

**International Youth Field Hockey  
Tournament  
United World Games 2024  
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## Field Hockey Regulations

The United World Games Field Hockey Tournament will be played in accordance with the official rules of the FIH, adopting the newest changes introduced at the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2015, with the addition/exception of the following specifications and adaptations.

### **Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY**

It should be needless to say but we expect fair play from all teams. Please respect your opponents as well as your teammates, the umpires and fans.

## 1. Age Groups & Playing Time

### Boys & Girls:

Category	Cutoff Date	Playing Time
U 16	Born 01.01.2008 or younger	2 x 20 minutes (11 players)

### Exception permits:

Due to different cutoff dates of the various **national Field Hockey Federations**, exceptions may be issued in accordance with our statutory exception rule. As per this rule, a **maximum of 2 players per team** is allowed to **exceed** the **respective age limit** by up to but **no more than 6 months**. These players must be announced to the Organizing Committee and marked on the corresponding Squad List accordingly.

## 2. Squad List & ID Checks

For **each participating team a squad list has to be submitted** to the Organizing Committee (via email to [office@unitedworldgames.com](mailto:office@unitedworldgames.com)), which will be checked, signed and handed out to the respective team representatives upon checking in in Klagenfurt. The coaches are requested to carry the signed squad list, as well as **player's licences or IDs of all athletes with them to all games**. Upon request, every player must be able to verify his or her identity by showing a valid photo ID card. In case of a suspected violation of a cutoff date or the use of an ineligible player, squad list and ID have to be checked in coordination with the referee/venue supervisor. A **violation results in an automatic defeat** for the concerned team.

Generally it is allowed for athletes to play in 2 separate teams, as long as they are not entering the same competition, yet they also have to appear on the respective squad lists of both teams.

Should a club enter one and the same competition with more than one team, they are forbidden to move players between these teams, **athletes may only appear on the squad list of ONE team per competition**.

Additionally, **girls** are allowed to play in **boys categories**. These girls are allowed to **exceed the age limit by up to 1 year**.

## 3. Squad Size & Substitution of Players

The players mentioned in the squad list can be substituted unlimitedly throughout a game. Every substitution has to be announced to the umpire. There is no restriction concerning the squad size.

## 4. Tournament Mode

Group phase with Round Robin followed by Play Offs.

**The ranking in the group stage will be decided by points:**

Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points

**Teams will be ranked according to the following criteria:**

- a) Number of points
- b) Direct duel - In case of two or more teams on equal points, only the matches between these teams will count to determine their ranking, in case of equal points from the games played against each other, the goal difference from these games will be taken into account
- c) If teams have the same goal difference from games played against each other, the number of scored goals in these games will be taken into account
- d) Goal difference in all games
- e) Number of goals scored in all games
- f) Number of wins in all games
- g) The last resort is a decision by drawing lots (computerised random generator)

In case best ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> (etc.) have to be determined, the ranking of said teams will be made by the following criteria:

- Total number of points/Number of games
- Goal difference
- Higher number of scored goals
- Decision by drawing lots (computerised random generator)

## 5. Insurance & Disclaimer

The participants are not insured through the organizers. It is up to the coach of each team to make sure that his/her players and all the participants of the team are insured during the event. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or loss/theft of personal belongings.

With their participation the athletes accept the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the city of Klagenfurt and the province of Carinthia regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure that they are fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

**For all players:** Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

## 6. Disciplinary Remark

Severe offenses and brutal fouls may result in an automatic ban for the next game. In addition, the Tournament Board may speak out a further suspension according to the severity of the offense. In case of a sending-off because of a brawl or insulting the referee, the concerned player will be disqualified for the whole remainder of the tournament.

Furthermore the Tournament Board reserves the right to suspend entire teams from the tournament if they act disrespectful towards referees, officials, coaches, spectators or opponents, or misbehave themselves.

## 7. Final Remark

The organizers of the United World Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader knows all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

**IMPORTANT: In emergencies the emergency number 144 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach, manager or parent/guardian of the affected team must always accompany them.**