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11.0 Icing

There will be no Icing calls.

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13.0 Timekeeping

13.1 The line change buzzer can be a pre-recorded audio app or downloaded from the EIHA website

13.2 The game clock is to be used but to assist with penalties (due to clock settings for shift timings), a minimum of two stop watches are required to be on the off ice officials bench.

13.3 It should be noted that in the event of an injury or the need to stop the clock for any reason the CD, or other such shift-timing App, should be paused on instruction of a TIME OUT sign from the Official.

14.0 On Ice Game Officials

14.1 Two EIHA registered Officials will be allocated however each team should ensure that at least one of their coaches has skates available to officiate and take on the role of the game officials if required.

- It should be noted that the 1st Official should carry with them at least two game pucks to enable the restart of the game to be carried out as quickly as possible e.g. when a goal is scored the 2nd Official retrieves the puck from the goal, while the 1st official skates to the centre circle to drop the puck. Prior to the game commencing the Officials will decide who will retrieve the puck and who will restart the game. Spare pucks should be stored at the player's bench or on top of the goals and made available to the Officials.

15.0 Mercy Rule & Integrity of the Game

15.1 When a team is winning by 8 (eight) goals the score will be recorded as e.g. 8 - 0 or 2 -10 or 12 – 4 and so on. At this point the score will be removed from the scoreboard, no more goals will be added to the game sheet with a line being drawn under the last goals scored.

15.2 Any of the following can take place:

- players can be swapped in the teams,
- goalies can be swapped
- teams can stay as they are,
- it is important that the game continues to the end.

15.3 In the interests of Fair Play, the integrity of the U11 League Competition is largely determinable by the approach to the competition that is adopted by the Coaches and Administrators of the game at Club level. The role of Match Officials is to administer the game on the ice. It is the role of Coaches to allocate players to the correct lines for the ability of the players concerned and to maintain the integrity of the competition. Where a Coach or Administrator seeks to gain an advantage for his/her team by rotating players across lines to play his/her stronger players against the opposition's weaker players then this should be brought to the attention of the Match Officials by the Head Coach of the opposition team.

15.4 Notwithstanding the provision of rule 4.10, persistent (more than one occurrence) infringements of rule 4.10 may result in the offending team's Head Coach being reported to the JLMC Chair for Breaches of the Coaches Code of Conduct in bringing the game into disrepute which could result in disciplinary action being taken against the Coach(es) and deduction of points against the team.

16.0 Player/Goalie Statistics

No Player or Net Minder Stats will be recorded. Online EGS will be adjusted after the Fixtures has been played

17.0 National Finals

First place teams in North, Midlands, South East and South West will attend the Nationals Finals and take part in a semi-final, and Bronze Medal or Final subject to the results of the semi-finals.

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The start and finish times of the U11's League 1st September 2017 to 6th May 2018

Appendix A – Team Sheet
English Ice Hockey Association Official U11 Team Sheet

Date: _____ Time: _____
 Competition: _____ Venue: _____
 Home Team: _____ Team Colours / Home: _____
 Away Team: _____ Team Colours / Away: _____

1 - 9	Net minders (play in numbers 1 - 9)	Name in Full	Licence number

A reserve net minder can play in case of injury and / or change with a line as long as play is not held up e.g. a young net minder can play with third line.

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Line 2 is an intermediate line of those players who have been playing for a while and are generally more physically capable in their skating ability.

30 - 39	Line 3 (play in numbers 30 - 39 or with green bands) - play Line 1 or 2 in case of injury		

Optional reserves **Line 3** Is predominately for less experienced.
 New and younger players - it is advisable to have an optional reserve otherwise Line 3 may have to play shorthanded! Optional reserve can replace player in case of injury and/or play in rotation on Line 3

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Bench Officials

Name	Position	Licence Number	Signature

Referees Comments: -

Appendix B – Shift Plan
**Under 11's Development League Hockey Shift Schedule
 3 Minute Period Breaks at Team Benches**

Period 1			Period 2			Period 3		
00.00	1 st	Shift 1	16.00	1 st	Shift 13	32.00	1 st	Shift 25
01.20	2 nd	Shift 2	17.20	2 nd	Shift 14	33.20	2 nd	Shift 26
02.40	3 rd	Shift 3	18.40	3 rd	Shift 15	34.40	3 rd	Shift 27
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12.3 Notwithstanding rule 12.2, if the attacking team does not retreat in to the neutral zone as quickly as possible and is considered to be deliberately holding in the defensive zone after being instructed to “get out” by the Official then a 1 minute delaying the game penalty can be awarded against the attacking team.

13.0 Timekeeping

13.1 The line change buzzer can be a pre-recorded audio app or downloaded from the EIHA website

13.2 The game clock is to be used but to assist with penalties (due to clock settings for shift timings), a minimum of two stop watches are required to be on the off ice officials bench.

13.3 It should be noted that in the event of an injury or the need to stop the clock for any reason the CD, or other such shift-timing App, should be paused on instruction of a TIME OUT sign from the Official.

14.0 On Ice Game Officials

14.1 Two EIHA registered Officials will be allocated however each team should ensure that at least one of their coaches has skates available to officiate and take on the role of the game officials if required.

- It should be noted that the 1st Official should carry with them at least two game pucks to enable the restart of the game to be carried out as quickly as possible e.g. when a goal is scored the 2nd Official retrieves the puck from the goal, while the 1st official skates to the centre circle to drop the puck. Prior to the game commencing the Officials will decide who will retrieve the puck and who will restart the game. Spare pucks should be stored at the player's bench or on top of the goals and made available to the Officials.

15.0 Mercy Rule & Integrity of the Game

15.1 When a team is winning by 8 (eight) goals the score will be recorded as e.g. 8 - 0 or 2 -10 or 12 – 4 and so on. At this point the score will be removed from the scoreboard, no more goals will be added to the game sheet with a line being drawn under the last goals scored.

15.2 Any of the following can take place:

- players can be swapped in the teams,
- goalies can be swapped
- teams can stay as they are,
- it is important that the game continues to the end.

15.3 In the interests of Fair Play, the integrity of the U11 League Competition is largely determinable by the approach to the competition that is adopted by the Coaches and Administrators of the game at Club level. The role of Match Officials is to administer the game on the ice. It is the role of Coaches to allocate players to the correct lines for the ability of the players concerned and to maintain the integrity of the competition. Where a Coach or Administrator seeks to gain an advantage for his/her team by rotating players across lines to play his/her stronger players against the opposition's weaker players then this should be brought to the attention of the Match Officials by the Head Coach of the opposition team.

15.4 Notwithstanding the provision of rule 4.10, persistent (more than one occurrence) infringements of rule 4.10 may result in the offending team's Head Coach being reported to the JLMC Chair for Breaches of the Coaches Code of Conduct in bringing the game into disrepute which could result in disciplinary action being taken against the Coach(es) and deduction of points against the team.

16.0 Player/Goalie Statistics

No Player or Net Minder Stats will be recorded. Online EGS will be adjusted after the Fixtures has been played

17.0 National Finals

First place teams in North, Midlands, South East and South West will attend the Nationals Finals and take part in a semi-final, and Bronze Medal or Final subject to the results of the semi-finals.

18.0 Duration of Season.

The start and finish times of the U11's League 1st September 2017 to 6th May 2018

Appendix A – Team Sheet
English Ice Hockey Association Official U11 Team Sheet

Date: _____ Time: _____
 Competition: _____ Venue: _____
 Home Team: _____ Team Colours / Home: _____
 Away Team: _____ Team Colours / Away: _____

1 - 9	Net minders (play in numbers 1 - 9)	Name in Full	Licence number

A reserve net minder can play in case of injury and / or change with a line as long as play is not held up e.g. a young net minder can play with third line.

10 - 19	Line 1 (play in numbers 10 - 19 or with red bands) - only play Line 1 - First Line starts game		

First line is the strongest line consisting of most able players - generally older players approaching U12 age group

20 - 29	Line 2 (play in numbers 20 - 29 or with yellow bands) - play Line 1 in case of injury		

Line 2 is an intermediate line of those players who have been playing for a while and are generally more physically capable in their skating ability.

30 - 39	Line 3 (play in numbers 30 - 39 or with green bands) - play Line 1 or 2 in case of injury		

Optional reserves **Line 3** Is predominately for less experienced.
 New and younger players - it is advisable to have an optional reserve otherwise Line 3 may have to play shorthanded! Optional reserve can replace player in case of injury and/or play in rotation on Line 3

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Bench Officials

Name	Position	Licence Number	Signature

Referees Comments: -

Appendix B – Shift Plan
**Under 11's Development League Hockey Shift Schedule
 3 Minute Period Breaks at Team Benches**

Period 1			Period 2			Period 3		
00.00	1 st	Shift 1	16.00	1 st	Shift 13	32.00	1 st	Shift 25
01.20	2 nd	Shift 2	17.20	2 nd	Shift 14	33.20	2 nd	Shift 26
02.40	3 rd	Shift 3	18.40	3 rd	Shift 15	34.40	3 rd	Shift 27
04.00	1 st	Shift 4	20.00	1 st	Shift 16	36.00	1 st	Shift 28
05.20	2 nd	Shift 5	21.20	2 nd	Shift 17	37.20	2 nd	Shift 29
06.40	3 rd	Shift 6	22.40	3 rd	Shift 18	38.40	3 rd	Shift 30
08.00	1 st	Shift 7	24.00	1 st	Shift 19	40.00	1 st	Shift 31
09.20	2 nd	Shift 8	25.20	2 nd	Shift 20	41.20	2 nd	Shift 32
10.40	3 rd	Shift 9	26.40	3 rd	Shift 21	42.40	3 rd	Shift 33
12.00	1 st	Shift 10	28.00	1 st	Shift 22	44.00	1 st	Shift 34
13.20	2 nd	Shift 11	29.20	2 nd	Shift 23	45.20	2 nd	Shift 35
14.40	3 rd	Shift 12	30.40	3 rd	Shift 24	46.40	3 rd	Shift 36