



Development Division

Rules and Guidance

2018/2019

The Development Division was 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.

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

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 Women's League at that time.

The division, however, will operate as a friendly league with points being awarded but only as a further feature to the whole competition experience for the teams

Results will be published on the SWWL website and a divisional table will be produced

This season the division remains as two sub divisions, South West and South Central. (In addition, teams can obviously play against teams in the other sub division if they choose to do so)

In addition to the SWWL Rules, there are several rules specific to the Development Division only

- There will be unrestricted use of players in development teams
- Hockey Wales 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 match
- Players from any of a club's 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'

- For the purposes of the development division **ONLY**, the game will be played as **FOUR quarters, each of 15 minutes**. The purpose of this is to allow more coaching time for players
- Each team should provide an umpire
- The Rules of Hockey say that TWO umpires must be used at a match
- Each team must play with a fully kitted Goalkeeper
- A $\frac{3}{4}$ sized pitch may be used in the Development Division ONLY
- 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
- Results must be texted to Jen Barton on 07889267182 by 6pm on the Sunday
- Team sheets must be completed and sent to Jude Evans within 7 days of the match being played
- The Player of the Match scheme will operate in this division.
- 🏆 There will be a trophy for the overall League Player of the Year and a trophy for the JUNIOR League Player of the Year for the Development Division

The SWW League will penalise any club who abuses the main principles of the Development division

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