



RESERVES FORCES OUTDOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT, 21 MAY 2017

ALDERSHOT GARRISON SPORTS CENTRE

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

1. **The reason for producing a written briefing, is to avoid the necessity of Team Manager (or Team Captain) having to be at the venue for the tournament perhaps hours before their first game. Although the tournament has a serious purpose – to find future Amry hockey players. I hope that it will be a ‘fun’ occasion as well.**

2. **Regulations. I trust that you have all read and understood the regulations.**

3. **Timetable. Circumstances have decreed that the competition be played over one day, hence the decision to play pool games ‘one way’. Timing is very tight and it would be appreciated if teams could vacate the playing area immediately their game is over. Post-mortems must be carried out away from the hall. If time allows teams will be allocated some practice time on the pitch.**

4. **Teamsheets. Only those named on team sheets may take part in the competition or sit on the team benches. The completed and signed team sheet certifies that all players are eligible to participate. A maximum of 16 players for the tournament.**

5. **Dress and team colours. Shirt numbers are to conform to those shown on the team sheets. If there should be a clash of ‘colours’ it is the second named team on the programme that is required to change into an alternative strip or bibs to be worn. It therefore follows that each team is to have both a preferred and an alternative strip. If a change of strip is required, shirt numbers must agree with those recorded on team sheets. If they do not, the table is to be informed immediately.**

Goalkeepers must wear full protective gear, including a helmet and mask at all times, unless TAKING a Penalty Stroke. Their tops shall be of a colour different from that of either team participating in the game and should, wherever possible, have numbers on both front and back.

If players wear lycra shorts (cycling shorts), FIH rules require that they be of the same colour as the team shorts. Captains will wear a distinctive armband. Only if suspended will the armband be handed over to whoever takes on the role of Captain. I do not want to see shirt tails outside.

If a kicking back is used, he/she shall wear a shirt/top of a different colour from the teams and the team number be advised to the table. Kicking Backs must wear a GK helmet when defending corners and strokes: but the helmet may not be worn outside the circle.

6. **Team Benches. Only those authorised may sit on team benches. Players are to remain seated at all times except when substituting. Managers are asked to sit at the end of the bench nearest to the control table and will be held equally responsible with the Captain for the discipline of the occupants of their bench. The Coach may stand behind the**



bench if wishing to talk to players: but may not move away from the bench area. Team kit shall not be left in front of the bench.

No one expects complete silence from persons on the bench and a reasonable level of encouragement is acceptable. Abuse of an umpire or adverse comment on decisions will not be tolerated, however; nor will abuse of opposition players or blatant coaching.

7. Substitutions will only be made at times provided by the rules and will be made close to the control table. Players will not be allowed to enter the playing area direct from the bench. Suspended players may be substituted at the end of the suspension period without having to re-enter the playing area if the table is informed. Providing it is not abused, I am prepared to relax the rules to allow players coming off to do so at any point on the side line: but this MUST be on the side with the tables/benches.

8. Injuries. Minor injuries (“walking wounded”) are to be substituted and given treatment outside the playing area. No one may enter the playing area to treat an injured player without the permission of the umpire. A maximum of two people may enter – Physio/Doctor and/or Manager when permission is given. The coach or other players may not do so. Any player who requires the Physio/Doctor/Manager to be brought onto the pitch will require said player to leave the playing area for a minimum of one minute, as per EH Guidelines. He/she may be substituted under normal EH Rules.

Any injury, which results in bleeding, requires that the player concerned proceed to the bench for treatment and for the wound to be covered. That player will only be allowed to resume playing when the umpire is satisfied with the action taken.

9. Suspensions. Players suspended are required to go immediately to the control table and sit quietly on chairs provided for this purpose. Suspended players are not to take any part in the game for the duration of the suspension. The length of suspension will be as determined by the umpire concerned and will be controlled by the table. Any visible sign of dissent at the decision to suspend a player, eg. throwing stick or kit to the ground or against a wall, may result in the duration of the suspension being increased by the TD or TO in charge of the game.

Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the behaviour of their players, whether on the pitch or on the bench, and that if umpires ask for their help to improve discipline/general behaviour, it is the Captain who will be penalised if the improvement does not occur.

Any player receiving more than two yellow cards during the competition may be liable to be suspended for one (or more) games at the discretion of the TD. Such suspension may also be incurred for serious misbehaviour by persons on a bench, or after a match.

Any player receiving a red card shall immediately leave the hall and automatically be suspended for the rest of the competition.

10. Match Sheets. Immediately after a match, team managers and umpires must sign the match sheets at the control table. Once signed these sheets constitute the official record of the result of the match and your acceptance of the accuracy.

11. Protests. Managers are reminded that no protest about umpiring decisions can be accepted. The only matters which may be subject to protest are: - A: Ineligible players. B: Errors in the final score. (Do not sign the sheet if you intend to protest.)



The intention to make a protest is to be advised to the TD immediately the game in question is concluded, and the formal written protest must be in the possession of the TD within 10 minutes of the end of the match in question.

Umpires have been asked to differentiate between 'offences' which occur when an attempt has been made to do something legitimate, and those which are caused deliberately with the intention of breaking down play. They are likely to be a little tolerant regarding the former; but will penalise the latter to the maximum allowed by the rules.

**TEAM MANAGERS/TEAM CAPTAINS ARE TO ENSURE THAT EACH
TEAM
MEMBER IS MADE AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS BRIEF**