HKHA – P&D SECTION YOUTH LEAGUE RULES – 2021/2022 (5-A-SIDE)

The Youth League is run by the P&D Section for teenagers under the age of 16.

A. Player Registration

The players need to be at least 12 years old and under 16 years of age on 1 May 2021. The date of birth of all players should be in the range of 1 May 2005 and 30 Apr 2009 (inclusive both days). Exceptions for underage players will only be made at the discretion of the HKHA P&D Youth League Sub-Committee. All players need to complete an online Player Registration.

B. Matches Played

An Electronic match card (E-card) is to be completed immediately before and after each game by captains and umpires. If technical issues arise, please complete a paper match card, photograph and forward to the HKHA office **immediately after the match**. **jackyso@hockey.org.hk** (appendix 1)

C. Competition Rules:

- 1. The HKHA Men's Section Bye-Laws, HKHA- Women's Section Bye-Laws, HKHA-P&D Section Bye-Laws and FIH Rules of Hockey 2021 will apply unless otherwise stated.
- 2. All players in a team must be registered with the HKHA-P&D Section and be acknowledged before they can play in the league.
- 3. Regulations for player movement and a transfer between clubs will be consistent with the HKHA Men's Section Bye-Laws.
- 4. Player is allowed to play for one team only.

- 5. Players **under** 12 years of age may be allowed to play in the Youth League with the prior permission of the HKHA-P&D Section. This permission is at the discretion of the HKHA P&D Section.
- 6. Each team shall have a coach present during each game; the coach must be at least a current registered HKHA Level 1 coach or equivalent. He/She will be responsible for the behaviour of the players. Special approval is needed in the event that a team plays in the absence of a coach.
- 7. A match consists of two halves of 10 minutes with an interval of 2 minutes between each half.
- 8. **Points:** (3) will be awarded for a win, (2) for a score-draw, and (1) for a 0-0 draw. In the event of a walkover, the opponent will be awarded a win, credited with 3 goals and (3) points.
- 9. If two or more teams are tied on points at the end of round-robin play, a ranking will be decided according to goal differences. If there is still a tie, the team with more total goals ranks higher.
- 10. The league will be played in Single Round Robin format.
- 11. Two umpires from the HKHA's umpire list will be appointed for all matches.

These Rules are guidelines and may be implemented and amended as the HKHA-P&D Youth League Sub-Committee sees fit.

The Hong Kong Hockey Association Promotion and Development Section - Match Card

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