

Guru Nanak Hockey Tournament 2015-16
13th Dec 2015 at Happy Valley & HKFC

Rules of the Tournament

1. Team captains should report to the respective Control Points at Happy Valley Hockey Ground and Hong Kong Football Club according to their allocated pools (see the fixtures) **NOT LATER THAN 10:30 a.m. on 13th December, 2015** together with:
 - (a) A completed Match Result Card listing out all team players, including shirt numbers;
 - (b) Identity cards or copies of the Identity cards for all players participating in the Tournament.
 - (c) All team captains are reminded to get their team ready to start the match on time. If a team could not provide a minimum number of 7 players **at the start** of the scheduled time, the opponents will be awarded a walkover.
2. **The HKHAMS Bye-Laws and the Rules of Hockey shall apply** in this tournament unless otherwise stated herein.
3. This is a **9-a-side** tournament. Each team may register **up to 16 players** but only 9 players are allowed on the field at any time.
4. Players from Premier Division teams cannot play in Plate Competition.
5. **Team captains should ensure that their players are properly dressed in their correct uniform, and wearing shin guards, etc. Teams should bring their second strip, including socks, in case of a clash of colours.**
6. Each team will play each other team in the pool once. 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss.
7. The first and second ranked teams of each group will enter the semi-finals for the Cup and Plate competitions respectively.
8. All matches at the preliminary stage will be **15 minutes** straight. Semi-final and final matches will be **10 minutes each way** with a 2 minutes break.
9. In the semi-finals, there will be **no extra time** and a penalty shoot-out competition will be held if the scores are tied. Each team will name **3 players** to take the shoot-out. If the score is

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still tied, **the same 3 players** (not necessarily in the same order) will take strokes on a “sudden death” basis. (Please refer “one-on-one penalty shoot-out attachment for details”)

10. In the finals, there will be **one 5-minutes period of extra time** which golden goal rules apply. For extra time, each team shall withdraw 2 players leaving 7 players. Only the goalkeeper and 3 outfield players may defend a penalty corner. In the event that there is no winning goal, there will be a penalty shoot-out competition as stated in Rule 8.
11. Players sent off the field temporarily for a cooling-off period may be allowed to return if time permits. Players awarded a red card will be dealt with in accordance with the HKHA Rules and HKHAMS Bye-laws.
12. **Visiting Players who have played 1 game for their registered team will be eligible to play.**
13. The player movement rules at the Men’s Section Competition bye-laws will not be applied for this Tournament to encourage broader participation of players.
14. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes to the Fixtures/ Pools composition if deemed necessary.
15. All disputes, queries, objections or disciplinary issues not covered by the above rules will be referred to the Tournament Committee whose decision and any penalties imposed by them shall be final and binding and not be subject to appeal.

Richard Mak
Chairman
Tournament Committee