

## Tournament Rules

1. The normal standard rules of hockey will be applied to the games - including rolling substitutions. Ladies are to strike first at short corners.
2. Each team is permitted a squad of 10 players of which only 7 will be on the field of play at any one time (3 men and 3 women and a goalkeeper of either sex).
3. All matches will commence for the duration of 15 minutes controlled by a central timing hooters, there will be no half time break.
4. For each game 3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. In the event of more than one teams ending with the same number of points, goal difference, then goals scored, then goals against and finally penalty strokes (best of 3) will determine the order.
5. If the scores are level in the Semi Finals and the Finals then a penalty shoot out will ensue to determine the winner (barrel of 3, then sudden death).
6. Goalkeepers (no kicking backs are permitted) must wear a helmet at all times whilst on the field of play, including for penalty strokes.
7. All teams must have a change of strip in the event of a colour clash. The **SECOND** named team must change shirt colours. Goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing top that is different to the colours of the two playing teams. The umpires' decision on clothing is final.
8. Members of the playing squad that are not on the field of play should remain at the non adjoining side of the mini pitches (games will be played across half a pitch). All substitutions must be made at the half way line of each mini pitch.
9. It is hoped that the umpires will not have to issue any disciplinary cards during the Tournament. Any player who is permanently suspended from play (red card) will take no further part in the Tournament in addition to being reported to the appropriate authorities. Any other incidents of indiscipline (either on or off the field) will be dealt with by the Umpires / Tournament Organiser at their absolute discretion.
10. It is a tight playing schedule and teams are asked to have their players ready well before the official start time stated in the programme. Any team that does not have at least 5 players (including a goalkeeper) on the field of play at the scheduled starting time will forfeit the match 0-5 unless the Tournament Organiser, at his absolute discretion, agrees to the match being played at a later time.
11. The Tournament Organiser will provide match balls at the start of each game but teams involved must return the balls to the umpires at the end of the match.
12. No player from any one team is permitted to play for another during the Tournament, and in the event of this happening the offending team will forfeit the game 0-5.
13. The Tournament organiser reserves the right to alter timings and match programme, etc, at his absolute discretion, in order to achieve a more successful Tournament.
14. Umpires will be appointed where possible. Teams may still be asked to supply suitably qualified / experienced umpires if the appointed officials are incapacitated in any way, fail to arrive for a match, or need a break.

## Venue Rules

1. The Land Warfare Centre will not tolerate behaviour that is beyond the realms of decency, therefore, any persons behaving in an unacceptable manner will be asked to vacate the premises immediately. And their team will not be invited to the tournament again.
2. Any damage or vandalism of property will result in the player concerned being asked to vacate the premises immediately. They will also be required to fund the cost of any repairs. This could put the event in jeopardy.
3. Each team will be supplied with a number of black bin liners - it is requested that all participants respect the venue by placing any rubbish into these bags or in the dustbins provided.
4. No drinks, food, chewing-gum or any other beverage must be taken onto the Astroturf playing area.
5. Clean Astroturf shoes or similar must be worn on the Astroturf playing surface. Please remove any mud from your shoes before entering the playing area.
6. For safety and insurance reasons all spectators, players and officials not involved with the matches in progress must remain outside the confines of the Astroturf. The Tournament Organiser will accept no liability for injuries sustained viewing play from within the Astroturf Arena.
7. Nobody will be permitted to use BBQ's (gas or otherwise) on the grounds as this is a fire hazard and contravenes health and safety regulations.
8. The Tournament Organiser would like to remind you to look after your own valuables as neither party will accept liability for theft or loss of these items.