

## Development Division

The Development Division has been introduced to allow clubs to develop their young players, to encourage former players to return to the game and to generally give players who want to play competitive hockey, the opportunity to play in league conditions. However, participation is the key word

The idea is to get teams ready to enter the South Wales League giving them a season of flexible competitive hockey.

With this in mind, the division will not offer promotion at the end of the season as any team in the development division can apply to enter the South Wales League at that time. A divisional table will not be used but a results matrix will be published on the SW website

In addition to the SWL Rules, a number of rules specific to the Development Division will be introduced

- There will be unrestricted use of players in development teams  
Players from a clubs higher league teams can play in the Development team
- REMEMBER though the principles of this division, clubs constantly using players from their higher league teams will be highlighted and 'named and shamed'  
The SW League will react strongly if any club abuses the main principle of the Development division
- WHU affiliated players can be used by any club  
If one team arrives to play but only has 9 players and their opposition has more than 11 players, then the players can play for the team that is short of players.  
Also, if say a team knows that they are going to be short of players for a specific match, they can use players from another club for that particular match
- Each team should provide an umpire
- Each team must play with a fully kitted Goalkeeper
- No games will be conceded. The fixture dates have been organised so that all games will be played, playing is the main reason for this division

The Player of the Match will operate in this division.

- 🏆 There will be a trophy for the League Player of the Year for the Development Division
- 🏆 There will also be a trophy for the JUNIOR League Player of the Year for this Division
- 🏆 The team sheet will be adapted to include the JUNIOR Player of the match

## SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT

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