

**SINGAPORE NATIONAL GAMES 2018**  
**COMPETITION RULES & REGULATION - HOCKEY 5's**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 According to the Laws/Rules established by the latest rules and regulations as directed by the Singapore Hockey Federation (SHF) and International Hockey Federation.
- 1.2 Governed by the SNG 2018 General Rules and Regulations.

**2. Eligibility & Registration**

S/No	Category	Clarification
1	Age 12 and Under (Boys & Girls)	Born year 2006 and after.
2	Age 16 and Under (Boys & Girls)	Born year 2002 and after.
3	Age 19 and Under (Boys & Girls)	Born year 1999 and after.
4	Open (Men & Women)	No age restrictions but not allowed for Carded National Players and Players playing in NHL1, NHL2 & NWL 1.
5	Premier (Men & Women)	Open, Carded National Players and Players playing in NHL 1, NHL 2 & NWL 1.
6	Veterans – Age 40 and Above (Men and Women)	born before 1 January 1978
7	Corporate Mixed Open	For Corporate Team category, at least 70% of the team must consist of full time and/or contract staff of all private, public and non-profit organisations. In addition, at least 50% of the full time staff must be Singaporean Citizens or Permanent Residents.

**3. Event Venue & Schedule**

All matches will be held in Sengkang Sports Centre's Hockey Field.

Date	Timing	Competition Stage
Sat, 28 July	9am to 9pm	Age 12 and Under & Veterans
Sun, 29 July	9am to 9pm	Corporate & Stage 1
Mon, 30 July	4pm to 10pm	Stage 1
Tue, 31 Aug	4pm to 10pm	Stage 1
Wed, 1 Aug	4pm to 10pm	Stage 1
Thu, 2 Aug	4pm to 10pm	Stage 2
Fri, 3 Aug	4pm to 10pm	Stage 2
Sat, 4 Aug	9am to 9pm	Corporate & Stage 2
Sun, 5 Aug	9am to 5pm	Semi's & Finals

*Note: all above may change once the entries are finalised*

#### 4. Format of play

4.1 The list of events shall be as follows for Sengkang Sports Centre:

S/No	Event
1	Age 12 and Under Boys
2	Age 12 and Under Girls
3	Age 16 and Under Boys
4	Age 16 and Under Girls
5	Age 19 and Under Boys
6	Age 19 and Under Girls
7	Men's Premier
8	Men's Open
9	Women's Premier
10	Women's Open
11	Men's Veterans
12	Women's Veterans
13	Corporate Mixed Open

*Note: Entries will be accepted on a 'first come first served basis'. Any event/s, with less than 4 entries, may be cancelled.*

#### 4.2 Team Composition and Eligibility.

Each Team shall consist of minimum 7 players and maximum 9 players. This will include 5 players and 2 to 4 reserves. One of the players can be a goalkeeper. Each team in any of the categories must comprise of at least 70% Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents.

For the Corporate category, at least 70% of the team must consist of full time and/or contract staff of all private, public and non-profit organisations. In addition, at least 50% of the full time staff must be Singaporean Citizens or Permanent Residents.

In the event that there are insufficient entries in any particular category, then teams from that category will be entered in the next appropriate category and those two categories shall be merged.

#### 4.3 Eligibility of players for the Premier Categories

##### A. Carded Athletes - Inclusion of National Level Athletes

The carding list of National athletes in the Men's and Women's teams will be obtained and we will restrict participation of these athletes to only 2 per team, strictly in the Men's Premier and Women's Premier Competitions.

## **B. Players playing in SHF NHL 1 and NHL 2 Competitions**

Male Players who played in the SHF NHL 1 and NHL 2 Competitions in 2018 will not be allowed to play in any other category except the Men's Premier. Likewise female players who played in the NHL 1 will not be allowed to play in any other category except the Women's Premier. This will not include the Under 19 players or Under 16 players who can play in their respective age groups, unless they are carded in which case they can only play in the Men's Premier Category.

## **C. Players playing in Other SHF Divisions**

Male Players playing in other SHF Divisions may choose to enter a team into the Premier Competition. However, the vice versa; is not allowed (players playing in Division 1 and 2 of the SHF leagues cannot play in the Men's Open Category. A team may only register 1 non-Singaporean or PR in the Men's Open.

## **D. Players playing in more than 1 category**

Players are to free to play in Age 12 and Under, Age 16 and Under, Age 19 and Under, Corporate or Veteran categories should they meet the qualification criteria's.

Players may however only play in either the Open or the Premier Category.

## **5. Competition**

The Competition will follow the FIH Hockey 5's Rules and the Tournament Rules of the Singapore Hockey Federation.

## **6. Format /Timing and Scoring**

### **6.1 Timing and Scoring Display System**

A countdown timer, pre-programmed or easily programmable is to be used. Time is to be stopped when a Shoot Out is given.

### **6.2 Format**

The competition shall be conducted in 2 progressive rounds:

#### ***Preliminary Round***

- Entries will be drawn and grouped into groups of 4 to 6 (depending on the final entries received) for each event

- Matches will be played in a group round robin format and will be competed in a time of 15 minutes and will be played in 2 fast paced halves of 7.5 minutes with a 1 min break in between for a change over.
- This time and format can be adjusted based on the number of entries

### ***Round 2, Semi Finals and Finals***

- Top 2 teams from each group will then be drawn into a second round group. Depending on the number of entries, two groups may be formed. The top two in each group will then play the semi finals and the winners will play the finals.
- If only one group can be formed in the second round because of the number of entries, semi finals will be played between 1vs4 and 2vs3 in the groups during the Preliminary Round.
- Matches will again last 7.5 mins per half in Round 2 and 10 mins per half in the semi finals and the finals
- This time and format can be adjusted based on the number of entries

## **11. Walkover and Timing**

A team shall concede to a walkover if they fail to register and be present at the scheduled time of play with at least 3 players.

Due to the expected tight schedule of games, the match will strictly follow the countdown timer. Time will start for each quarter regardless of the team being present on the pitch. The onus will be on the teams to ensure they get onto the field of play before the countdown ends.

A no show walkover will result in a 5-0 win or the highest score this team has lost by to the opposition. Walkover scores will only be printed after the last group games in the Preliminary Round and Round 2.

## **12. What determines the final standings?**

3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

If at the end of a Tournament, or any part of a Tournament played in a league format;

(A) two (2) or more teams have the same number of points for any place in the ranking, the said teams shall be ranked according to their respective number of matches won;

(B) in the event two (2) or more teams have an identical number of points and matches won, then the said teams shall be ranked by reference to their relative superiority in goal difference between goals scored and goals conceded;

(C) in the event two (2) or more teams have an identical number of points, matches won and goal difference, then the said teams shall be ranked by reference to their relative superiority in the number of goals scored;

(D) should there still remain equality between the teams then the results of the matches played between them will determine the ranking of the teams ;

(E) unless the Competitions Manager determines otherwise, in the event two (2) or more teams have an identical number of points, matches won, goals scored and goal difference and equality in terms of the matches played between them, the ranking shall be settled by a penalty shoot-out competition between the said teams . Here the penalty Shoot Out Rules will apply.

(F) at the conclusion of the said penalty shoot-out competition, a ranking shall be established on the basis that 3 points shall be awarded to the winning teams of a penalty shoot-out competition;

(G) if, where there are more than two (2) teams participating in the said penalty shoot-out competition, the said teams (after competing in a penalty shoot-out competition against each other) shall have an equal number of points, the ranking shall be determined by applying Rule (A) (B) (C) and (D) (mutatis mutandis) ;

(H) if, by the application of the said Rule (A) (B) and (C) , two (2) or more teams remain equally ranked, the procedure set out in Rule 12 (E) (F) and (G) shall be repeated (mutatis mutandis) , until a ranking is achieved.

### **13. PENALTY SHOOT-OUT COMPETITION**

Three (3) persons and [if the said three (3) persons do not include a goalkeeper] one (1) goalkeeper from each of the two (2) teams, chosen from the Listed Players shall participate in a penalty shoot-out competition.

The said three (3) Listed Players shall take a penalty shoot-out against the goalkeeper of the opposing team in alternate sequence.

The names of the said three (3) persons and [if the said three (3) persons do not include a goalkeeper] and one (1) goalkeeper shall be communicated to the umpires of the match

prior to the commencement of the penalty shoot-out competition.

The said three (3) persons shall take the penalty shoot-out in the sequence in which their names are communicated to the umpires.

The goalkeeper playing in the penalty shoot-out competition shall not be replaced in the course of the said penalty shoot-out competition unless he is, to the satisfaction of the umpires of the said match, incapacitated and unable to perform the role of a goalkeeper.

If during a penalty shoot-out competition a player is suspended, then that person shall take no further part in the said penalty shoot-out competition.

If during a penalty shoot-out competition a goalkeeper is suspended, that goalkeeper may be substituted, but by another player in the team, who must wear protective headgear when defending a shoot-out.

The person replacing the said goalkeeper may be the nominated player for the shootout and; unless he has already taken a shoot-out, he may continue to take a shoot-out.

The umpires of the match shall choose the goalpost to be used for the penalty shoot-out competition, and they shall toss a coin in the presence of the captains of the team to decide which team shall take the first shoot-out. The team having the highest number of goals shall be the winner and the said competition shall cease once a winner has been established.

In the event both teams score an equal number of goals, another series of penalty shoot-outs shall be taken with the same persons who were nominated in the penalty shoot-out competition.

Such person(s) may be replaced only if the umpires of the match are satisfied that the said person(s) is/are incapacitated and is/are unable to participate any further in this series of penalty strokes.

This series shall be played on a "sudden death" basis, i.e. the winner shall be the first team to score more goals after an equal number of shoot-outs (no minimum) have been taken by each team. The Team shall be entitled to alter the sequence of their shoot-out takers from the sequence adopted earlier.

The team which took the first penalty shoot-out in the First Competition shall not take the first penalty shoot-out of the "sudden death" series.

Only the nominated players for the shootout and the goalkeeper (if different from the players of the shootout) may enter the pitch during the competition.

Only the shoot-out taker, goalkeeper (defending the stroke) and umpires of the match shall be entitled to remain within half area of the pitch where the shootout is taken. The rest of the players have to remain in the opposite D. Team Members not nominated will remain on the team bench.

No one who has been shown a red card during a match shall be eligible to participate in a penalty shootout competition held at the conclusion of the said match.

#### **14. Prize Money and Medals**

- 14.1 Medals and Prize monies will be awarded to the top 3 winners of each events with at least 4 teams.
- 14.2 Only Medals will be awarded when entries are below 4 teams.
- 14.3 If there are only 3 teams for the event, 'minus 1 rule' applies, i.e. only 1st & 2nd will be awarded with medal but no prize money.

If there are less than 4 teams, they may choose 1 of the following options:

##### Option 1

- Participants may withdraw and receive a full refund

##### Option 2

- Participants may continue with the competition but will not be eligible for prize money. Medals will be awarded based on the 'minus 1 rule'.

##### Option 3

- Participants may opt to join another category which they are eligible.

- 14.4 Details of Prize Money will be published on SNG 2018 official website on a later date.