

SWWL RULES GUIDANCE

2017/2018

REARRANGMENTS

- If two teams agree to rearrange then they can. However, if one team says NO then that's that
- There have been a number of disputes between clubs when a match has been rearranged and the HOME club has been charged for pitch hire when the AWAY team has requested the rearrangement. The charges for hiring pitches vary from pitch to pitch but the cancellation period varies greatly from eight weeks' notice to the night before the match is due to be played. Please bear this in mind when you request a rearrangement, you may be charged for the cancelled pitch.

When confirming the details of the match, the deadline for postponing the game without being charged for pitch hire must be discussed and whether a charge for pitch hire will be forwarded to your opponents if they postpone after that deadline

Please ensure that you discuss this aspect when you confirm the match. An email will ensure that there is no misunderstanding

- Similarly, an AWAY club may travel to a match and when they arrive, the pitch or conditions do not allow the match to be played. In some circumstances, the HOME club would be expected to contribute to their opponents travelling expenses.

AFFILIATION

- Players and **UMPIRES** affiliations will be spot checked throughout the season

ELIGIBILITY

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- Some teams took advantage of a similar rule last season so the SWWL will now monitor the use of players by multi team clubs.
- This will include the so called 'floating' players who are not named in any squad

UMPIRES AND UMPIRING

PARTLY QUALIFIED UMPIRES

**Partly qualified umpires may be used in Division 3 and 4 ONLY
They can only be used in a match where the other umpire is fully qualified**

If both teams want to use partly qualified umpires, then the HOME team MUST provide the fully qualified umpire allowing the away team to use the partly qualified umpire

Teams wishing to use a partly qualified umpire must inform Chloe McCall FIVE days before the scheduled match date.

The details will be recorded and Chloe will address any disputes

THE USE OF PARTLY QUALIFIED UMPIRES IS RESTRICTED TO DIVISION 3 AND 4 ONLY.

- **PARTLY QUALIFIED UMPIRES**

The new rule above allowing partly qualified umpires in Divisions 3 and 4 ONLY has been introduced to give potential umpires these particular games to gain experience before they are assessed.

- By knowing the names of the partly qualified umpires in advance, Chloe may be able to arrange assessors to be present where appropriate

QUALIFICATION

- Umpire **QUALIFICATIONS** will **ALL** be checked

ENGLAND UMPIRING QUALIFICATIONS

- Please tell us if you plan to use an umpire with an **ENGLISH** qualification before you use them so we can check their qualification.
- England Hockey have different criteria for their qualifications so someone may have an England qualification type which is not necessarily a qualification accepted by the SWWL

PROVIDING TWO UMPIRES AT A HOME MATCH

- There have been an increasing number of complaints where a HOME club has offered to provide two umpires at their HOME match with the condition that when they travel to their opponents, their opponents would then provide two umpires.
- If one of the clubs is then unable to provide two umpires when they play at home, in the past, the South Wales Women's League would not have become involved in the dispute as none of its rules have been broken.
- However, after consideration, providing both clubs have agreed to such an arrangement and this agreement has been confirmed by both clubs, in writing, before the matches, the club who then is unable to provide two umpires when they play at home will NOT be awarded the game.
The game will be rearranged until that club can provide TWO umpires as they had previously agreed
- This has been reconsidered because of a few teams taking advantage of their opponents and claiming points

APPOINTED UMPIRES - TRAVELLING EXPENSES

- Any umpire appointed by the SWWL is able to claim their travelling expenses.
- All appointed umpires must keep a note of their travelling expenses (mileage)
- All claims must be submitted to Jane Price before the required dates (claims received after these will not be paid)