

Scottish Student Shinty Leagues 2023/24

All fixtures will be scheduled by the SSS office and cannot be changed without the agreement of both institutions. Fixtures will be published on the SS Shinty community on the Playwaze Community.

Competitions Rules and Regulations

Scottish Student Shinty League Rules:

1. Leagues matches and tournaments:

All League matches will be played under the Camanachd Association and WCA bylaws except where there are variations discussed below unique to student Shinty.

2. Eligibility:

All students wishing to compete within SSS leagues and tournaments must be the following:

- a) Registered member with the CA or WCA as a player with either their home club, or as a member of their University club (this membership is free for all current students)
- b) A full matriculated student with a Higher Educational Institution in Scotland
- c) Players can only play for their Higher Institutions team where they are matriculated
 - i) However, if an institution does not have a team competing under SS Shinty, players are permitted to compete with another institution. However, clubs hosting students from a different institution must inform their Sports Union prior to the student's participation in any SS Shinty activity. This player can then only play for one institution for the duration of the season i.e. they cannot change to another team until 2024-2025.

3. Team Selection:

Teams must complete team lines for each league match with their starting team and any relevant substitutes.

Paper copies of team lines must be made available for the Match Referee before the start of each fixture.

Teams will be asked to submit their squad selections digitally via the Scottish Student Shinty community on the Playwaze platform. Should the app be unavailable to upload prior to the start of any given fixture, teams must provide additional paper copies to the following parties:

- Opposition Team's Captain
- Copy to retain for their own records
- Copy to submit to the SS Shinty Chair, Lee Thompson, within 24hrs of the scheduled toss-up
- Copy to be submitted digitally to the SSS office for the SS Shinty league administrator:

Sean Berthelsen – SSS Competitions Assistant, sean@scottishstudentsport.com

4. Facility Requirements:

- a) It is the responsibility of the home team to organise suitable facilities in line with the minimum requirements from the CA Byelaw 1 regarding pitch size and dimensions.
- b) Men's fixtures will be set at 12 aside and Women's 10 aside as stated in CA bylaws. A women's match may go ahead as 8 aside if there is prior agreement between both teams and the SS Shinty Chair or SSS Competitions Assistant.
- c) It is recommended that pitches are booked for a minimum of 2-2.5 hours to accommodate each match

5. Officials:

Each match is to be refereed by a qualified referee who has completed a minimum foundation level referee qualification and where possible, should be someone outside of clubs scheduled to play.

If a suitable referee cannot be found a member from their own institution can be used if first agreed by the following parties

- i) SS Shinty Chair
- ii) Club president and captain of the away team

A goal judge from each club should be used if the referee sees fit.

6. Reporting of scores:

At the end of the match, scores should be checked with the referee and then uploaded to the SS Shinty Playwaze system within 24 hours of the completed fixture.

Should the app be unavailable, please forward the final score to the SS Shinty Chair, Lee Thompson, and SSS Leagues administrator, Sean Berthelsen, within 24 hours of the fixture.

Any disciplinary issues (cards etc) should also be noted and reported to the SS Shinty Chair as soon as possible.

Failure to upload the result to SSS Playwaze within 10 days of the completed fixture will result in a £25 fine given to the home team.

7. Postponement and/ or abandonment of games:

Permitted if the pitch of the home club is declared unplayable and they are unable to provide a suitable alternative, and/or the fixture cannot be reversed to the opposition's pitch, and/or the SS Shinty Chair is unable to find a suitable available pitch.

Clubs are required to monitor the condition of their pitch during the days prior to a scheduled fixture and liaise accordingly with the Scottish Student Shinty Chair, their opposition and the appointed match officials. If the home Club becomes aware that the scheduled pitch is unlikely to be playable, notification must be given at the earliest opportunity.

At the start of the year, each club are to propose an alternative pitch which they can use for the season. This information should be passed on to SS Shinty Chair, Lee Thompson, and the SSS league administrator, Sean Berthelsen.

Rearrangement of a match will be organised by the home club and played at an agreed date with both SSS and the opposition.

Failure to play a scheduled League fixture, other than by reason of postponement due to pitch conditions shall result in a penalty of one point being deducted from the offending team's league points total. The match will be rescheduled as per the SS Shinty Chair's instructions.

Any subsequent failure in the same season shall have the same consequence plus a fine of £50 on the club failing, which shall increase by £10 on each subsequent failure.

If a club withdraws from the League without fulfilling their fixtures, the points and goals scored and conceded from their fulfilled fixtures shall be removed from the league to ensure a fair final league standings table can be determined.

8. League points:

League points shall be awarded as per the CA rules, which are as follows:

2 points – Win

1 point – Draw

0 points – Loss

2 points – Winning walkover (win due to opposition conceding)

-1 point – Losing walkover (loss due to conceding the fixture)

9. League Deadline:

All games must be played by no later than the SSS League Play-By Date Deadline of:

Wednesday 27th March 2024