

Format U8's – Joey's



Teams

Each team may have seven (7) to ten (10) players.

There are seven (7) field players, permitted on the pitch at any one time.

No goalkeepers in gear.

Kicking backs are not allowed.

The remaining players are interchange substitutes, all players must have equal time.

Teams can be a mixture of each gender.

Duration

Two (2) periods of twenty (20) minutes each with interval of five (5) minutes.

Rules Synopsis

All rules are to be the same as the 2016 FIH Rules of Hockey EXCEPT

- * The ball cannot be raised above shin pad height in play
- * No reverse side hits known as "tomahawks".

There will be NO penalty corners at U8s.

* If the ball hits a defending foot in the circle it will be a side line ball or free hit outside of the circle.

- * The ball must be passed first before entering the circle.

Umpires

Joey's shall be controlled by one or two umpires. This can be an umpire, a parent or coach.

An instructing umpire is a coach, parent or qualified umpire who can assist players on the field. An instructing umpire must have a basic understanding of the game and Rules of Hockey.

Field Dimensions – played on ¼ field

Length - 55 metres

Width – 22.9 metres

Circle - 8m radius

Player Equipment and Clothing

It is essential that shin-pads and mouth-guards are worn by all field players at all times.

No players shall wear any equipment that may be dangerous to themselves or other players. This includes no jewellery, baseball caps with a stiffened peak and / or any sharp object

The use of appropriate footwear for the playing surface (trainers or turf shoes)

Coaching Guidelines

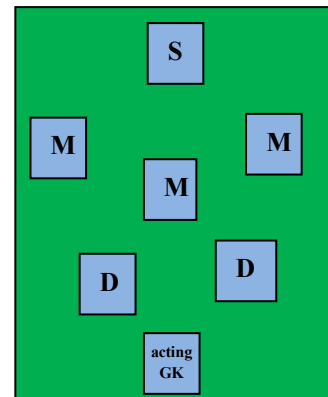
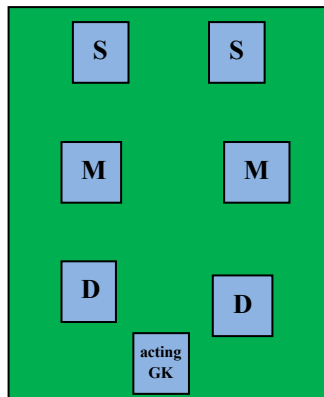
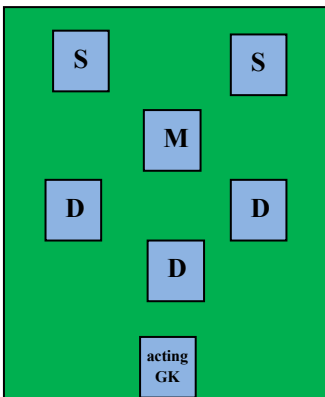
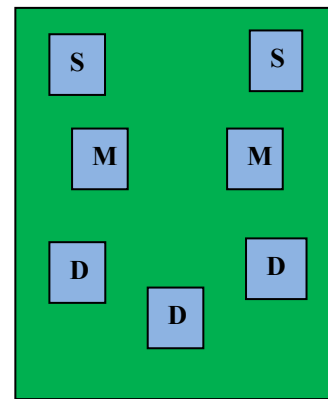
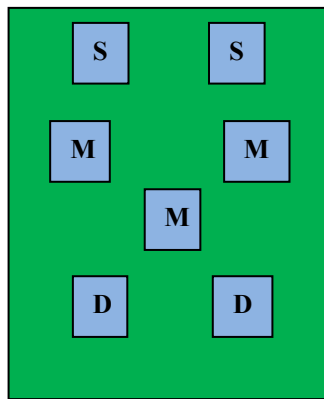
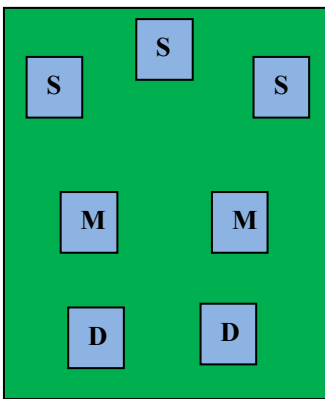
To help support coaches of junior teams here are a few tips to assist when coaching a Junior Modified Hockey team!!

- * Make it FUN!!
- * Take the emphasis off winning and ensure the players have a positive experience.
- * Keep it simple!!
- * Remember you are a role model for the players, respect the umpires, parents and other players at all times.
- * Use positive language with the players and officials.

Rotation, Positions and Formation

It is important to focus on the development of every player in all positions. Hockey NSW recommends that players are rotated in every position to ensure they can learn the different skills needed in modern day hockey. Ensure rotation is equal with all players.

Suggested formats are:

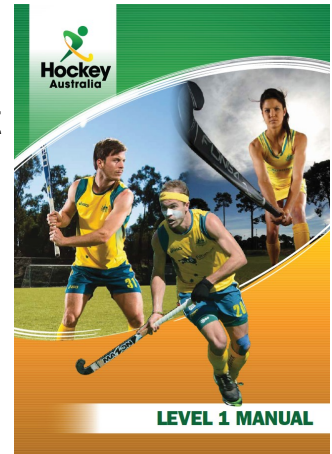


S = Striker M = Midfield D = Defender

Acting GK = may have a player in the Goalkeeping position without gear to defend goal

Technical Training and Core Skills

It is vital that junior players are being taught the correct techniques at an early age. As coaches we must ensure our players are taught the correct core skills of Hockey. Hockey Australia has developed a user friendly Level 1 coaching manual that can assist you in ensuring players are taught the right techniques.



As a coach it is important to correct poor technique before it becomes a habit, visit the Hockey Australia www.hockey.org.au and Aussie Hockey website for videos and resources that can assist you coaching www.aussiehockey.com.au

To support Stick2Hockey, Hockey NSW has developed an easy to use coaching program that helps coaches make hockey fun and easy to learn for young players.

If you would like to purchase a copy please email

gamedevelopment@hockeynsw.com.au
For help with coaching practices and safety within sport check out the Play by the Rules website www.playbytherules.net.au and the Australian Sports Commission's coaching page <http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/coaches>



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