

NEWSLETTER 1: MARCH 2022

1. AGE GROUPS 2022

Please note the age groups for 2022 to be adhered to for all SASHOC Events.

Age Group	Born during or after
Under 12	2010 & 2011
Under 13	2009 & 2010
Under 14	2008 & 2009
Under 16	2006 & 2007
Under 18	2004 & 2005

INTER-SCHOOL MATCHES

1. Our recommendation is that no player may play more than one age group above their own.
2. In schools with ONE team only this must be managed by the coach where safety of players MUST be a priority. **(See annexure on next page)**
3. In most regions, Under 19 players (born in 2003) may play in their school open teams.
4. Recommendation (for Inter-School teams in 2022)

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Born in years (only)</u>	<u>Needs indemnity</u>
Under 9	2013 & 2014	u.8
Under 10	2012 & 2013	u.9
Under 11	2011 & 2012	u.10
Under 12	2010 & 2011	u.11
Under 13	2009 & 2010	u.12
Under 14	2008 & 2009	u.13
Under 16	2006 & 2007 & 2008	u.14 & u.15
Under 18	2004 & 2005 & 2006	u.16 & u.17

ANNEXURE

1. Schools with ONE TEAM only must ensure that indemnity forms are signed by the parent and school giving permission that the player may participate outside the recommended age policy guidelines and exonerating liability from the Regional and National structure of SASHOC.

- II. Where there is an exception outside the recommended age policy guidelines the necessary indemnity forms must be signed by the parent and school giving the player permission to compete outside the recommended age policy guidelines and exonerating liability from the Regional and National structure of SASHOC.
- III. U14 Players in primary schools ruling:
 1. Players who turn 14 during the year and are still registered learners at a Primary school may participate in the inter-school games.
 2. With the proviso that the opposing school principals agree that not more than two (2) 14 year olds are allowed to participate.
 3. The safety of the learners should be our main concern and the coaches must monitor this during the game.
- IV. Player participation
 1. No player who plays in the High school league, although U13 years old may participate in Primary school leagues.
 2. This is especially true for Comprehensive schools having grade 1-12 (all the grades) and playing in different school terms.
 3. These Primary School players may participate in U14 trials High School in their Region/Province.
 4. No player may play in two representative SASHOC national/regional events in the same year.

2. EVENTS 2022

National Events, HP camps and SA camp and matches:

There will be High Performance Camps immediately after the Under 18 & Under 16 (boys and girls) events in July. These camps will take place in Stellenbosch. Final arrangements will be forwarded to all regions.

Age group	Venue		Dates
U18 Boys and Girls	Stellenbosch	Register	Saturday 25 June
		Play	Sunday 26 June – Friday 1 July
U17 HP camp B&G			Friday 1 July – Monday 4 July
		Depart	Tuesday 5 July
U13 Boys and Girls	Stellenbosch	Register	Saturday 2 July
		Play	Sunday 3 July – Wednesday 6 July
U18 SA teams B&G	Stellenbosch	Arrive	Thursday 7 July
		Camp	Thursday 7 July – Tuesday 12 July
		Matches	Sunday 10 July – Tuesday 12 July
U16 Boys and Girls	Stellenbosch	Register	Thursday 7 July
		Play	Friday 8 July - Wednesday 13 July
U16 HP camp B&G			Wednesday 13 July – Saturday 16 July
		Depart	Sunday 17 July

2022 National Event entries

Entries for the 2022 National Events are determined from the placings at the 2019 events which are as follows:

	Boys U13	Girls U13	Boys U16	Boys U18	Girls U16	Girls U18
1	KZN Coastals	SFS	KZN Coastals A	WP A	KZN Coastals A	N Blues A
2	Gauteng	Gauteng	WP A	KZN Inland A	SFS A	SFS A
3	Amathole	KZN Coastals	Gauteng A	Boland A	EP A	S Gauteng A
4	WP	WP	WP B	KZN Coastals A	S Gauteng A	EP A
5	EP	EP	KZN Inland A	S Gauteng A	WP A	KZN Inland A
6	KZN Inland	KZN Inland	EP A	KZN Inland B	EP B	KZN Coastals A
7	N Blues	Mpumalanga	Boland A	SFS	Amathole A	WP A
8	North West	N West	KZN Inland B	WP B	N Blues A	Boland A
9	Eden	N Blues	S Gauteng B	EP A	Boland A	Amathole A
10	Boland	Amathole	SFS	KZN Coastals B	S Gauteng B	Boland B
11	Limpopo	Limpopo	Amathole A	Amathole A	Mpumalanga A	NFS A
12	SFS	E Gauteng	N Blues A	S Gauteng B	Boland B	Mpumalanga
13	N Cape	Boland	KZN Coastals B	Boland B	KZN Inland A	S Gauteng B
14	Mpumalanga	NFS	N Blues B	N Blues A	WP B	EP B
15	E Gauteng	Eden	EP B	Mpumalanga	Limpopo	WP B
16	NFS	N Cape	Boland B	N Blues B	N Blues B	N Cape

17		Mpumalanga	Amathole B	KZN Coastals B	KZN Coastals B
18		Eden	Eden	SFS B	E Gauteng
19		N West	N Cape	E Gauteng	SFS B
20		N Cape	E Gauteng	N Cape	N West
21		NFS	Limpopo	NFS	Limpopo
22		Limpopo	NFS	N West	N Blues B
23		E Gauteng	N West	Eden	Amathole B
24		Amathole B	SFS B	Amathole B	Eden

All provinces/regions must confirm these entries by emailing a reply to waynemarsden50@gmail.com by 30 March 2022.

Further details of these events and all regional events will be sent out in a newsletter by Wayne Marsden (Exco member in charge of events) Also, please make sure your managers are kept informed of everything pertaining to events (National and Regional).

Please note that

1. No player may play in more than one SASHOC event.
2. No player may play in a Provincial team and a Regional team.
3. No player may play in more than one age group (provincial/regional)
4. Teams flying to an event MUST sort out their own transport to and from fields/accommodation.
5. TRANSFORMATION: The Council Meeting in October 2019 endorsed the transformation policy as from 2020. All teams attending National Events (Under 18 and Under 16 Boys and Girls) and Regional Events (Under 18, Under 16 and U14 Boys and Girls) must have **EIGHT (8) persons of colour** in a team of 16 players. **(SEVEN (7) out of 14 players at Under 13 National or Regional Events).**

6. COVID-19 COMPLIANCE

All participants must observe all the protocols as laid out in the rules for SASHOC "Return to play" conditions. These will be forwarded to all National and Regional officials as soon as they are ratified.

7. Code of conduct for our players:
Medication must be checked for banned substances by your doctor or chemist. The onus is on the player to inform the manager of any medication that the player is taking during the time of the event.
8. Clause 3.1 was added to our constitution in October 2016:
SASHOC supports the playing of sport in South Africa free of performance-enhancing drugs. In all matches played at schools (Under 18 and below) as well as any events under the auspices of SASHOC, any medication taken by players must not be banned substances.
9. **No region may send a team to a Regional Event if no team is sent to a National Event.**

FOREIGN NATIONALS

1. Foreign Nationals may play in Provincial/Regional teams BUT ARE NOT be included as players of colour in these teams.
2. ONLY South African Nationals will be considered for National Under 18 or Under 16 teams as per SA Transformation policy.

HOCKEY FIVES

SASHOC will be holding its first ever National Hockey Fives Event in the September/October school holidays this year. The format (age group/s, regional or provincial teams, etc.) will be published at a later stage. The venue will also be confirmed as soon as possible.

INDOOR HOCKEY

SASHOC will be holding its first ever National Indoor Hockey Event in the December school holidays this year. The format (age groups, regional or provincial teams, etc) will be published at a later stage. The venue will also be confirmed as soon as possible.

3. RULES AND TECHNICAL

All teams entered for an event **MUST** be accompanied by an umpire. For National Events, these umpires need to be nominated as criteria apply.

(REMINDER) In 2019 some new Hockey Rule Interpretations were established by the FIH. The **SAHA Rules and Technical Committee** and **SASHOC Rules and Technical Committee** highlighted the following compulsory interpretations for the 2019 season and beyond.

- I. Regarding the new “**chukka**” rule, SASHOC has agreed to the following resolutions:

The format for the national events will be as follows:

- Chukkas will be 15 minutes long.
- The break period between chukka 1 and 2 will be 2 minutes.
- The break period between chukka 2 and 3 will be 5 minutes.
- The break period between chukka 3 and 4 will be 2 minutes.
- Time will not be stopped for penalty corners.

Time will be followed rigidly. When a break is over, the whistle will be blown, and time will start. The team taking the hit may begin play, regardless of whether the opposition is ready.

II. Regarding **removal of the option of a team playing with a player with goalkeeping privileges** rule: SASHOC agreed to the following resolutions:

Teams have now two options: they may choose to play with a goalkeeper who wears full protective equipment comprising at least headgear, leg guards and kickers and who is also permitted to wear goalkeeping hand protectors and other protective equipment, or they play with only field players.

III. Regarding **defending a free hit within the 5m area** rule:

It has now been made clear that players other than the attacker taking the free hit must be at least five metres away, including when they are in their own circle. They must make a concerted effort to quickly move into an acceptable position. If the attacker however chooses to take the free hit immediately, then defenders who are inside the circle and within five meters from the ball may shadow the inside of the circle as per the explanation of the rule before 2019.

IV. Regarding **defensive free hits inside the circle** rule:

As in Indoor Hockey, a defender may now take a free hit awarded in the circle anywhere inside the circle, or up to 15 meters from the back-line in line with the location of the offence, parallel to the side-line.

V. Regarding the new **completion of the penalty corner** rule, SASHOC has agreed to the following resolutions:

Rule 13.6 that described the completion of a penalty corner for substitution purposes and for a penalty corner at the end of a period, has been deleted. The option that a penalty corner is completed when the ball travels outside the circle for the second time, no longer exists.

A penalty corner is completed when the ball travels 5 metres outside the circle and all other situations detailed in rule 13.5 of the 2019 FIH rule book.

These amendments came **into effect in 2019**.

Please note:

Our R&T portfolio holders do attempt to get umpires of the required standard to our events, every region sending a team to National Events must nominate suitably qualified umpires. There have been problems in the Under 16 and Under 18 National Events where not enough umpires were nominated. Thanks to all those regions who have dealt with this so efficiently.

Please note that not all nominated umpires will be appointed, BUT regions who do not nominate umpires will be subject to a fine of R1500 (to be paid by the region not nominating an umpire). Regions must also take responsibility for the coaching of umpires as they prepare for our events in July.

4. REGIONAL SET-UP (Reminder)

All Regions must check that their own house is in order. Schools in regions must get more involved and on their committees. Regional committees must be properly constituted – Boys, Girls and Primary sub-committees and a combined committee of all three (all affiliated to Senior Regional Federation). There must be at least a chairperson, a secretary, and portfolio representatives for Rules & Technical and High Performance. If funds are held by this combined committee, a treasurer would be essential. This combined committee must have at least the chairs of Boys, Girls and Primary sub-committees.

Committees must make objective decisions on coaches, managers and selectors. Use outsiders, where possible, especially as selectors. Note: *There have been problems with selections in regions/provinces. Don't forget experienced people (knowledgeable about the modern game) in your region.*

ALL REGIONS MUST SUBMIT A REGIONAL REPORT BEFORE THE AGM IN OCTOBER 2022.

5. WINTER GAMES

Winter Games for U14 Boys & Girls will be held during the June holidays in 2022. This will be organised by the Department of Sport and Recreation. Teams need to be selected as per Provincial demarcation determined by SA Government. Team size 15 players, manager, coach and umpire. Transformation 8:7 either way.

6. AWARDS

Regions/Provinces are encouraged identify persons in their regions to award Meritorious Service awards at Provincial and Regional levels so that those who have done exceptional service at regional level can be recognised.

Meritorious service mainly in their Region/Province.

Any person who has done amazing service within **Regions/Provinces** for more than (or close to) 20 years.

AND/OR

Meritorious service – National.

Any person who has done consistent service at **NATIONAL** level for 10 or more years (Executive/Mancos, Selector, National Under 18 Coach or Manager, Technical Officials (Umpiring, etc.).

These will be awarded during the AGM in October 2022. Please note we hope that we will not miss anyone who deserves it. So we need the help of Regional/Provincial committees, etc.

Please send your nominations by email to Mari Schnehage (mari@sashoc.co.za) and Wendell Domingo (wendell@sashoc.co.za) by 31 August 2022.