

SSS Handball League 2023/24 – Rules and Regulations

All fixtures have been scheduled by the SSS office and should not be changed without the agreement of the SSS staff and the opposing team. The main point of contact at SSS will be:

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The fixtures will be published online once the **Monday 11th September at 5pm** deadline has passed. This will be circulated via the relevant Sports Unions. Fixtures are also uploaded to SSS Playwaze where they are to be updated with scores by the Captains after each match. Please click [HERE](#) for a 'How To' Guide for the SSS Playwaze system to ensure you and your players are signed up.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Scottish Student Sport Handball Rules:

1. All events will be with IHF and SHA rules and regulations except where there are variations discussed below
2. **Eligibility**
 - a. All players must be a fully matriculated student with a Higher Educational Institution in Scotland and have to be members of their relevant Sports Union
 - b. A student team can be made up by players from different universities/colleges, if the players (without exception in the entire season) compete for the same team every time (e.g. an Abertay student can play for Dundee University, but not for St. Andrews in the same season), as long as both Sports Unions agree (as per the SSS [Playing for Another Institution Policy](#))
3. **Order of Events**
 - a. A warm-up time of 15 minutes pre-game is mandatory
 - b. If both Men's and Women's games are played on the same day and at the same venue, they should be scheduled on an alternating basis (e.g. Men's game, Women's game, Men's game etc.)
4. **Facilities Requirements**
 - a. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to book the facilities which should, whenever possible, conform to the standard set out by the IHF as listed below:
 - i. Handball Court 40x20m, with a marked 6m line around the goals, a 7m-penalty point and a middle line
 - ii. Goals: 2x3m
 - iii. Refereeing: table for officiating, banks (spectators, substitutions), clock, flip score, second stopwatch/phone for penalties

- iv. Balls: Women's game: size 2; Men's game: size 3; mixed game: size 2 (e.g. Beach handball)
- v. Duration: Allow enough time for 2x30 minute halves, 10 minute half-time and up to 4 time-outs per match (1 'time-out' per team, per half as outlined)

5. Scoring and Refereeing

- a. All games must be officiated by at least one official who has the equivalent of a SHA Academy Referee qualification or have attended a Reffin' Brilliant course
- b. It is recommended that there are two referees and two people for the table
- c. Each team will be able to request a maximum of 1 team 'time-out' per half

6. Fixture Administration including Forfeits or Match Re-arrangement

- a. Should a team be unable to attend a match they can ask for a re-arrangement. The request should be discussed with at least two of the three parties below, one of which must be the opposing team:

The SSS staff administrator of the league, Sean Berthelsen

The Scottish Student Handball Chair, Alice Hedemo

The opposing team

A valid cause must be presented. If a team fails to show up and there has been no request for a rearrangement, the game will count as a forfeit and will be scored as outlined in 6b

- b. In case of a forfeit, the winning team is awarded three points and a score of 10:0
- c. If a team forfeits one fixture, a warning will be issued but if two or more fixtures are forfeited, the Chair and SSS staff member will discuss further punishment with the relevant institution i.e. the cost of the travelling team – to be reviewed
- d. Fixtures and venues will be confirmed at least 7 days in advance

7. Officials

- a. It is the responsibility of the Home team to provide enough officials, however, both teams can contribute to the team of officials (e.g. one referee and table official from each team). They have to sign the official match sheet.
- b. At least one of the officials must have the equivalent of a SHA Academy Referee qualification or have attended a Reffin' Brilliant course, where possible

8. Reporting of Scores and Times

- a. The [Match Report Card](#) is provided by the administration and has to contain the following data: full names of the players, goals scored per player, the overall score after each goal and penalties
- b. A copy/photo of good quality of the Match Report Card, should be retained by both teams should it be required by SSS office
- c. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to update SSS Playwaze with the result of each match and the Match Report within 10 days of the fixture being completed.

- d. If SSS Playwaze is not updated within 10 days of a fixture being completed, a fine of £25 will be incurred by the offending institution

9. Complaints

- a. If a team has concerns about a fixture not adhering to these regulations, it is recommended that they inform the SSS administrator of the league, Sean Berthelsen or the Chair, Alice Hedemo. A 'Playing Under Protest' (PUP) Form should be completed in advance of the match taking place should either team be concerned
- b. If a team wishes to challenge a result, then they should provide all information possible (including PUP) to their Sports Union who should then get in touch with the SSS Office. SSS staff (with possible assistance from the Handball Chair) will consider the appeal and communicate the decision through the Sports Union

10. League Points

- a. Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss
- b. If a team concedes a walkover (i.e. forfeits a fixture), the winning team will receive the standard 3 points for a win (with a score of 10:0, as outlined above)
- c. In the case of a tie on points, the position in the League Table will be determined by direct comparison of the game results, then by goal difference and finally by goals scored. If any of these results should include a win via forfeited fixture, these will be excluded to ensure a fair comparison of matches played in the league

11. Divisions – to be updated once league entries have closed

- a. League set-up to be reviewed following entries closing

12. League Deadlines and Fines

- a. Failure to complete a fixture by **Sunday 18th February 2024** will result in a £25 fine for each team involved in the fixture
- b. Failure to update SSS Playwaze with the score and team sheet within 10 days will result in the Home team being fined £25

13. British University Handball Championships (BUCS accredited)

- a. The British University Handball Championship is a two-day event over a designated weekend (**9th-10th March 2024**) at a centralised venue determined by the BUCS main office. Qualifiers take place on Day 1 and Finals on Day 2
- b. The BUHC competition level entered by a team (Champs, Trophy, Shield) depends on their finishing position in the Scottish Student Handball League, of which the first four teams of each gender are allowed to enter the BUHC. The top 2 teams of each gender are guaranteed a place in the BUHC
- c. A team that finishes top-four in the SSS Handball League but **does not** intend on competing at the British University Handball Championship **will not** be allowed to participate at SSS Handball League Finals Day 23-24. Their space will be taken by the next best-placed team i.e. fifth-place team in the league