

Rec Southern Conference 2010

Rules are as per EIHA rulebook with the following additions:

- 1 The conference will run from December 2009/January 2010 until 30th September 2010 unless exceptional circumstances force the completion date to be extended. The entry fee is £20 per team to allow the purchasing of a trophy and any other conference costs such as a website etc.
- 2 Teams may ice a maximum of 3 lines plus 2 spares and a back up goalie, giving a maximum of 17 skaters plus 2 goalies in total.
- 3 No player under the age of 18 can play in the conference, this is because not all teams have a level 2 coach, a level 1 coach, a child protection officer and a child protection policy in place which is **all required** as highlighted in the EIHA Rec section 2009 AGM on 13/09/09.

If a team fail to show up for an arranged match, a 5 - 0 walkover will be awarded to the opposition. A minimum of 2 weeks notice is required to cancel a match without penalty so that the EIHA can be advised and alternative arrangements made. Only in exceptional circumstances and with agreement from the conference organiser, can a fixture be changed. Should a team drop out of the conference and they have not completed 50% of their group games, the results and stats from the games that they have played will be removed and declared void. If the team that has dropped out have played more than 50% of their group games, all remaining group games will be awarded as 5 - 0 walkover results to the opposing teams. If a team drops out or misses a game in the playoffs, the results of any of the games in the current round of the playoffs (Quarter Final, Semi Final etc) are declared void and the opposing team will be awarded the walkover 5 - 0 win in all games in that playoff round. No result can be voided from a previous complete round of the playoffs.
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The home team shall organise the game as a **CUP MATCH** with the EIHA as soon as the conference organiser has given them the fixture dates. All conference matches must have at least 1 referee, if a referee fails to turn up, 1 member of each team (C or A's only) must referee the game as a 2 man system. If a game finishes as a draw in the group stage, the winner will be determined by a penalty shootout, where three shooters go alternately from each team. If it is still tied after 3 shooters from each team, it goes to sudden death and first team to score wins.
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If any team drops out or if fixtures are completed with over a month to go, the format of the competition may change to allow a playoff competition to take place if all teams are willing.
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Players are cup tied for the duration of the conference (inc playoffs if applicable) once they have played or appeared on the game sheet for a club in any of the conference fixtures. If another team plays a cup tied player, they will automatically lose the game by the default score of 5 - 0.
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Game sheets are still to be sent to the EIHA within 3 days of the game as normal but if you could all send a copy to the conference organiser also within 3 days so that a record of results, goal scorers and MOM's etc can be kept on the regular update spreadsheet that will be sent out. This will also help keep track of players breaking the cup tied rule etc. Please send your game sheets across ASAP as the results are needed ASAP to determine conference position.
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Group stage points are awarded as follows: Win = 2 points, Shoot-out Loss = 1 point Loss = 0 points. If teams are tied in the conference, position will be determined by results between the tied teams, if still level it will go down to goal difference.
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- Playoff games are 'knock-out' and are played over 2 legs (home and away) with the total aggregate score deciding the winner. If a game is tied after the first leg then no penalty shootout is to be held. Only if the aggregate score is tied after the second leg, then the normal penalty shootout format is to take place as per conference rule 5. **Only players who have appeared in at least 4 games (25%) of the group stage games are eligible to play in the playoff games.** Any team that names a player on the game sheet for a play off game who has played less than this will have the result of that game overturned and awarded 5 - 0 to the opposition. If both teams do this in the same game, a 1-1 tie will be awarded. The conference organiser will keep track of player appearances as per the game sheets that get sent in, and will send out a list of eligible players for the playoff games for each team on completion of the group stage.
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- 11** All stats are to be recorded as per the game sheet, no amendments can be made after this. It is your responsibility to ensure that the game sheet is filled in correctly during the game.
- If a player earns a suspension in a conference game and earns themselves a one match or multiple match ban, this ban will carry over until the next conference game. This means that no match ban can be surpassed by arranging a friendly between 2 conference fixtures. In other words, get a ban in the conference, miss the next conference game. You may also need to check with the EIHA about bans over any friendly games you have arranged aside from the conference matches. If a team uses a suspended player in the conference, the result of that game will be awarded as a 5 - 0 win to the opposition and the ban will carry over to the next conference fixture. There may also be further issues arising from this with the EIHA Rec section who will deal with this as they see fit.
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- 13** If there is any dispute in any of the points mentioned above or for any other un-foreseen incident, the conference organiser will make a final decision on the overall outcome to resolve the situation.
- 14** The conference is to be played and enjoyed in good spirits, with the intention that if it goes successfully, there will be another next season, possibly with more teams.