



2009 WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

DIVISION 1:

- 1) St. Andrew
- 2) Tropics
- 3) Sharpes Rebels
- 4) Excelsior

DIVISION 2:

- 1) Strikers
- 2) Spiritz
- 3) Tropics
- 4) Sharpes Rebels
- 5) Excelsior
- 6) Excelsior Eagles

Under 17:

- 1) Blazers
- 2) Tropics
- 3) Excelsior
- 4) Sharpes
- 5) Flamez

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1. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- 1.1 The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the current Rules of Hockey of the F.I.H. effective May 1, 2009.
- 1.2 The Tournament Regulations will be sent by the Competitions Committee to all participating Clubs in due time prior to the start of the tournament.
- 1.3 These regulations shall apply to all tournaments organized by the Competitions Committee (Women's) except where specific regulations for a particular tournament shall apply and may be used in conjunction with or separate to these regulations.

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

2.1 The 2009 JHF Premier League will be played as follows:

Division 1 will be 11-A-Side, Triple Round Robin

Division 2 will be 8-A-Side, Single Round Robin and will be played on half of the field.

Division 3 (Under 17) will be 8-A-Side, Single Round Robin and will be played on half of the field

Top four teams in Division 2 and Division 3 will advance to the playoff round where first will play fourth, second will play third and the winners of each match will playoff for the overall winner.

The winner for Division 1 will be the team that has amassed the most points at the end of the fixture.

2.2 The points systems shall be as follows: Win – 3 points; Draw – 1 point; Loss – 0 point.

3. RANKING

- 3.1 If at the end of the Rounds, if two or more teams have the same number of points for any place; these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (that is, goals for less goals against). A positive goal difference takes precedence over a negative one;
- 3.2 If there remains equality between two or more teams with the same number of points and the same goal difference, these teams will be ranked by goals for;
- 3.3 If the number of goals for awarded to these teams are equal, then the result of the game played between only those teams will be used;
- 3.4 Should there still remain equality, then the placing will be decided by a penalty stroke competition.

4. REGISTRATION FEE

4.1 Entry Fee is Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) per Division 1 & Division 2 team and four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per Division 3 (U17) team, which along with the completed registration form(s) must be received by the Competitions Committee by no later than Thursday, April 30, 2009.

5. PARTICIPANTS

5.1 A minimum of 16 (sixteen) players per Division 1 team and twelve (12) players per Division 2 & 3 team must be entered by each Club. There is no maximum number of players that must be registered per team per Division.

- 5.2 Only players who are registered by a club will be allowed to represent that Club in tournaments organized or sanctioned by JHF.

6. MOVEMENT BETWEEN DIVISIONS:

6.1 Division 1:

- ✓ Current national players and persons who played national hockey within the last 10 years must play in the Division 1.
- ✓ Players registered in Division 1 cannot play in the lower divisions
- ✓ A maximum of six (6) lower division players will be allowed to play in the Division 1 at any time.

Division 2:

- ✓ Persons who played national hockey over 10 years or more can play in Division 2, however only 3 of these persons are allowed to be on the field at any one time.
- ✓ National players who are under 21 years from January 1, 2009 can play Division 2
- ✓ Any number of Division 3 players will be allowed to play in the Division 2 at any time.

Division 3:

- ✓ U17 players from January 1, 2009.

7. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

- 7.1 Tournament Officials are normally appointed by the Umpiring & Technical Committee however, for this Competition a member of the Competitions Committee (in charge of this area) in collaboration with the Umpiring and Technical Committee of the JHF will do the appointments.

- (a) Where possible umpires shall not be appointed to a match in which their Club is playing.

- 7.2 **The Tournament Officials shall ensure that all participants abide by the JHF Code of Conduct.** Tournament Officials shall have authority to suspend players, team officials and other officials who, in the opinion of the Tournament Official, are guilty of misconduct immediately preceding, during and immediately after a match wherever that misconduct occurred. Such suspended persons may not enter the field of play, or the technical areas including the team bench surroundings during the match(es) of suspension until the match(es) is/are finished.

When the match is over, all Tournament Officials appointed to a match (i.e. the Technical Officer and the Judge), the Club of the person concerned and, in the case of permanent exclusion (red card) of a player from the field of play the Umpire involved, must send a detailed report on the facts within forty-eight (48) hours to the JHF Secretary.

- 7.3 Prior to the commencement of the season each Club shall register with the JHF, at least two (2) Umpires who is a member of their club, and who will serve as that Club's nominated Umpire(s) for the tournament.

- 7.4 Each Club shall also register with the JHF at least one (1) Tournament Official, who is a member of their club, and who will serve as that Club's nominated Technical Officer(s) or Judge(s) for the tournament.

- 7.5 It is mandatory for all registered Umpires and Technical Officials to attend all Umpires Briefing Sessions and be assessed by the Umpiring & Technical Committee at assigned matches.
- 7.6 At every match each Club shall provide one (1) registered Umpire and one Tournament Official whose services may be required in the event of the failure of the assigned match officials to attend.
- 7.7 Where there is only one official Umpire present, it will be the responsibility of the first mentioned Club to provide a registered Umpire.
- 7.8 Should both sets of match official fail to show, the procedure 7.6 above shall apply to both Clubs.

8. MATCH CONDUCT/REPORTING

- 8.1 The Technical table shall provide at least **two (2)** clean balls for all matches.
- 8.2 Match Record Sheets shall be used to indicate the players taking part in a fixture and the results of the game.
- The original Match Record Sheets must be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee & the Federation after the completion of a match by the Tournament Officer / Judge.
- 8.3 If a scheduled game is not played, the Secretary of the Committee & the Federation must be so advised and all details provided within forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled time of the fixture by the Tournament Officer / judge.
- If the tournament officials fail to show for the game in question, then it becomes the responsibility of both Clubs in accordance with Regulation 3.
- 8.4 Should it become necessary for the Competitions Committee to reschedule a match, at least three (3) days notice will be provided to the Clubs involved.

NO GAME WILL BE POSTPONED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

9. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 9.1 Player registration must be done on the Forms provided and must be received from the participating Clubs by the Competition Committee's Secretary at least 3 days before the player is selected to play for the Club.
- 9.2 If a player plays for a Club, but is not registered with that Club, the game(s) involved will be awarded to the opposing team(s) and three (3) points awarded and the game scored as 3-0.
- 9.3 Players who have been registered to play for a Club will not be able to play for another Club in a tournament organized or sanctioned by the JHF unless a release is obtained from the Club that she is registered with.
- 9.4 Applications for releases will only be considered when recorded on the approved Form and duly authorized.
- 9.5 Should a player encounter problems in obtaining the requisite approval from the Club from which the release is being sought, such a player can report the matter to The Honorary Secretary of the JHF. The Honorary Secretary shall then write the Club requesting an explanation within seven (7) calendar days, failing which, the release will be deemed to have been effected.

9.6 Transfer of players will be allowed twice per year. Prior to the start of the season in January and at the end of the Outdoor 11 Aside league in the same year.

9.7 The JHF Board may consider releases outside the period stated above (9.6) for reasons considered satisfactory upon application in writing by a member.

9.8 The Club registration form must comprise:

- the names of a minimum of 16 players wishing to take part in the tournament
- The name of the team manager for each Division
- The name(s) of the team coach(s) and other team officials such as physiotherapist and medical doctor, for each Division. →
- Details regarding primary and alternate colours.
- Details as to primary and alternate colours of goalkeeper's shirts.

9.9 The Tournament Official must ensure that players registered on the registration forms are the same that are noted on the match sheets.

10. JOINT PRE-TOURNAMENT BRIEFING MEETING WITH THE COMPETITIONS AND UMPIRING & TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

10.1 Team managers, stand-in team managers and team coaches must attend the meeting when scheduled. In case a team coach is not able to attend due to unavoidable circumstances, then that coach must sign an official declaration acknowledging receipt of all relevant information from the team manager as communicated during the meeting. That declaration must be delivered to the Competitions Committee before the first match of the team in the tournament.

10.2 Team managers must discuss at this Meeting clothing of their field players and goalkeepers (primary and alternate colours)

10.3 The JHF Code of Conduct, established to create awareness of and accountability for the promotion of the game of hockey amongst the participants of the tournament, will apply and a copy of it must be signed by the team managers before the end of the briefing meeting.

11. TEAM CLOTHING/EQUIPMENT AND COLOURS

11.1 Each team must wear the colours of its Club (either primary or alternate) as specified on the registration form and any additional items of clothing worn by a player during a match must be of the same colour specified for the adjoining piece of clothing.

11.2 If in the opinion of the Tournament Official the colours of two opposing teams might lead to confusion, one of the teams must change colours. The first mentioned club team must change.

11.3 For clear vision of the ball the following rules apply:

- Goalkeepers must wear a shirt of a colour different from that of their own team and that of their opponents. The shirt may not be white. Leg guards, kickers and hand protectors may not be white

- Goalkeepers or field players substituting for a goalkeeper must wear their shirt over their chest protectors.
- The stick, including tape added to it, may not be coloured white or green over the lowest 100 mm, as measured from the lowest part of the stick.

- 11.4 Each field player's number must remain the same throughout the competition.
- 11.5 Each goalkeeper's number must remain the same throughout the competition.
- 11.6 All players must be uniformly and neatly dressed at all times during a match, i.e. players' shirts must be tucked into their shorts or skirts at all times.
- 11.7 It is strongly recommended that players wear shin guards, worn inside of socks and mouth guards at all times during a match and face masks when defending a penalty corner.
- 11.8 Each goalkeeper must wear protective equipment as indicated in the F.I.H. Rules of Hockey

12. COMPOSITION OF A TEAM

- 12.1 Each team manager /coach must nominate before every match on the Match Record Sheet: (Division 1 or Division 2 & 3)
- the eleven (11) or eight (8) players who will be on the field of play at the commencement of the match, and in uniform
 - up to five (5) or four (4) more players who are present to sit on the team bench, and in uniform
 - the captain and goalkeeper(s) for the match
 - the team coach & other officials (doctor, physiotherapist, trainer) and herself

Where a team declares less than sixteen (16) or twelve (12) players on the Match Report Sheet, they may add players upon arrival at the ground up to the maximum of sixteen (16) or twelve (12) registered players.

- 12.2 Each team must have a captain, on the field of play or on the team bench during a match, who is responsible for the behavior of the team players on the field of play and who must wear a distinctive armband. Upon suspension of the captain, a team player on the field of play or on the team bench must take over the armband.
- 12.3 Each team must have a minimum of **seven (7)** players, including a goalkeeper or a player acting as a goalkeeper, on the field of play for a match to be started or continued.

In case a team does not fulfill this condition, the opposing team will be considered as having won the match by a **Walk-Over** with a score of 3-0, or by the score when the match was discontinued, whichever of the two scores will be more advantageous for the winning team.

- 12.4 If any team does not provide a minimum of seven (7) or five (5) players after 10 minutes of the appointed start of the game, this team will forfeit the match and the maximum points awarded (3-0.) (**GRACE PERIOD**)

12.5 Should both teams be at fault the fixture will be cancelled and all points forfeited.

12.6 **If a team concedes two (2) Walk Overs, they are deemed to have withdrawn from the competition and all points and results will be nullified.**

13. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

9.1 (a) There shall be no substitution at the award of a penalty corner and its completion unless the defending goalkeeper is incapacitated, and has to leave the field of play, in which case the replacement may enter the field of play immediately.

(b) A player, upon being suspended, may not be substituted and may not be used as a substitute during the period of suspension.

(c) Substitution of a goalkeeper will be supervised by the reserve Umpire(s) or Tournament Official, and time must be stopped.

(b) The substitute player may not enter the field of play until the player being substituted has left it.

14. ADMISSION TO THE FIELD OF PLAY

14.1 The team officials and reserve goalkeeper(s) need the permission of the Umpires to enter the field of play even in the event of a player becoming incapacitated.

14.2 The team coach (internationally) **may not** enter the field of play at any time under any circumstances. However, for our competitions this may be subject to the Technical Officer's / Umpire's discretion.

14.3 Vocal communication by team officials and/or players on the team bench must not in any way be directed at the technical officials seated at the table, the umpires and/or the players of the opposing team. The Technical Officer on duty, after warning a team manager of acts of misconduct by a person or persons on that team bench is empowered, should misconduct continue, to order that person or persons involved be removed from the bench.

14.4 No incapacity treatment will be permitted on the field of play.

(a) If a player becomes incapacitated on the field of play, one of the Umpires may stop the match and assess whether or not the player requires attention from the team bench.

(c) **If any person from the team bench or the doctor enters the field of play to attend to a player other than a goalkeeper, that player must leave the field of play and return to the team bench area, before returning to the field.**

14.5 A bleeding player must leave the field of play immediately. Blood stained clothing must be replaced and equipment cleaned before re-entry to the field of play.

15. DISQUALIFICATION / FAILURE TO PLAY

15.1 During the tournament:

- (a) Any matter involving a player being issued a red card must be reported to the Secretary of the JHF who will refer matter to the Disciplinary Committee for review.
- (b) A team either disqualified or for refusing to play or to complete a match shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further disciplinary action.
- (c) If a team so withdraws from the tournament, all previous results will be nullified and the pool point's table will be corrected accordingly.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 If a team manager wishes to lodge a protest at the end of a match, then such a protest must be in writing and handed to the Technical Officer on duty, within 10 (ten) minutes of the match declaring the intention to do so immediately under the signature when signing the match. If the text of the protest is not received in writing prior to the expiry of the ten (10) minutes, then it will be deemed that no protest has been registered.
- 16.2 (a) The protest having been properly declared in writing, the team manager will then have a further ten (10) minutes to remit to the same Technical Officer a deposit of Two Thousand (\$2000.00) dollars. Upon failure to do so, the protest will be considered void.
- 16.3 The deposit will be forfeited to the JHF unless the protest is allowed.
- 16.4 The Disciplinary Committee shall make a decision in writing in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution of the JHF.
- 16.5 Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this Regulation, no protest may be made to or considered by the Tournament Officer from a decision of an umpire during a match.

17. APPEAL JURY

At all JHF sanctioned tournaments, all appeals will be handled by the JHF Jury of Appeal in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the JHF.

18. UNFORESEEN EVENTS

- 18.1 If circumstances arise which are not provided for in these Regulations, the JHF Board will determine any actions necessary to deal with those circumstances.
- 18.2 If any team affected by the decision of the JHF wishes to appeal, it may do so following the same procedures set out above.

19. MANDATORY EXPERIMENTAL RULE

One of the objectives of the FIH and the Hockey Rules Board is to decrease the number and duration of interruptions to the flow of play and to increase the length of time the ball is in active play. With this in mind, the rule specifying how a ball is played has been reviewed. The player taking the free hit may use a **"SELF PASS"** (full details are provided in Rules 13.1 & 13.2)

Additionally, attacking free hits taken inside the 25 yds. area have been reviewed in general and in relation to the "Self Pass". The Hockey Rules Board is concerned that the

ball is often played hard, indiscriminately and therefore potentially dangerous into the circle. Rule 13.2 now specifies that the ball **must NOT** be played directly into the circle.

NB: ALL OTHER RULES OF THE GAME NOT MENTIONED HERE SHALL APPLY

To be delivered to the Competitions Committee

Prior to the start of the Tournament

I, the undersigned confirm that each of our Team Officials and players participating in the below-mentioned tournament has agreed to observe the F.I.H. Statutes and Bye Laws, the Rules of Hockey, the Tournament Regulations, the Code of Conduct and the directives brought to their notice.

Tournament:

Team/Club:

Manager / Coach:

Signature:.....

Date:.....

To be delivered to the Competitions Committee
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Club/Team:

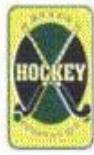
Date:

Name:

I the undersigned Manager of the Team herewith confirms:-

1. To have received a copy of the
 - Competition Tournament Regulations
 - JHF Code of Conduct, and to be responsible for the adherence to these by the team party (players and officials);
2. That the information contained in the submitted Entry Form is correct;
3. To be supportive in making the tournament a **PROMOTION FOR HOCKEY**.

Date: Signature:.....



CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

The Board of the Jamaica Hockey Federation (JHF) has full jurisdiction and authority over everything concerning hockey and playing of hockey effectively, therefore, any person or Association member involved in any hockey competition agree to comply with all Constitution and Bye Laws, Rules of Hockey and Tournament Regulations, and rules and directives of the present Code of Conduct:

The Code of Conduct is applicable for participants at any approved and sanctioned JHF tournament.

Participants shall be considered:

- All clubs team members and officials including players, team management, coach and coaching staff, medical staff and the duly appointed representative of the participating teams.
- All JHF tournament officials including Tournament Directors, Technical Officers, Umpires' Manager, Medical Officer, Media Officer, Judges and Umpires, and any other ad hoc officials appointed by the JHF or the organizing committee.
 - I. The code is established to create awareness of and accountability for the promotion of the game of hockey amongst the participants of the above-mentioned events.
 - II. All participants are responsible for their own behaviour and conduct, and as such accountable. They must abide by the JHF Constitution, Bye Laws, Rules of Hockey, Tournament Regulations, and Directives of the Code of conduct as set out hereafter.
 - III. It is therefore the responsibility of the member clubs of the participating teams to instruct their players and team officials in the requirement. The member clubs shall share liability with their players and team officials should breaches occur of the terms of the JHF Statutes and Bye Laws, all Rules and Regulations, and Directives of the Code of Conduct as mentioned in II above.
 - IV. Complaints in relation to either misconduct or breaches of the terms of the Constitution, Bye Laws and Rules and Regulations, etc as mentioned in II above, shall in the first instance be dealt with by the Tournament Director during the competition, or after the competition by the JHF Board, who in turn may refer and involve the JHF Disciplinary Committee.

All participants are therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the JHF. The JHF is committed in maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct of

those subject to this jurisdiction. In pursuance of these standards, all participants shall observe also the following Rules and Directives:

1. Participants shall at all times conduct themselves fairly and properly on the field of play and any part of the hockey venue/accommodation. No person may conduct himself in a manner or commit any act or omission which may prejudice the interest of hockey or which may bring the game of hockey into disrepute.
2. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following shall be regarded as conduct which is improper, unfair, and unacceptable:
 - (a) Verbal/physical abuse or hostility towards any other participant, person or any other member of the public.
 - (b) Disputing/protesting, reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner toward any decision made by an umpire or official in an inappropriate way.
 - (a) Using rude or abusive language or hand signals.
3.
 - a) Public statements must be fair and reasonable and must not involve a personal attack on another player, umpire, appointed official or administrator.
 - (b) The JHF recognizes that fair and reasonable comments on the game in general are essentially in the interests of everyone. However, it further recognizes that in the interest of maintaining the generally excellent relations that currently exist between players, umpires and officials, it is necessary to ensure that any such comment and criticism shall be constructive.
 - (c) Any public statement therefore by a participant shall not comprise "a personal attack" upon any similar participant like himself also subject to the jurisdiction of the JHF.
 - (d) The JHF defines a "public statement" as follows:

Any statement in which the whole, part or essence, is made public. Such a statement may be made in a newspaper, magazine, periodical or by any electronic (Internet, E-mail, etc.) or other means through the medium of television, radio or in any other manner whatsoever, regardless of the circumstances in which the statement was made.

