

# School Sport SA Hockey

## Sapsasa State Carnival

### 2024 Rules and Match Conditions

Updated for August 24

#### Team Composition

Teams shall consist of 12 players (9 players on field and 3 interchange) in each of the boys, girls, and mixed competitions. Mixed - A minimum of four (4) of each gender of the nine players on the field at all times.

If a team doesn't have four of each gender on the pitch at any time the game should be stopped to correct the situation. A personal penalty of 2 minutes should be awarded against the captain of the team involved. Decisions taken prior to correcting the situation cannot be changed. Play and time is restarted with a free hit to the opposing team unless another penalty had been awarded against the offending team immediately before time was stopped in which case that penalty is taken. Should a team be reduced to less than 9 players through injury or illness, their opponents are required to negotiate to reduce the size of their team to match or give their opponents some players to even up team sizes.

#### Rule Foundation

All matches to be played under the rules of Hockey SA/Hockey Australia unless stated otherwise below.

#### Modified Hockey Rules

In the interest of safety.

- No Tomahawks allowed. Only a SAFE and LOW reverse slide hit is allowed.
- No high sticks and high balls. Any ball hit above the knee will result in a free hit.
- No Penalty Flicks. Have a short corner.
- Breaking at the Penalty Corners. Replay the corner. Keep all players in the goal.

#### Match Duration

Match length will be dependent on the number of teams involved and the competition structure. As guide matches will consist of 2 halves of between 15 and 20 minutes with 5 minutes break and 5 to 10 minutes between matches. All matches will be timed by the referees of the match.

#### Pitch Size

All pitches will be 3/4 the size of a regular playing field. 68.7m x 55m, 25yd Lines marked at 22.9m, Centre line at 34.35m – All other markings as per regular hockey field.

#### Equipment

2 hockey balls will be provided per team.



## Protective Equipment

**Field players** are required to wear mouth guards and shin pads and goalkeepers to wear the full range of protective equipment available in addition to that defined in the Rules of Hockey.

Players defending penalty corners are required to wear appropriate facemasks and it is recommended they wear gloves and groin protection. These personal items will NOT be provided by SSSA.

All jewellery must be removed or covered prior to the commencement of play.

Players must not wear hard peaked caps or bobby pins on the field.

## Warm Up

Hockey sticks & balls to be restricted to use on playing fields only. **Supervised** pre-game warm-up can occur only in the designated area (northern end of cricket oval) no earlier than 30 mins prior to game time. At all other times players may not use sticks & balls.

## Interchange of Players

In an endeavour to use as many players as possible, a team comprises of 9 players on field and three reserves. These reserves may be interchanged at any appropriate time.

## Behaviour

Managers and coaches are responsible for the behaviour of their players on and off the field from the first player's arrival to the departure of the last player. The Sideline official will be provided by School Sport SA (See further info below) – there will be 3 people wearing an official vest 1 per 2 pitches). These people will be your go to regarding any adversity to the [School Sport SA codes of behaviour](#).

## Order-Off Rule

Players whom the umpire/s consider to be guilty of foul play or bad language are to be sent off for a period of 10 minutes. As indicated by a Purple Card. The player may be replaced. If the player is sent off again (Second Purple Card), they will remain off for the remainder of the game.

Therefore - NO green or yellow cards.

## Points and Premiership Tables

Three for a win, two for a draw and one for a loss

The carnival is a round robin series. Joint winners can be declared if necessary. Percentage will not be used to determine ultimate winners.

## Score Cards

First named team to provide score card. Winning team or in the case of a drawn game the first named team to return the card to the Carnival Convenor.

## Injury

In the event of serious injury, the umpire will stop the game and only authorised persons are to enter the playing area.



# Referees

Henley High School, as well as several other referees will cover the games.

**Important: Coaches and players** are to acknowledge that referees may be relatively inexperienced, and they must accept the referees' calls and focus on their skill development, learning and enjoyable participation.

Failure to compete in the right spirit may result in a team being penalized a premiership point.

## Behavioural Expectations – Code of Conduct

Players, team officials, referees/umpires and spectators are required to abide by the [School Sport SA codes of behaviour](#), in order to maintain a safe and respectful environment for all involved. The following additional areas of responsibility will support the maintenance of a safe and respectful environment.

- School Sport SA official responsibilities:
  - a) Provide designated Sideline Officials and inform them of their role for every match (this could be the team manager or an identified parent). See document below and in Convenor.
  - b) Provide clear direction to referees prior to the event on rules and enforcement of rules.
  - c) Be proactive in managing poor behaviour by players, officials, and spectators.
  - d) Stop matches that are not being played in a safe and/or respectful way.
  - e) Remove any player they deem to be not playing in a safe and/or respectful way.
- Team official responsibilities:
  - a) Make all players, officials, and spectators aware of the code of conduct prior to the event and that they are aware of consequences for not following them.
  - b) Make sure all players are aware of the rules and the expectations of on/off field behaviour prior to the carnival.
  - c) Model positive behaviour by focusing on encouragement for sporting behaviour and skill during the event.
  - d) Not to enter the playing area unless permitted by referee.
  - e) Be proactive in managing poor behaviour by your players, officials, and spectators.
  - f) Remove players from matches if they are not playing in a safe and/or respectful way.
  - g) Stop matches that are not being played in a safe and/or respectful way.
  - h) Contact event manager asap for support if necessary.
- Referees/Umpires responsibilities:
  - Enforce the rules of the competition in a clear, fair, and consistent manner.
  - Encourage and praise good sporting behaviour.
  - Be proactive in managing poor behaviour by players and officials.
  - Stop matches that are not being played in a safe and/or respectful way.
  - Contact event manager asap for support if necessary.
- Player's responsibilities:
  - Play fairly and within the rules of the competition.
  - Abide by the decision of the referee.
  - Not to enter the playing area unless permitted by referee.
  - Model positive behaviour by focusing on encouragement of teammates.
- Spectators' responsibilities:
  - Model positive behaviour by focusing on encouragement for sporting behaviour and skill.

Failure to abide by the codes of behaviour and responsibilities outlined above may result in offenders being asked to leave the venue.



# Designated Sideline Official for all Sapsasa State Carnival Events

Due to an increase in reported inappropriate behaviour of spectators and players at School Sport SA events a Sideline Official who will contribute to maintaining a safe and positive educational environment will be deployed.

## Role of the Sideline Official

To assist /contribute to the management of Sapsasa state carnivals by ensuring that:

- Players on the sideline are behaving appropriately.
- Spectators are following the [School Sport SA codes of behaviour](#) and departmental policies (all department events are smoke and alcohol free) through proactive means
- They are the point of contact for parents, players, umpires and opposing teams, if the teacher in-charge is coaching/umpiring.
- They are the first point of contact for venue personnel or any disputes/indiscretions that may arise off the playing field if the teacher in-charge is coaching/umpiring.
- Minor issues are resolved if possible and issues reported to the teacher in-charge of the team as soon as possible.
- Any significant or unresolved issue is to be reported immediately to the teacher in-charge of the team (this may require the game is halted if the teacher is umpiring) and the event convenor who will work together to resolve the issue.

Sideline Officials will be identified by the wearing of a School Sport SA fluro vest (to be supplied to district by School Sport SA)

## Sideline Officials are required for:

- Cricket
- Australian Football
- Football (Soccer)
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Softball
- Netball

