

# Jersey Hockey League and Cup Rules 2021/2022

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*(and including any other competitions run by Jersey Hockey)*

## Jurisdiction and Authority

1. All hockey matches will be played under the jurisdiction of Jersey Hockey Limited. Jersey Hockey Limited has deemed that all rules shall be enforced by the Operations Sub-Committee with a disciplinary committee to handle breaches of these rules.
2. All hockey matches will be played in accordance with the rules of hockey as set out by England Hockey. These rules can be found in an easily readable format at <http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1146> Hard copies of the latest Outdoor Rules book can be ordered by emailing [info@englishockey.co.uk](mailto:info@englishockey.co.uk) or you can download the Outdoor or Indoor Rules by clicking on the documents on the right hand side of this page <http://rules.englishockey.co.uk/>
3. The League and Cup competitions are sponsored by Rathbones and the sponsor's name shall be used to publicise these competitions wherever possible.
4. Each team shall be deemed to have given its consent to the rules of all competitions into which it is entered and to any amendments which may from time to time be adopted.
5. In the event of any team withdrawing from the league or cup without completing its fixtures, the league table will be amended to render null and void all results involving that team.
6. Jersey Hockey will provide a men's fixtures secretary and a ladies' fixtures secretary who are responsible for writing the fixtures for the season. Any amendments to the fixtures must be processed via either the men's fixtures secretary or the ladies' fixtures secretary.
7. The Finance and Legal Sub-Committee of Jersey Hockey shall be responsible for keeping and preparing accounts and are authorised to operate all matters financial on behalf of Jersey Hockey Contact: [accounts@jerseyhockey.co.uk](mailto:accounts@jerseyhockey.co.uk).
8. At the start of each season the Ladies' League Sub-Committee and the Men's League Sub-Committee will decide on the make-up of league and cup competitions. They will also decide whether, in the event of a draw on points, the league programme will be decided on goal difference or whether it is more appropriate that the league is decided by a play-off game/games between those teams tied at the top.
9. 3 points shall be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw. If points are level any 'league' placing will be decided on goal difference and if still level on goals scored.

## Umpiring

10. At the beginning of a game the umpires can decide that a game is unplayable owing to bad weather without the consent of either captain.
11. Notification of any player receiving a Red card during a game (or any other match days misconduct) must be recorded by the umpire on the Relevant Form (RCRF – Red Card Report Form).

<https://jerseyhockey.co.uk/about/policies>. The Red card report is to be referred to Jersey Hockey's Disciplinary representative.

12. Umpires will be allocated to Men's Division One, Men's Division Two and Ladies' Division One and Ladies' Division 2 by the nominated Umpire Coordinator. Allocation of individual umpires for particular matches may be delegated to a Club/Team via their Club Umpiring Administrator (CUA). The Club/Team is then responsible for officiating the match to which they have been allocated. In the event that an individual or Club/Team is unable to officiate a particular match then they, together with their CUA are responsible for finding someone to do so. Umpire allocations will be inserted into the Fixtures for the season and they will be available to view at <https://jerseyhockey.co.uk/fixtures>. Failure to fulfill an umpire allocation may result in a fine or a points deduction for the relevant team.
13. All teams are required to make contact with their allocated umpire(s) before every match.
14. Allocated umpires are responsible alongside their CUA for finding a replacement if they are unable to officiate a match.
15. In the event of a match having to be abandoned as a result of a serious injury or of adverse weather conditions, a report shall be submitted by the umpires to the relevant men's or ladies' fixtures secretary who will then pass that report to the Operations Sub-Committee.
16. The Operations Sub-Committee reserves the right to take such further action as it thinks fit against any team for a breach of rules or a breach of the spirit in which hockey is intended to be played.
17. See Rule 43 below about the action to be taken in the event of an umpire(s) not attending a match.

## Fixtures

18. All fixtures will be visible on the Fixtures Sheet at <https://jerseyhockey.co.uk/fixtures> or via Pitchero.
19. All games will be played at either the Les Quennevais Astro or the Claremont Field Astro. All cancellations or new bookings must be through one of the Fixtures Secretaries. No pitch bookings are to be made other than through the Fixtures Secretaries.
20. All fixtures shall be composed of teams registered with Jersey Hockey whose players' subscription fees are up to date. All games are to be played on the date/time and at the place specified on the fixtures sheet.
21. The Fixtures Secretaries may re-schedule games as follows:-
  - in the event of bad weather;
  - where negotiations between Ladies League and Men's League Fixtures Secretaries have taken place;
  - at the discretion of the JHL General Committee.

NB – due to limited availability of spare dates, the rearrangement of fixtures should only occur when absolutely necessary.
22. Any postponement of a fixture must be emailed or texted to the relevant men's or ladies' fixtures secretary as soon as possible after the postponement.
23. A cancellation of a game due to one team being unable to field a side will result in a walk over and the opposition will be awarded a 3-0 victory.

## Player Registration

24. All players must be registered with Jersey Hockey via the approved administration system (Pitchero or Teamo). If players are unable to register online then registration applications should be sent to the Administrator [contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk](mailto:contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk). Once registered the subscription fees must be paid either in a lump sum or monthly by standing order. Membership categories and associated fees due are listed on the Membership tab of the website.
25. Each club must ensure all players expecting to play for their club are registered by 1st September. Clubs should maintain their own records of players OR ensure that Pitchero/Teamo are up to date and no unregistered players should be selected for matches. Members joining Jersey Hockey after 1st September must ensure they register as soon as possible but before they play in a match. The fielding of an ineligible player by any club is subject to penalty per the 'Discipline' section of these rules below.
26. Members should ensure that their subscriptions are fully paid up to date or a monthly standing order is in place. Any member who has not paid the subscriptions for the current season by 31st October in each season will not be eligible for selection for their respective club. In the case of late payment, after 31st October, a fine of £10 shall be payable for each month, or part thereof, by which payment is delayed.

## Player Qualification in Senior Competitions

27. Only bona fide members of a club who are 13 years of age or older on the day of the match shall be entitled to be registered and to play in matches for that club in senior competitions. Any exception must be agreed in advance with the Operations Sub-Committee.

## Constitution of Teams

28. All teams wishing to participate in the League must inform Jersey Hockey's Administrator ([contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk](mailto:contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk)) and the relevant fixtures secretary when requested to do so.
29. Any player representing a club in a league game must have been a registered member of the club prior to the day of the game in which they propose to play.
30. To play hockey for a different club during the same season in the league, the player must hand in their registration to the secretary of their first club and then follow rule 29 above. The Administrator must also be made aware of any changes – [contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk](mailto:contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk).
31. Each 1st team shall have a registered squad of not less than eleven players.
32. In the event of a club having a second and/or third/junior team, each additional team shall also have a registered squad of not less than eleven players.
33. Each side must register their colours and an alternative for intra club games. Bibs may be used. First named teams to change. Goalkeepers shall wear a contrasting colour with those worn by both teams.

## Playing Down

34. No player, being a registered Club player may play for another Club in a league game unless agreed in advance of the game by both Captains (including goalkeepers).

35. No player, being an Island squad member (expected to play in the Island 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Inter Insular teams or represent the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in EH Cup matches) may play in the Men's Second Division or the Ladies Development Division except with prior approval of both team Captains.
36. Where agreement is reached for a player to 'play down' restrictions may be imposed where he/she must wear a bib and must NOT enter either circle. **See also 'Development League Rules' below.**

### Playing Up/Across

37. Subject to the provisions of 'playing down', no other restrictions shall limit any player playing for any another team in a Club in the same division or in a higher division.

### Men's Senior Knockout Cup

38. The Men's Senior Knockout Cup will be played to the same rules except that if the scores are level at the end of normal time NO extra time will be played and the following action is taken to decide the winner:-
  - (a) if level, each team to take a barrage of five penalties, each by a different player.
  - (b) if still level, sudden death penalties, each to be taken by a different player who can be the same as in (a) above.

### Upton Qualification

39. The Men's and Lady's team finishing highest in their respective Division One will represent Jersey in the Upton. If tied for points, then goal difference, then goals scored then the results of the head-to-head games.

### Team Responsibilities

40. Each team must have a minimum of 7 players on the pitch before the match can commence.
41. Any team scratching or being otherwise unable to start a game shall have recorded a 3-0 defeat against it for the relevant fixture.
42. Both teams shall provide a match ball, one for play and one for spare.
43. Both teams shall ensure a competent umpire is available to umpire their match which will have been allocated by the Umpire Coordinator. The relevant CUAs should consult the umpiring rota and contact the relevant umpire(s) in the days preceding their match. In the event that no umpire is present at the stated time, the captains of each team must drop one player from the side (who must be a competent umpire) to umpire either a half each or both halves if neither umpire is present.
44. If in extreme weather conditions a match is cancelled by the umpire or the groundsman, the captains are responsible for notifying the Fixtures Secretaries within 24 hours.
45. It is the responsibility of each captain to update Fixtures Live by the Tuesday following the game.
46. It is the responsibility of every team in the league to provide certain information to help raise the profile of hockey on the island. A brief match report should be circulated via the relevant WhatsApp or TEAMO messaging group including the names of both team scorers on the day of the game.

47. From time-to-time teams will be required to complete a 'Team Details/Results Sheet' which should be returned to the Administrator – [contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk](mailto:contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk) - as directed.
48. In the event of an accident to a player, coach, umpire or spectator coming as a direct result of a hockey match, an accident report form must be submitted to the Administrator – [contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk](mailto:contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk). The relevant form can be found at <https://jerseyhockey.co.uk/about/insurance>.

## Discipline

49. Jersey Hockey's disciplinary procedures can be viewed at <https://jerseyhockey.co.uk/about/policies> and are guided by England Hockey. The Operations Sub-Committee is responsible for all disciplinary procedures.
50. Jersey Hockey adheres to the England Hockey guidelines on Inclusion, Diversity and Compliance and all teams and their members must adhere to these guidelines which can be found at:- <http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1163&sectionTitle=Inclusion%2C+Diversity+and+Compliance>.
51. Players shall be subject to incremental match suspensions for yellow cards an individual accrues throughout the season. The Operations Sub-Committee Chairman shall keep a record of yellow cards. However, the responsibility for applying suspensions rests with the player's club:-
  - 1 4 yellow cards in one season = 1 match suspension
  - 2 2 further yellow cards in the same season = 1 further match suspension
  - 3 2 further yellow cards in the same season = 1 further match suspension
  - 4 For each further yellow card thereafter in the same season = 1 further match suspension.
52. Any match suspension imposed as a consequence of this regulation shall take effect in the next Jersey Hockey league or cup match following the match in which the qualifying yellow card was issued. In the event that a player is issued with a red card subsequent to receiving a yellow card(s) in the same match, the yellow card(s) shall not be counted for the purposes of this rule. The failure to suspend a player under this rule will be treated as the playing of an ineligible player and three points will be deducted.
53. Fines will be issued and accumulated over the season at the discretion of the Operations Sub-Committee or their representative Men's and Ladies' Sub-Committees. Fines shall be recovered by Jersey Hockey's Treasurer ([accounts@jerseyhockey.co.uk](mailto:accounts@jerseyhockey.co.uk)). Each point is worth £1.00. The total fine is owed by the relevant club to Jersey Hockey. Fines are issued as follows:-

• a team failing to update Fixtures Live	5 points
• fewer than 9 players on the field at the scheduled start time	5 points
• fielding a player who does not meet the rules of player registration	10 points
• disreputable conduct	20 points
• late payment of subscriptions, after 31 <sup>st</sup> October (for each month, or part thereof, by which payment is delayed)	10 points

**Fines must be paid within 14 days of being invoiced.  
Failure to do so will result in the fine being doubled.**

## England Masters Competitions

54. Players must reach the age requirements of the relevant England Hockey Masters competitions in order to represent their Island Senior squads.

## Junior Competitions

- 55. All junior players must be registered either to Jersey Hockey's Development Programme or via one of the clubs to Jersey Hockey.
- 56. All junior players must register with the Administrator – [contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk](mailto:contact@jerseyhockey.co.uk).
- 57. Registered members of the Caesareans Development Squad will be eligible to play in the Ladies Division One.
- 58. Registered members of the Feagles Development Squad will be eligible to play in the Ladies Development Division.
- 59. If any junior boy or girl plays in Men's Division One, they are not eligible to play in any Ladies Division or Ladies Cup competition. If any boy or girl plays in a Men's or Ladies' team/club or school 'A' team in Men's Division Two they are not eligible to play in the Development Division or Development Cup.

## Development League-Specific Rules

- 60. Up to two 'Senior players' will be permitted to join the side for each Development league/Cup game played. These senior players must be Ladies League registered players of that same club but will be permitted to play down into their Development (2nd) team. 'Senior' players must be identified by a bib which contrasts with either team's kit and with the opposition's Bib colour.
- 61. Senior players must not enter either D. In the event of a senior player entering the D at their attacking end a hit out will be awarded.
- 62. In the event of a senior player entering the D at her defensive end a short corner or Penalty stroke should be given at the discretion of the umpire.

## Safeguarding Young People Policy and Guidance Documents

- 63. Jersey Hockey adheres to the guidelines on safeguarding young people as laid down by England Hockey. All clubs are required to conform to the requirements of these documents which can be found at <http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1168&sectionTitle=Safeguarding+%26+Protecting+Young+People>

## Pitch Discipline

- 64. All Jersey Hockey members are responsible for the maintenance of the hockey facility at Les Quennevais. The facility must be treated with respect and care should be taken to ensure that all equipment is locked away at the end of every session and that the gates are locked securely at the end of every session. All litter must be put in the bins provided and a general sense of ownership displayed by all users. Changing rooms must be left clean and tidy.

## Clubhouse

- 65. The Clubhouse is licensed in accordance with the Jersey Licencing Law and all members should adhere to the Law.

Rules regarding JHL Membership and use of the Clubhouse may be found under the JHL Constitution.

66. Members are allowed to invite up to 6 guests on any one occasion who must be signed into the Visitors Book; Members must remain with and be responsible for their guests during their visit.
67. Members under 18 are not allowed to purchase alcohol or have alcohol purchased for them, other than by a parent who remains with them throughout.
68. Smoking is not allowed in any part of the Clubhouse (including changing rooms), Grandstand, main or training pitch area, other than the designated picnic area.
69. Dogs (other than registered guide dogs) or any other pets are not allowed in any part of the Clubhouse (including changing rooms), Grandstand, main or training pitch area, other than the designated picnic area.