



Qatar 6's Tournament Rules

1. Field of Play

- The Field of play shall consist of the artificial turf and the walls or any permanent structure part of the arena inside the field of play. Any ball touching these surfaces will be considered in play subject to being safely played and any rules associated with danger.
- Played on 1/3 pitch with small goals

2. Players

- Six players on the field at one time no limit on reserves. It is encouraged to involve as many people as possible in this. A team must field a minimum of 6 players
- **Must have either a junior (under 18), female, or veteran (over 45) playing on the field at all times.**
- **No goalie or kicking back.** Players must not deliberately protect the goals with their feet.
- All teams must have an alternative colour top and have matching uniform (shirts / socks). In the event of identical uniforms by two teams scheduled to play, the team listed 2nd on the schedule will be required to wear another colour or use bibs made available by the tournament.
- Once a player has played for one team must remain with that nominated team. However at the request of the team the league director may allow a player to transfer in extenuating circumstances, i.e player is injured and the team would forfeit. The player transfer would be selected from the junior, female or vet in the first instance but not limiting the ability of another team to play.
- Each team must nominate team Capitan

3. Time

- All games will start and end on time. The clock is controlled by a central timer and will start as scheduled.
- Each game is 20 minutes long with NO half time break
- Only a 2-minute change over time between games will be allowed.
- Time will not stop for injury unless it is life threatening.
- Each team has a 2-minute grace period after the stadium clock starts to field their team. If after two minutes the team can not field the minimum number of players required, the game will automatically be a forfeit to the opposing team with a score of 0-3.

4. Points

- Pool matches will result in :-
3 points for a win,
1 point for a tie and
0 points for a loss.

- Final standings will be based on the following criteria.
- Teams will be ranked according to their total number of points.
- Should two or more teams be tied, teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.
- Should two or more teams still be tied, then those teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (Goals for minus goals against). A positive goal difference takes precedence over a negative one.
- If two or more teams are still tied, teams will be ranked according to their respective number of goals scored.
- If two or more teams are still tied with the same number of points, same number of matches won and same goal difference, then the result of the match between those teams will determine the ranking of the teams. The winning team(s) will be ranked higher.
- If still tied, the winner will be decided by a coin toss.

5. Rules of Game

- If the ball hits the feet in front of goal a free hit will be taken as per below.
- If the offence is continually repeated then that player will be given a green card
- Goals can be scored from any location on the field
- Free hits within 5 meters of the goals to be taken 8 meters away from the goals and must be passed away from the direction of the goal in the first action. I.e. can not hit a goal off a free hit or hit and deflected in. All players must be at least 3 m away from the free hit.
- No raised balls, no two handed top of the stick hitting (slap hits ok).
- Raised balls will be at the discretion of the umpire but anything above 100mm or dangerous will be called.
- Shots at goal can be raised but must hit the back board in the goals.
- Normal FIH (2010) rules apply and the general principles of the 2010 Qatar hockey League rules

6. Discipline

- Umpires decisions on the pitch will not be changed.
- Unsocial behaviour will not be tolerated and the individual will be banned from the event if they display un-sportsman like conduct.
- Rough play and bad tackles are discouraged.
- All cards are cleared at the end of each round and not carried forward.

Red card banned from the tournament

Yellow card banned for the next match

Green card warning – 2min

Two greens in one match equals a yellow

- Whole team player arguments with the umpire will be an automatic green card to the whole team. **Captains only can talk to the umpires**
- Protests must be lodged before the start of the next match.
- No technical benches, the umpires to record the events of the match.
- League director judgment is final

7. Welfare

- All players are responsible for their own welfare and the club (VDHC), Al Rayyan Sports Club and Qatar Hockey Federation will not be liable for any personal injury, loss and the like for playing in the league
- Medical Assistance will available

8. Prize

- There will be a Trophy for the winning team.