

HOCKEY

ENTRY FEE

- 1.1 The entry fee for the 2009/2010 ULU Inter-Collegiate League Season shall be determined by ULU and ratified by ICSC at the beginning of the academic year.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- 2.1 The League shall abide by the current England Hockey (www.englishockey.co.uk) and FIH Rules of Hockey
- 2.2 All teams will play each team in their respective divisions once over the course of the season.
- 2.3 3 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw, and no points for losing a match.
- 2.4 If a match is forfeited by a team the other side will be awarded the League points plus a 6 - 0 walkover score and the offending team penalized 3 points.
- 2.5 At the Season's conclusion, League standings will be determined by points, then goal difference, then goals scored and finally by the results of the fixtures between the relevant sides. If sides are still level, ULU will make a decision and communicate to the relevant parties. Teams have the right to Appeal in accordance with the Appeals & Disciplinary Procedure.
- 2.6 The highest placed team in each division at the end of the season shall be promoted to the next higher division subject to the proviso that no reserve team may play in the Premier Division. In the event that a reserve team is placed at the top of the First Division, the next highest placed side that is eligible shall be promoted. The bottom placed team in each division at the end of the season shall be relegated to the division below.
- 2.7 All League matches shall be played on a Wednesday and all Cup matches shall be played on a Sunday.
- 2.8 In addition to the league competition, ULU will also run a series of knockout tournaments.
- 2.9 All first teams shall be eligible to enter the Challenge Cup and all reserve teams shall be eligible to enter the Reserves' Cup.
 - 2.1.1 The teams that finished in the top four places in the league in the previous season will be seeded in the Challenge Cup Competition.
 - 2.1.2 The 4 semi-finalists from the previous season's Reserves' Cup competition will be seeded.
 - 2.1.3 All league rules apply in addition to regulations 6.1 & 6.2.
- 2.10 Where there is no other method of completing the entire league programme, a cup match may be played as a double header, representing both league and cup fixtures.
 - 2.10.1 In the event of the score being level at full time, the result shall stand as a draw for the purposes of the league fixture. In order to determine the winner, normal cup regulations shall apply.

CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- 3.1 Play may not commence if either team consists of fewer than seven players.
- 3.2 Matches will be 35 minutes each way unless otherwise agreed prior to the match. Matches may be reduced to a minimum of 25 minutes each way by mutual written agreement between both teams and the umpire.
- 3.3 All matches must be played on Astro turf.

MATCH OFFICIALS

- 4.1 The Home Team is responsible for ensuring that two umpires are provided. Umpires must be qualified and should be neutral.
- 4.1.1 In cases where there is one or more umpires missing, the game may only go ahead with written agreement from both captains regarding 'replacement' umpires.

SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

- 5.1 **Home team** will be responsible for entering all of their ULU League and cup results into the on-line results system within 48hrs of each completed fixture. **Failure to do this will result in a 1 match penalty point deduction being imposed against the home team.**

CUP COMPETITIONS

- 6.1 In early rounds, if at the end of normal time the score is level then penalty flicks shall determine the result following FIH Rules, Appendix F. **No extra time shall be played.**
- 6.2 In the semi-finals and final, if at the end of normal time the score is level then extra time will be played. A coin will be tossed to determine ends, and extra time will proceed to comprise two periods of 7 1/2 minutes, with the teams changing ends after the first Period. If at the end of extra time the score is level, then penalty flicks shall determine the result following FIH Rules, Appendix F.