

**REGULATIONS FOR
EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS (OUTDOORS)
HOCKEY5S UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

April 2021

- 1 **Dates and Duration of Tournaments**
 - 1.1 The EuroHockey5s U16 Championships will be held every 2 years in odd numbered years (2019, 2021). Unless the EHF decides otherwise, the tournaments will take place in the first or second week of July.
NB From 2021 onwards the events will be played in the even years (2022, 2024).
 - 1.2 The EuroHockey5s U16 Championships will be played over 3, 4 or 5 days as set out below.
 - 1.3 In exceptional circumstances the EHF reserves the right to change the dates on which any tournaments are held.

- 2 **Qualification and Pools**
 - 2.1 The arrangement of the pools for the EuroHockey5s U16 Championships will be the responsibility of the EHF and will be based on the final rankings of teams immediately after completion of the previous EuroHockey5s U16 Championships.
NB Where an U16 Championship is a direct qualifier for an FIH Tournament, the pools will be based upon the World Ranking of the participants' senior teams (at the time the match schedules are prepared).
 - 2.2 Qualified for the **Boys Championship in 2021** are those nations who finished ranked 1 to 8 in the Championship in 2019 and the 2 nations promoted from the 2019 Boys Championship II.
 - 2.3 Qualified for the **Boys Championship II in 2021** are those nations who finished ranked 9 and 10 in the Championship in 2019 together with nations ranked 3-8 in the Championship II and any new entries from nations that did not compete in 2019.
 - 2.4 Qualified for the **Girls Championship 2021** are those nations who finish ranked 1 to 10 in the 2019 Girls Championship.
Teams relegated from the Championship in 2019 plus any new entries received within the deadline date of entries, will be added to the panel of participants of the **Girls Championship 2021**. However, only if no **Girls Championship II 2021** can be played, due to insufficient teams available.
 - 2.5 Qualified for the **Boys Championship 2022** will be those nations who finish ranked 1 to 8 in the 2021 Boys Championship and the 2 nations promoted from the 2021 Boys Championship II.
 - 2.6 Qualified for the **Boys Championship II 2022** will be those nations who finish ranked 3 to 8 in the 2021 Boys Championship II and those 2 nations relegated from the 2021 Boys Championship together with any new entries. If there are more than 12 entries for the lowest division, then there may, at the discretion of the EHF, be a Championship III.
 - 2.7 Qualified for the **Girls Championship 2022** will be those nations who finish ranked 1 to 10 in the 2021 Girls Championship.
If there are sufficient new entries, then there may, at the discretion of the EHF, be a **Girls Championship II 2021** organised.

General

- 2.8 Notwithstanding anything else in these regulations, which tournament nations shall be entitled to play in, and the ranking of the pools within each tournament, shall be a matter entirely within the discretion of the EHF.
- 2.9 The EHF reserves the right to adjust the number of teams competing in each Championship.

3 Plan of the Competition and composition of teams

- 3.1 Tournaments will be played over 3-4-5 days as follows:

Championship in 2021 (10-12 teams)

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7
9	10
12	11

Championship II in 2021 (8-12 teams)

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7
9	10
12	11

Where fewer than 8 teams participate in an event, a Round Robin format will be played.

- 3.2 In case of non-participation by one or more team(s) any reserve team(s), if called upon, will in principle, automatically take the place of the defaulting team(s) without changing the pools or the match programme. However, the EHF reserves the right to re-arrange the composition of the pools before the Event Briefing Meeting.
- 3.3 A match consists of 2 periods of 15 minutes with an interval of 4 minutes between each period.
NB This may differ from the FIH regulations/rules.
- 3.4 A maximum of 10 players, **including 2 fully kitted goalkeepers** may be used by a team in a match. Where a team includes only one fully kitted goalkeeper, a maximum of 8 field players only is allowed.
NB This may differ from the FIH regulations/rules.
NB A team is allowed to come to the event with 1 GK and 9 field players, but for each match 1 field player must be designated as DNP on the match report and that player must sit in the stands.

4 Programme of pool matches and match schedule

- 4.1 The proposed schedule and timing of matches shall be submitted to the EHF for approval.
- 4.2 The EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.
Eg. Quarter Finals will only be played if time allows and is dependent on the available tournament days and pitches.

- 4.3 Matches will be played in accordance with the FIH Hockey5s Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions) **except that any differences specified in Appendix C of the EuroHockey5s U16 Championship Regulations will take precedence.**
NB If a tournament consists of more than 10 teams, the tournament format will be decided at the discretion of the EHF.

5 **Ranking in the pools**

- 5.1 In each pool, all the teams will play against each other and the following points shall be awarded for each match:
- 3 points to the winner;
 - 1 point to each team in the event of a draw;
 - 0 points to the loser.
- 5.2 In each pool, teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the tournament.
- 5.3 If at the end of the pool matches 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, the ranking of these teams will be determined according to the relevant **Appendix** of the current **FIH Hockey5s Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions).**

6 **Programme of Classification Matches**

If the score at the end of the regulation time of a classification match is a draw, a Challenge shoot-out competition as set out in the relevant Appendix of the current **FIH Hockey5s Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)** shall be played to establish the winner of the match.

7 **Team Travel and Accommodation**

- 7.1 The host National Association shall organize appropriate accommodation and make arrangements for meals for the players and officials of each participating team. However, participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their accommodation and meals.
- 7.2 The host National Association shall organize (if possible) a social event for the players and officials of each participating team, for which they may, if necessary, charge an agreed fee to the participating teams.
- 7.3 The host National Association must advise the participating teams as soon as possible such information as may be appropriate (including costs) relating to accommodation, meals, local transport, training, match schedule, a social event and any other appropriate information.
- 7.4 Participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their return travel from their home to the designated arrival airport or railway station in the host country.
- 7.5 All participating teams must be present with their full squad, subject to emergencies, in their accommodation, at the latest, by **19.00 hrs** on the evening before the first match of the tournament. Failure to arrive on time may result in a team being disqualified from the tournament.
- 7.6 Teams may delay their arrival until the first day of the tournament if they are not drawn to play on the first day, subject to prior approval from the EHF Competitions Manager. **However, it is still necessary for the Team Manager to attend the Event Briefing Meeting at the required time.**
- 7.7 Only those teams receiving medals/trophies are required to remain at the tournament until after the Prize Giving Ceremony on the final day. The ceremony will normally take no later than 1 hour after the end of the final match and teams must make their travel arrangements accordingly. Failure to attend, if required, will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF. The EHF would strongly encourage all other participating clubs to remain until after the Prize Giving Ceremony with the only acceptable reason not to attend being that the team's travel arrangements require them to depart early.

8 **Local Transport for Teams**

The host National Association shall make arrangements for transport for all participating teams (if required) to/from the designated airport(s) or railway station and the team's accommodation, and to/from the accommodation and the stadium/playing ground(s), including practice ground(s). Participating teams however are responsible for the full cost of their own local transport (airport-hotel vice versa and hotel-venue vice versa).

9 **Age Qualification**

9.1 The age qualification for participation in EuroHockey5s U16 Championships tournaments will be that players are under the age of 16 years on **31 December** in the year preceding that tournament. Please see this [link](#) to the EHF website.

9.2 In all EuroHockey **U16 Championship** tournaments, no player shall be under the age of 13 on the first day of the tournament.

10 **Match Schedule**

The match schedule must follow FIH regulations in relation to rest days and the minimum rest period between team's matches as follows:

10.1 there shall be a minimum of 1 hour time interval between the start of 2 successive pool matches;

10.2 there shall be a minimum of 1.10 hour time interval between the start of 2 successive classification matches;

11 **FIH Regulations and Rules on Hockey5s**

For the FIH Regulations on Hockey5s and FIH Rules on Hockey5s, please visit the FIH site.

However, any differences specified in Appendix C of the EuroHockey5s U16 Championship Regulations will take precedence.

12 **Clothing**

Players do not need to have a number on the front of the shorts/skirts.

Where a team chooses to display the players' numbers on the short/skirt, they must appear on the front of all players' shorts/skirts without any nation or advertising logo on that side of the garment.

A manufacturers logo can be displayed beside the number.

NB It is not compulsory in any U16 Championship to display the players' family names on the backs of the shirts. Where a team decides to do so, family names must appear on the back of all field players' shirts.

NB It is not compulsory in any U16 Championship to display the EuroHockey logo on the backs of the shirts. Where a team decides to do so, the logo must appear on the back of all players' shirts and the logo can be found on the [EHF website](#). (FIH logo is not required at all for EHF U16 events)

13 **Officials**

The host National Association is responsible for the collection of all technical officials (including umpires) from the designated airport(s) or railway stations and to bring them to their hotel (including return after the tournament) and to/from the accommodation and the stadium/playing ground(s), including practice ground(s).

The national umpires appointed will stay in twin rooms, booked by the host National Association. However, the national umpires' own National Association is responsible for the payment of his/her full board accommodation.