for 09 MINI competitions.