



# National Roller Hockey Association of England



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## National Competition Rules

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## Article 1. Competitions

1.1 All competitions organised in England are subject to these rules and all matches must be played in accordance with the CIRH Rules of the Game, except as provided for herein.

- (a) In the event of a conflict between these Rules and the CIRH Rules of the Game, these rules shall prevail.

1.2 Each season the NRHA shall organise;

- (a) National League Cup: Senior Men
- (b) National Leagues: Senior Men
- (c) National Championships: Ladies, Under 20's, 17's, 15's and 13's and 11's
- (d) National Cups: Senior Men, Ladies, Under 20's, 17's, 15's, 13's and 11's
- (e) Lennards Cup: Senior Men
- (f) Peter Wimble Cup: Veteran's
- (g) Inter-Regional Championships – Ladies, Under 20's, 17's, 15's, 13's, and 11's

1.3 The points system and rules for determining placings for all competitions, excluding elimination cups, shall be per the CIRH Rules of the Game, which includes;

- (a) Win - 3 Points
- (b) Draw - 1 Point
- (c) Lose - 0 Points

## Article 2. Rules of Entry

2.1 Each season entry forms and a schedule of fees shall be sent to NRHA affiliated Clubs and Regions by the NRHA General Secretary.

2.2 Affiliates seeking entry to competitions must ensure their fully completed applications are received by the NRHA General Secretary on the prescribed form, with the appropriate fees, before 1 August each year.

2.3 Applications will be rejected if they are incomplete or otherwise fail to meet NRHA requirements.

2.4 All applicants will be notified of inclusion or otherwise, including the competition draw and dates, by 15 August each year.

2.5 In the interest of ensuring competitions take place, the NRHA Executive may at its sole discretion solicit and accept late entries to competitions.

### Article 3. Venues

3.1 In accordance with Bye-Law 4.0, the NRHA Executive Committee shall maintain a list of Registered Rinks and no Affiliate or Licensed Player may contest any match on a rink not on this list.

- (a) Participation in matches not on the list of Registered Rinks shall result in immediate loss of competition points for all participants and referral by the Competitions Director of the match host for further disciplinary action.

3.2 Affiliates hosting matches or tournaments are responsible for ensuring the rink is available for the competition, paid for and on the NRHA Registered Rinks list: including correct markings, goal cages, protective netting, suitable time clock/scoreboard.

3.3 Affiliates must advise the NRHA of any local rulings (e.g. wheels, toe stops which may mark the floor) at the time of application to compete in a competition or as advised by the venue, whichever is the soonest.

### Article 4. Players & Coaches

4.1 NRHA competitions are open only to NRHA Licensed Players that represent NRHA Affiliates, and international teams invited to participate in accordance with CIRH Rules.

4.2 Additional Players may be added to a team at anytime during a competition, so long as they are members of the Affiliate they represent, or qualify under the transfer rules of the NRHA, when they contest a match.

4.3 Any player named on a Match Sheet in a competition is thereafter 'tied' to that team and may play only for that team for the remainder of that competition.

- (a) In accordance with Bye-Law 6.0, the NRHA Executive Committee may allow mid-competition inter-club transfers of players in exceptional circumstances.

4.4 No player or coach may have their name entered on any Match Sheet or participate in any match without having first presented their Registration Card to the match referee/s, prior to commencement of the match, whom shall be responsible for ensuring all registrations are current and cards have a recent photo affixed.

- (a) In extraordinary circumstances, the NRHA General Secretary may issue a temporary written clearance (i.e. email is acceptable), which shall last no more than 7 days, for a player without a Registration Card to participate in matches. In such situations, a copy of the clearance must be affixed to Match Sheet on which the players name is entered.

### Article 5. Teams

5.1 Teams must present themselves for a match with a minimum of five (5) players, one of which must be a goalkeeper. Where the teams list names ten (10) players, this number must include two (2) goalkeepers.

5.2 In exceptional cases, the referee at their discretion may commence a match where a team has only four (4) players. In this case, one of the players must be equipped and act as a goalkeeper.

### Article 6. Team Uniforms

6.1 During a match, players must wear identical shirts, shorts and socks in the colours of the team they represent, with the exception of the goalkeeper whose shirt must be a different colour from the ones of all other players.

6.2 All Shirts must display identification numbers, which may range from 1 to 99 with the numbers 1, 10, 20 and further multiples of 10 being exclusively used by goalkeepers.

6.3 Should, in the opinion of the match referee, the uniforms of opposing teams clash in colour, the Away team shall always be required to change.

- (a) For the avoidance of doubt, the Away team shall be the team mentioned second on the schedule.

6.4 Any player not complying with Article 6 must be excluded from the game by the referee until such time as they are correctly attired.

## **Article 7. Matches**

7.1 The organisation and administration of matches shall in all cases be the responsibility of the Host team.

7.2 Matches shall be held at the venue, date and time advised to the NRHA prior to the commencement of the competition on the prescribed paperwork and advised in the competition draw, unless written notice to the contrary is issued by the NRHA.

7.3 The 15 minutes 'grace' period provided for within the International Rules of the Game shall only be applicable for the first match of a tournament and for Home & Away leagues.

## **Article 8. Match Balls**

8.1 The match/tournament Host must supply regulation roller hockey balls for the match.

8.2 The match ball must be returned to the referee at half time and again at full-time in each match.

- (a) In the event that a match ball is not returned at the end of a match, the Away team shall be responsible for its replacement.

## **Article 9. Match Report Forms & Notification Of Results**

9.1 Official NRHA Match Report Forms must be used for all matches,

- (a) The Home team's name must be entered in the left most space provided for it on the form.

9.2 So that press, website and other 'need-to-know' media can be informed quickly of results and to maintain accurate records, upon conclusion of the match it is the responsibility of the Match Host to;

- (a) SMS the result to the following numbers – 07879 843655 (V Conroy) or 07946 709273 (G Morrison) within 2 hours of the conclusion of the match
- (b) Post the completed original Match Report Sheet within 4 days of the conclusion of the match to the NRHA Competitions Director Val Conroy, 1 Lombardy Road, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1LQ.

9.3 Failure to observe these rules shall result in the Home Team / Match Host being penalised with;

- (a) Their forfeit of each affected match
- (b) Deduction of three (3) competition points
- (c) A fine of £50 deducted immediately from their competition bond

## **Article 10. Expenses**

10.1 The Host Affiliate is responsible for all costs, including but not limited to rink hire, but is not responsible for the expenses of Away teams or their officials, excluding in the event of their forfeit.

10.2 Unless advised otherwise in writing, the NRHA shall not pay traveling expenses to match officials or teams competing in competitions.

## Article 11. Officials

11.1 All Matches shall be presided over by 2 Referees

11.2 Only Referees with NRHA accreditation may officiate in competitions, with minimum required levels being;

- (a) National League Cup - Level 2
- (b) National Leagues
  - (i) Premier League - Level 3
  - (ii) Division 1 - Level 3
  - (iii) Division 2 - Level 2
- (c) National Championships
  - (i) Ladies - Level 3
  - (ii) Under 20's - Level 3
  - (iii) Under 17's - Level 3
  - (iv) Under 15s - Level 2
  - (v) Under 13's - Level 2
- (d) National Cups - Level 2
- (e) Lennards Cup - Level 3
- (f) Peter Wimble Cup - Level 2
- (g) Regional Competitions - As Determined by the Region

11.3 In the event that at least one Timekeeper fails to be available to assist the Referee for the period of the match, the Home/Host Team shall forfeit the match.

## Article 12. Match Formalities, Punctuality & Non Attendance



12.1 Representatives of both teams, home and away, must report to the match timekeeper with their registrations cards and team lists at least 15 minutes before the advertised time of their match.

12.2 Failure of a team to take the floor on time, declared at the discretion of the referee, will result in;

- (a) Forfeiture of the match
- (b) Deduction of three (3) additional competition points
- (c) A fine of £50, deducted immediately from their competition bond

12.3 Failure of a team to keep an engagement shall result in;

- (a) Forfeiture of the effected matches
- (b) Deduction of three (3) additional competition points per affected match
- (c) A fine of £100, deducted immediately from their competition bond

12.4 Withdrawal from a competition without providing at least 21 days written notice to opponents and the Competitions & Officials Director, shall result in;

- (a) A fine of £200, deducted immediately from their competition bond

12.5 In addition to fines, a defaulting team shall be responsible for meeting the out of pocket expenses of their opponents in connection with their default.

- (a) These out of pocket expenses will be paid to the NRHA, who will reimburse their opponents.

12.6 In order to change a fixture, an affiliate must make a written request, that includes proposed alternative arrangements, to the Competitions & Officials Director, whom after due consideration shall respond in writing.

- (a) No request shall be deemed approved unless the Competitions & Officials Director provides written approval.
- (b) A team having a CERH or CERS cup match or more than one player involved in a National team fixture will have the right to a re-arrangement of any NRHA fixture which conflicts with that obligation, but must still make written application to the Competitions & Officials Director in a timely manner.

12.7 A team that forfeits a fixture shall;

- (a) Home & Away competition (such as Premier): have a score of 10-0 recorded against it.
- (b) Tournament based competition (such as Div 1): have a score equal to the highest score of the round recorded against it, or 10-0 which ever is greater.
- (c) Face immediate expulsion from the competition in the event of a further offence that season, with all their matches being expunged from the record, as well as being subject to further disciplinary action.

## **Article 13. Protests & Complaints**

13.1 Matches will not be played "under protest".

13.2 If a team wishes to protest a matter regarding the conditions of a match, it must raise the matter with the referee before the match commences and the referee will decide to put matter right or not; the referee's decision is final.

- (a) Should a team refuse to play after the referee has made a decision then the match will be abandoned by the referee and the NRHA will consider the team that refused to play as defaulting through non-attendance.

13.3 Should a team wish to protest following a match, it may do so through the NRHA Complaints and Appeals procedure.

- (a) Protests or complaints may not be written on match report sheets.

13.4 Affiliates may lodge a protest regarding the conduct of match officials by notifying the NRHA Competitions & Officials Director in writing, whom shall then review, investigate and act upon the matter.

13.5 All Protests and Complaints must be in writing and include;

- (a) A specific accusation
- (b) A request detailing the judgment sought
- (c) Witness statements
- (d) Other evidence, including but not limited to videos, photos, receipts, emails, letters etc, that may support the claim

## **Article 14. Discipline & Disputes**

14.1 Should a player or team official receive a red card in a match, including through accumulation of yellow and/or blue cards, the;

- (a) Player/Team official will immediately be suspended for the next match of that competition
- (b) Referee shall submit a written report on the prescribed form (see Appendix A) to the NRHA Director of Officials with 24 hours of the incident (i.e. emailing the form is acceptable)
- (c) NRHA Competitions Director shall consider if the incident warrants further action

14.2 Having considered a Referees report, the NRHA Competitions Director;

- (a) May impose an additional penalty or refer the matter to the Disciplines & Disputes Committee for further consideration.
- (b) Must write to the Player/Team Official within 7 days of the initial offence, copying their Club and Region, advising the penalty, or if they have referred the matter to the Disciplines & Disputes Committee.

14.3 The Disciplines and Disputes Committee will have as its members the Competitions Director (who shall also act as Chairperson), Officials Director and the Coaching Director, and upon being convened by the Competitions Director the committee will;

- (a) Consider the Referees report of an incident and/or any other available written evidence, including but not limited to videos, photos, receipts, emails, letters and statements from witnesses and the accused,

14.4 Make a determination on the matter, including application of a further suspension and/or fines.

14.5 Advise the Player/Team Official, plus their Club and Region, within 21 days of the initial reported offence of their decision and any further action they have determined.

14.6 Those affected by the decision of the Disciplines and Disputes Committee or the NRHA Competitions Director may appeal to the NRHA Executive Committee through the Procedures defined in the NRHA Bye-laws.

14.7 Suspensions that are the subject of an appeal may be carried forward to the following season's competition and may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the NRHA Executive.

14.8 Any Player or Team Official that does not immediately serve a suspension shall cause their team to concede each match they then participate in as a forfeit, with that team subject to all additional penalties associated with Forfeits, and be subject to further disciplinary action.

## **Article 15. Disciplinary Points System**

15.1 Each NRHA competition shall have a 'Disciplinary points' system, which shall be calculated on the highest card received by each individual in a match, and:

- (a) Points will be applied as follows;
  - (i) Red Card – 5 Points
  - (ii) Blue Card – 3 Points
  - (iii) Yellow Card – 1 Point
- (b) Suspension from the next match of the competition will be automatic when 15 points are accumulated, and for every additional 10 points accumulated there after.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, at the commencement of each new season each player shall have their competition Disciplinary Points reset to 0, but all un-served suspensions from the previous season carry over to the following season.

## **Article 16. Trophies**

16.1 "National Roller Hockey Association Cups" and other perpetual trophies shall remain the property of the NRHA.

16.2 At the conclusion of each tournament or league and after the trophy has been presented to the winners, the captain of the team, or an officer of his club, will be required to sign the NRHA trophy register.

16.3 The trophies are insured by the NRHA, but it is the responsibility of the Club of the winning Team to insure against loss, damage and to return them in good condition, on demand, to the Competitions & Officials Director of the NRHA.

16.4 The holder of a perpetual trophy is responsible for engraving it. This engraving must be of high quality and follow the style of the engraving of the names of previous holders.

## **Article 17. National Senior League**

17.1 Senior Teams representing NRHA Affiliated Clubs are eligible to enter the National Senior League.

- (a) The NRHA Executive may choose to allow the England Ladies team to participate in the competition and in such a case the players that make up this team shall remain entitled to participate with their registered clubs in other divisions of the competition, but not in the same division as the England Ladies team is competing.

17.2 The competition is open to Players eligible to compete under the NRHA's Senior Grade.

17.3 Matches shall be held on either Saturdays or Sundays and must be scheduled as follows;

- (a) Saturdays - Start no earlier than 09:00 and finish no later than 21:00
- (b) Sundays - Start no earlier than 09:00 and finish no later than 18:00

These timings can be altered at the discretion of the Competitions Director in consultation with the Executive Committee.

17.4 The League shall consist of;

- (a) Premier Division
- (b) Division One
- (c) Further additional divisions as deemed appropriate by the Competitions Director

17.5 Premier League

- (a) The competition, shall be contested by (a minimum of) the best eight (8) to a maximum of ten (10) Teams in England on a Home and Away basis, with each team playing the other twice.
- (b) Matches shall be of 25 minutes each way in duration (stopping clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (c) The Home Team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper and two (2) Referees to preside over the match, of appropriate NRHA accreditations
- (d) The Home team shall be responsible for all expenses, including venue and referees.
- (e) At the conclusion of the League the;
  - (i) Competition winners shall be proclaimed "Champions Of England" and be eligible to enter the European League Competition.
  - (ii) Teams in 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions are eligible to enter the European CERS Competition.
  - (iii) Teams in last and second last position shall contest 'Play-Offs' and face relegation to Division 1.

17.6 Additional Divisions

- (a) Leagues shall ideally be contested by seven (7) Teams, but up to ten (10) will be accepted, on a tournament basis where each team shall play the other twice.

- (i) If eleven (11) or more teams apply to compete, another division shall be created
- (b) Each Team shall be responsible for hosting one home tournament and paying all associated venue expenses.
- (c) Matches shall be of 20 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (d) Each Team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper and a Referee of appropriate NRHA accreditations to preside over each match that immediately following theirs at a tournament.
  - (i) The Home team shall additionally be responsible for providing two (2) referees to preside over the first match of the day.
- (e) At the conclusion of the League the;
  - (i) Competition winners shall be proclaimed Division Champions
  - (ii) Teams in first and second position shall contest promotion to the higher Division through the 'Play-Offs'.
  - (iii) Teams in last and second last position shall contest 'Play-Offs' and face relegation to the lower Division.

#### 17.7 Play-Off's

- (a) Teams finishing last and second last in each Division League shall Play-Off' against teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the Division immediately below.
- (b) Play-offs shall consist of a round robin tournament where each team plays the other once over the course of a weekend at the end of the season, with the top two placed teams being promoted to the higher division and the others relegated to the lower division.
- (c) Matches shall be of 20 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (d) In the event a team fails to contest its play-off matches or take up its position in the league the following season, the club shall be suspended from all National level competitions for a period of twelve months
- (e) Each Team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper and a Referee of appropriate NRHA accreditations to preside over each match immediately following theirs at the tournament.
  - (i) The NRHA shall organise two (2) referees to preside over the first match of the day.

#### 17.8 New Teams

- (a) All teams that did not compete in the competition the season prior to entering may only join the competition from the lowest division.

### **Article 17A National League for all categories except seniors**

17.9 The competition shall be organised for the following grades with player ages per NRHA Bye-Laws;

- (a) Ladies

- (b) Under 20's
- (c) Under 17's
- (d) Under 15's
- (e) Under 13's

17.10 These categories will be played as a "Regional System". Regions will stage the "Regional Phase" and the NRHA will stage the "National Phase":

- (a) Each Region is responsible for qualifying teams into the "National Phase".
- (b) Regions may run their "Regional Phase" as best suits their situation; they can, for example, use their existing competition or stage a separate event. Whatever the case, the Region, must record a team as having enrolled for the National League at the Region's designated point of commencement into the competition and the team's players are tied to that team for the National League for the remainder of the season's competition.
- (c) Teams may be club teams or "regional selects". Club teams may comprise only players who are registered for the club with the NRHA. "Regional Selects" are intended to give the Region the opportunity to bring players together to form a "select" when their individual clubs do not have enough players to take part on their own. Regional selects may comprise only players who are registered for a club in the Region's geographic area.
- (d) A player may not play for more than one team, whether a club team or a regional select, per age group per season.

These rules do not apply to teams that are in the Region's competitions and have no wish to be enrolled in the National League. (ie. they are simply entering the Region's competitions). In these circumstances the Region applies its normal competition rules.

#### 17.11 Regional Phase

- (a) Teams enter regional competitions and make their wish known if they want to be enrolled in the National League and, therefore, abide by the National League rules:
- (b) The team may only use 1<sup>st</sup> claim players (ie. players registered by the team's club with the NRHA), or
- (c) It may be a "regional select" which is a team put together by the region from players who are 1<sup>st</sup> claim with clubs within the region's boundaries
- (d) Teams may only enroll for the "National League" in one region in any one season
- (e) The Region must, on or before the commencement of its competition, provide a list of these teams and their players to the NRHA's Competitions Executive in order to complete the enrollment of the teams into the National League.

#### 17.12 National Phase

- (a) The "enrolled team" placed highest by the Region will go through to the **National Final**
- (b) The next two placed enrolled teams will go through to the "**best runner up tournament**"
- (c) The NRHA will hold the "best runner up tournament" which will comprise a maximum of six teams (ie. a maximum of two teams from each of the three regions); if there are fewer than six teams, the NRHA may at its discretion accept a further team from a region.
- (d) The best runner up tournament will be "all play all" with the final positions determined in accordance with NRHA rules. The top two teams will go through to the National Final
- (e) The NRHA will hold the National Final which will be a tournament and comprise a maximum of five teams.
- (f) The National Final tournament will be "all play all" with the final positions determined in accordance with NRHA rules. The top team will be the "National Champion"

#### 17.13 Calendar

- (a) To be decided by the NRHA Competitions Executive  
Along the lines:-

Regional Phase	September through April
Best Runner Up Tournament	May
National (League) Final	June
Cup Finals	July

## **Article 18. Regional Championships**

18.1 Affiliated NRHA Regions may enter representative teams into the Regional Championships.

18.2 The competition shall be organised for the following grades with player ages per NRHA Bye-Laws;

- (a) Ladies
- (b) Under 20's
- (c) Under 17's
- (d) Under 15's
- (e) Under 13's

18.3 Players may participate in more than one competition grade.

18.4 The Championships shall be held over a long weekend with matches scheduled to start no earlier than 09:00 hours and no later than 21:00 hours.

18.5 Each Grade shall have no more than six (6) teams and each team shall play the other once in a round robin competition.

18.6 The duration of matches shall be;

- (a) Ladies: 20 minutes each way in duration (stopping clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (b) Under 20's: 20 minutes each way in duration (stopping clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (c) Under 17's: 20 minutes each way in duration (stopping clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (d) Under 15's: 15 minutes each way in duration (stopping clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (e) Under 13's: 15 minutes each way in duration (stopping clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

18.7 Each Team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper and a Referee of appropriate NRHA accreditations to preside over each match that immediately follows theirs at the tournament.

- (a) The NRHA shall provide two (2) referees to preside over the first match of each Grade.

18.8 Competition winners shall be proclaimed "Champion Region of England".

## **Article 19. National Cups**

19.1 Affiliated NRHA Clubs may enter representative teams into the National Cup competitions, which shall be run on a 'Knock-Out' basis.

19.2 The competition shall be organised for the following grades with player ages per NRHA Bye-Laws;

- (a) Seniors
- (b) Ladies
- (c) Under 20's
- (d) Under 17's



(e) Under 15's

(f) Under 13's

19.3 Players may participate in more than one competition grade.

19.4 Finalists shall qualify for a single Cup Finals Day at the end of the season, via;

(a) Seniors: on a single match elimination basis, played at home or away

(b) Others: on a tournament basis

19.5 The duration of qualification matches shall be;

(a) Seniors: 25 minutes each way in duration (stopping clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

(b) Under 20's: 20 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

(c) Ladies: 20 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

(d) Under 17's: 20 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

(e) Under 15's: 15 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

(f) Under 13's: 15 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

19.6 The duration of Grand Final matches shall be per above, but all played on a stop clock basis;

19.7 Each team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper for each of their matches

19.8 The NRHA shall provide two (2) Referees of appropriate NRHA accreditations to preside over each match.

19.9 Competition winners shall be proclaimed "Cup Champions Of England".

## **Article 20. Lennards Cup**

20.1 Senior Men's teams representing NRHA Affiliated Clubs, and other CIRH affiliated national federation's clubs, are eligible to enter the competition;

(a) Player ages are per NRHA Bye-Laws for the Senior Grade

20.2 The tournament shall be held over a weekend and will be scheduled to start no earlier than 09:00 hours and no later than 21:00 hours each day.

20.3 Up to ten (10) Teams will be allowed to enter the event, which shall be organised on a tournament basis with teams organised into groups

20.4 Each team will play each other team within their group once

20.5 Semi finals and finals will be organised

20.6 Should insufficient teams register to participate, the event will be run as a single round robin competition.

20.7 Matches shall be of 20 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

20.8 Each Team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper and a Referee of appropriate NRHA accreditations to preside over each match immediately following theirs at the tournament.

- (a) The Home Club shall additionally be responsible for providing two (2) referees to preside over the first match of the day.

20.9 At the conclusion of the tournament the;

- (a) Competition winners shall be declared winners of the 'Lennards Cup'

## **Article 21. Peter Wimble Cup**

21.1 Senior Men's Teams representing NRHA Affiliated Clubs are eligible to enter the competition,

21.2 The competition is open to Players, male and female, 38 years and over when the competition commences. Goalkeepers MAY be underage providing they have not played that position in any Junior or Senior National Team in the previous 3 seasons.

21.3 The tournament shall be held over a weekend and will be scheduled to start no earlier than 09:00 hours and no later than 21:00 hours each day.

21.4 Up to ten (10) Teams will be allowed to enter the event, which shall be organised on a tournament basis with teams organised into groups

21.5 Each team will play each other team within their group once

21.6 Semi finals and finals will be organised

21.7 Should insufficient teams register to participate, the event will be run as a single round robin competition.

21.8 Matches shall be of 15 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.

21.9 Each Team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper and a Referee of appropriate NRHA accreditations to preside over each match immediately following theirs at the tournament.

- (a) The Home Club shall additionally be responsible for providing two (2) referees to preside over the first match of the day.

21.10 At the conclusion of the tournament the;

- (a) Competition winners shall be awarded the 'Peter Wimble Cup'

## Article 22. National League Cup

22.1 Affiliated NRHA Clubs may enter representative teams, consisting of players eligible to compete under the NRHA's Senior Grade, into the National League Cup.

- (a) The NRHA Executive may choose to allow the England Ladies team to participate in the competition and in such a case the players that make up this team shall remain entitled to participate with their registered clubs, but may not play for the England Ladies team against their registered club.

22.2 Matches shall be held on Saturdays and/or Sundays and must be scheduled as follows;

- (a) Saturdays - Start no earlier than 09:00 and finish no later than 21:00
- (b) Sundays - Start no earlier than 09:00 and finish no later than 18:00

22.3 The competition shall consist of two (2) phases, being;

- (a) Group Phase
- (b) Finals Phase

22.4 Group Phase

- (a) The number of Groups in the competition shall be determined as follows;
  - (i) Less than 8 teams entered - 1 Group
  - (ii) 8 to 11 teams entered - 2 Groups (Groups A and B)
  - (iii) 12 to 15 teams entered - 3 Groups (Groups A, B and C)
  - (iv) 16 or more teams entered - 4 Groups (Groups A, B, C and D)
- (b) Teams shall be ceded sequentially into Groups based on their finishing positions in the prior seasons National Senior League (e.g. Premier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, ND1, 2, 3 etc.)
  - (i) Teams that did not contest the National Senior League in the prior season shall be added to Groups in strict alphabetical order by Club name
- (c) Each team shall play the other teams in their Group once in a 'round robin' competition with placings calculated per the International Rules of the Game.
- (d) Matches shall be of 20 minutes each way in duration (running clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (e) Each Team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper and a Referee of appropriate NRHA accreditation to preside over each match that immediately follows theirs in their Group.
  - (i) The NRHA shall be responsible for organising two (2) referees to preside over the first match of each Group.
- (f) The NRHA shall be responsible for all venue related expenses.

22.5 Finals Phase

- (a) Groups
  - (i) 1 Group: The top 4 finishers shall contest the finals as follows

Match 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Vs.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Match 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Vs.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
3rd/4th place	Loser Match 1	Vs.	Loser Match 2
1st/2nd place	Winner Match 1	Vs.	Winner Match 2

- (ii) 2 Groups: The Winner and Runner Up from each Group shall contest the finals as follows;

Match 1	Winner – Group A	Vs.	Runner up - Group B
Match 2	Winner – Group B	Vs.	Runner up – Group A
3rd/4th place	Loser Match 1	Vs.	Loser Match 2
1st/2nd place	Winner Match 1	Vs.	Winner Match 2

- (iii) 3 or 4 Groups: Per programming rules for CIRH World Championships
- (iv) The organiser may choose to organise additional matches to determine placings for teams that did not qualify for the finals.
- (b) Matches shall be of 20 minutes each way in duration (stop clock) with 5 minutes half time and one (1) timeout per team per half.
- (c) Each team shall be responsible for providing a Timekeeper for each of their matches
- (d) The NRHA shall provide two (2) referees to preside over each match.

22.6 Competition winners shall be proclaimed "League Cup Champions Of England".

## Appendix A – Incident Report Form

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are needed to see this picture.