

## 2010 London Cup Rules

There are five teams in the London Cup:

Eastern Stars  
London Devils  
London Eagles  
London Rangers  
Slough Tornados

Each team plays the other twice - one home and one away (for a total of 8 games per team) in a round-robin regular season.

Each "home" team will:

1. Register the match on the EIHA website.
2. Pay for its home ice
3. Pay all referee costs.
4. Submit the Game Sheet to the EIHA – [tony.wood@eiharec.co.uk](mailto:tony.wood@eiharec.co.uk)

Teams will receive 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss

Semi Finals The semi-finals will be a single game playoff.

Semi Final 1: 4<sup>th</sup> place team (away) @ 1<sup>st</sup> place team (home)

Semi Final 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> place team (away) @ 2<sup>nd</sup> place team (home)

The team that finishes higher in the group stages will play as the "home" team and will therefore assume the normal responsibilities of the home team for that game (scheduling / EIHA game registration / referees / provide ice). The two teams should come to an agreement regarding the costs for the game prior to the game taking place. (The home team will decide the time and date and location for the semi-final game – but must take place within three weeks of the last scheduled regular season game).

### Final

The winners of the two semi finals will compete in the final – this will be played as a single game cup final. The team that finishes higher in the group stages will play as the "home" team and will therefore assume the normal responsibilities of the home team for that game (scheduling / EIHA game registration / referees / provide ice). The two teams should come to an agreement regarding the costs for the game prior to the game taking place. (The home team will decide on the time and date and location for the final game – but must take place within three weeks of the last semifinal game – or by agreement with both teams involved).

Note: if both teams involved in the final agree – and obviously before any final games take place, the final can be changed to a best two out of three game series.

Once the round-robin schedule is finalized, any changes to fixture dates must be made with as much notice as possible and must have the agreement of both club managers. If a team attempts to change a fixture, or cancels a fixture with less than one week remaining before the scheduled date, that game will go down as a 5-0 default loss (unless agreed and rescheduled by both teams involved).

Each fixture must be logged on the EIHA website at least two weeks prior to the game. It is the responsibility of the home team manager to register their respective games and ensure that EIHA referees are present for the game.

Any team unable to appear at a fixture will forfeit the game 5-0 and may be liable for any home team ice and other costs.

## **Tie-breakers**

If teams are tied on points at the end of the regular season, the following tie breakers will apply:

- 1) Head to head record between the two tied teams
- 2) Wins
- 3) Overall Goal Difference
- 4) Highest number of goals scored
- 5) Team with the fewest number of Penalty Minutes
- 6) Coin Toss

If more than two teams are tied, a mini-table based on results in the games between the tied teams will be used.

There are no ties in the playoffs. In the event that the score is tied at the end of the semi-final or final, there will be a 5-player shootout to decide the game. To this effect, the semi-final and final shall always end 5 minutes before the end of the scheduled ice-time to facilitate the possibility of a shootout – regardless of the score at the time. This is to be made clear to the referee prior to commencement of the playoff game.

## **Game Sheets - Important**

Game sheets need to be filled in completely and properly for each match. These sheets then need to be sent to the EIHA within 48 hours of the completion of the match. It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure this is done. The game sheet can be sent in the following ways:

BY POST TO:

Tony Wood, 86 Rushdean Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 2QB Please note, if posting sheets please use the YELLOW copy

Scanned and by email to; [tony.wood@eiharec.co.uk](mailto:tony.wood@eiharec.co.uk) Please note, if scanning sheets please use the WHITE copy

**\*\*Important:** Both teams must print their team's Player Roster (with player photos) from the EIHA website and submit it to the EIHA with the Game Sheet.

Failure to do this could result in the cancellation of the Cup by the EIHA.\*\*\* We have been warned by the EIHA and we must do this for every game this year.

## **Cup Competition Rules**

The London Cup is a **non-checking** competition

The tournament is played according to the IIHF rulebook, which can be found at

[www.iihf.com/hockey/rules/offrules.htm](http://www.iihf.com/hockey/rules/offrules.htm) In addition, the tournament is bound by the rules of the EIHA Rec Section Handbook & EIHA In House Rules

All suspensions to players will be determined by the EIHA based on the referee's report of the game.

Please note: Any suspension handed out for a London Cup game must also be served in a London Cup game. For example if a player gets a one (or more) game suspension from the EIHA for a fight in a London Cup game, then that player must sit out the next London Cup game(s) – even though in the eyes of the EIHA the suspension would be served by sitting out any officially EIHA sanctioned game.

However all players must be eligible for the game and must not be suspended by the EIHA.

If there is no one present to run the time clock, the referee will use his/her discretion as to how to allocate and divide up the three periods. This should be discussed with the two team captains prior to face off.

During games with no one present to run the time clock, periods should end after a natural break in play. For the avoidance of doubt, if full-time expires *between* a natural stoppage in play and play being restarted, the game is considered to be over and the referee can blow his whistle, to signal the end of the game.

It is the club captain's responsibility to ensure that any suspensions are served by his players. If a club dresses a player who should be serving a suspension, they will default the game 5-0.

All players must be fully EIHA Rec. Section registered with a team before playing for them.

To be eligible to play in the semi-finals and final of the competition, a player must have played at least 1 regular season game.

The rosters for each team will be submitted prior to the first scheduled match of the season. If a club adds a player to their roster during the season, they must make the organizers aware of the addition as soon as possible. These "new" players will still be required to participate in at least 1 regular season game in order to be eligible for the playoffs.

These "new" players must be fully EIHA Rec. Section registered and must appear on the team Player Roster printout before they are eligible to play in any games.

Dual-registered players may only skate for one London Cup team in the competition. They will need to declare which team they will play for prior to the first match of the season. Once declared, they will not be permitted to switch teams.