

MUMBAI SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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The Headmaster/Headmistress,
MEMBER SCHOOLS.

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DREAM SPORTS MSSA 125th ANNUAL INTER SCHOOL HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS 2026-2027

Member Schools are hereby informed that the Dream Sports MSSA Inter School Hockey Tournament for Boys and Girls Under-16 will be held from September 2026 tentatively onwards as per the availability of the grounds followed by under 14 Boys and Girls also according to the availability of the grounds. Under 12 years Boys, Under 12 years Girls and Under 10 years Boys tournament will be held in January 2027 onwards according to the availability of the Venues.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF TOURNAMENTS WITH ENTRY FEES TO BE PAID:

1. Ahmed Sailor League, Boys	(Under-16)	Born on or after	01-01-2011 Rs. 3000/-
2. Jr. Aga Khan Knock-Out, Boys	(Under-16)	Born on or after	01-01-2011 Rs. 2000/-
3. Smt. K. G. Kalantri Knock-Out, Girls	(Under-16)	Born on or after	01-01-2011 Rs. 2000/-
4. Panchgani O. B. League, Girls	(Under-16)	Born on or after	01-01-2011 Rs. 3000/-
5. St. Andrews League, Boys	(Under-14)	Born on or after	01-01-2013 Rs. 3000/-
6. Fr. Donnelly Knock-Out, Boys	(Under-14)	Born on or after	01-01-2013 Rs. 2000/-
7. Fr. Donnelly League, Girls	(Under-14)	Born on or after	01-01-2013 Rs. 3000/-
8. Walter D'Souza League, Boys	(Under-12)	Born on or after	01-01-2015 Rs. 3000/-
9. Vijay Raheja Knock-Out, Boys	(Under-12)	Born on or after	01-01-2015 Rs. 2000/-
10. Fr. Jude Rodrigues League, Girls	(Under-12)	Born on or after	01-01-2015 Rs. 3000/-
11. Oliver Andrade League, Boys	(Under-10)	Born on or after	01-01-2017 Rs. 3000/-

a) Entries will close on 31st July 2026

b) PLEASE NOTE : Entries will not be accepted unless they are accompanied with the Entry Form & list of players (Form enclosed) properly filled in (The Entry Form must have the names of the Sportsmaster/Teacher-in Charge/Coach and Block Dates if any). In Case the teacher/ Manager/ PT Sir/ Coach is not available to accompany the team on the day of the match then the change of the person mentioned in the entry form will be allowed to accompany the team only with the letter from the principal or else such a person will not be allowed to enter the field with the team.

2. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS :

- a) A school will not include more than **18 players per team**, to register with the MSSA at the start of the Hockey season.
- b) In case a team has registered less than 18 players, they will be allowed to register the balance number of players **before the commencement of the play-off or quarter final.**

- c) Any replacement or substitution of registered players may be allowed before the team plays its first match. **No replacement** will be allowed thereafter, even if it be a case of injury, sickness or any other cause.
- d) Registration of players must be completed at **least 7 to 10 clear days before the start of the respective league/tournament.** No school will be entertained to play their match without ID Cards. If they do appear on the scene without the same they will be disqualified.

3. **VERY IMPORTANT :**

- a) The formalities of registration of Identity Cards **MUST** be completed **FIFTEEN CLEAR DAYS** before the date of the particular competition or event is scheduled to begin, Registration of Identity Cards will not be permitted after the stipulated date and during the progress of the particular competition or event. This rule will be strictly followed.

Please note: Schools not observing this rule, will not be allowed to participate in the particular competition/event. An excuse that the cards are with the MSSA will not be entertained.

4. **IDENTITY CARDS FOR SPORTSMaster/TEACHER/COACH :**

Sportmaster/Teacher/Coach accompanying the team must possess Mumbai Schools Sports ID card or letter from school principal.

Association **“School Official” Identity Card.** Identity Card must be collected from the Association office which should be duly filled in by the Head of the School and registered with the Association. The above mentioned officials will not be entertained or recognised by the Association without the accredited valid identity card. The identity card must be worn round the neck, when on duty.

School Principal/Headmaster/Headmistress must take care to see that the Registration Forms are filled-in only by a responsible person with accurate date from the School's General Register. Any discrepancies found later by MSSA will attract severe penal action apart from a fine of Rs.2,000/- for the defaulting school.

5. **RULES AND REGULATIONS :**

1. **Eligibility :**

- a) A player can represent his or her School in one Team only. When School fields more than one Team (i.e. “A” & “B”) in a particular age group tournament, a player shall represent only one of the Teams he or she is fielded in.

Boys: Note on Player Eligibility for U-16 League and Knockout Tournaments A maximum of **six (6) players under the age of 14** are permitted to participate in the **Under-16 League Tournament.**

However, this rule **does not apply to teams entering two separate squads in the Under-16 Knockout Tournament.** Teams are not allowed to form two U-16 teams composed using U-14 players for the knockout stage.

This regulation is intended to maintain competitive balance and ensure fair participation across age categories.

- b) **This is being done on an experimental basis and if found any discrepancies in fielding the players then the old procedure will be taken into consideration.** Players playing in Under-16 and Under 14 League Tournaments will be allowed to play Jr. Aga Khan K/O Tournament.

- c) Please be advised that players who are under-12 as of the cutoff date and have already participated in the under-14 league or knockout competitions are not ineligible to compete in the under-12 category.

- d) Similarly, any Under-10 player who participates in the Under-12 category will be deemed ineligible to play in the Under-10 category.

Girls: Only for Girls Under-14 Players will be allowed to play in U/16 League Tournaments and in K/O also.

Bonafide students of the School from Std. I to Std. X having their names on the rolls (in the General Register and on the Class Register) of the School on or before August 1, 2026 are eligible.

NOTE: Students appearing as private candidates for Mumbai Divisional Board/National Open School (Delhi Board) from their respective school will not be allowed to participate.

2. Block Dates:

If any, must be mentioned on the Entry Form (and not on the List of Players form). Once such dates are communicated, no request for change of dates will be entertained. If the Block dates are not submitted along with the entries, the Association will presume that the School can play on all the days, and no postponement will be given once the fixtures are made.

Please Note: Block dates will be considered only in case of Exams. (Under no circumstances Block dates will be considered for Unit Tests, Picnics, Retreats and Camps etc.).

Composition of Players and Submission of Identity Cards:

Member Schools shall submit a list of 18 players for the purpose of Registration for the League and 18 players for Knock-Out Tournaments in field Hockey.

Please Note:- New **Free Hit rule** is applied as per the FIH/Hockey India guideline rules.

6. COMPOSITION OF COLOUR:

- a) Every players listed in the detailed form MUST have his/her own jersey number affixed to the front and back of his/her Jersey when playing (Nos. From 1 to 32 only permitted). These numbers must be clearly visible and should be at least 20 cms in length and 1 inch width at the back and 8cms in length and ½ inch in the front. **The Players shall play with the same Jersey Number throughout the Tournament.**
- b) No team will be allowed to play without numbers. Schools are requested to mention the Colour of the Jersey on the Players list.

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- c) Schools are requested to print their school name on each jersey the child wears.
- d) In the case of clash of colours, it will be decided by a toss of coin before the commencement of the Match as to which of the team will wear different colours. (In such case, Extra set of Jersey/Bibs will be brought by the schools only).

7. MODE OF CHAMPIONSHIPS :

- a) The participants teams will be divided into convenient number of groups depending upon the number of teams participating in the League.
 - b) Schools sending “A” and “B” teams should mention clearly on the List which is “A” and “B” Team. In case the same school “A” and “B” teams are playing against each other in the same League, the Winning Team will get a credit of one goal and three points even if they win by a bigger margin.
 - c) The System of Play and duration of the match shall be as follows :
1. Boys Under-16 League 50 minutes game (4 quarters 12 and Half minutes each quarter)
 2. Boys Under-14 League 40 minutes game (4 quarters 10 minutes each quarter)
 3. Boys Under-12 League 40 minutes game (4 quarters 10 minutes each quarter)
 4. Boys Under-10 League 40 minutes game (4 quarters 10 minutes each quarter)
 5. Boys Under -16 K.O 50 minutes game (4 quarters 12 and Half minutes each quarter)
 6. Fr. Under-14 K.O 40 minutes game (4 quarters 10 minutes each quarter)

7. Vijay Raheja K.O, Boys 40 minutes game (4 quarters 10 minutes each quarter)
 8. Girls Under-16 League 50 minutes game (4 quarters 12 and Half minutes each quarter)
 9. Girls Under-14 League 40 minutes game (4 quarters 10 minutes each quarter)
 10. Girls K.O (Under-16) 50 minutes game (4 quarters 12 and Half minutes each quarter)
 11. Girls Under-12 League 40 minutes game (4 quarters 10 minutes each qtr)
- d) Match duration timings can be reduced organizing committee depending on availability of ground and other reasons to manage the schedule.
 - e) In the League, the Winning Team will be awarded 3 points, for a draw each team will get one point, while the loser will get none, the team with the highest number of points shall be declared the Winners.
 - f) If two or more teams in the same group obtain an equal number of points, then the goal difference of the matches played by each team shall be decisive (i.e. goals scored minus goals against), to ascertain the Winner/Runner-Up.
 - g) If two or more teams have the same points and the same goal difference, then the team scoring the highest number of goals shall be the Winner/runner-Up.
 - h) If the tie still exists, then the result of the match played between/amongst these teams shall decide the Winner/Runner-Up.
 - i) Despite what is stated above, the tie still exists, then the Winner and Runner-Up will be decided by applying the tie-breaker rule directly/ 8 sec. shootout.
 - j) Winner and Runners-Up from each section will qualify for the play off, this is applicable to Under-16, Under-14, Under-12 and Under-10 Leagues for Boys. Also same applicable to Under-16, Under-14 and Under-12 for Girls.
 - k) Please Note: The Rules for playing time is 4 quarters for all Boys/Girls U/16/14/12/10 yrs.

8) SUBSTITUTION:

- a) A Team will consist of 18 players from the registered list of players only.
- b) Composition of the Team of 18 players will be 11 players to take field with 7 reserves which should include 2 Goalkeepers in the T
- c) Any seven players can be substituted by the reserves any number of times. In other words, which is called **“ROLLING SUBSTITUTES.”**

9) ADMISSION TO THE FIELD OF PLAY:

- a) No one except the players and the Umpires properly engaged in a match, may enter the pitch during the match unless permitted to do so by an Umpire. This rule is obligatory even in the event of a player or an Umpire becoming incapacitated.
- b) In such an event, only the registered team medical doctor or doctors on duty from the organizing committee or the team Manager can enter the field of play with the permission of the Umpire.
- c) No liquid or other refreshment shall be consumed on the pitch, any players wanting to take refreshments during the game, including during the stoppages must leave the pitch and take water/refreshment outside the pitch, no permission of the Umpire required for this. They should leave and re-enter the field between the two 25 yard lines on the field of play.
- d) It is mandatory for every team to have both a coach and a manager. Teams will not be allowed to participate in the game unless both are present.

10) **WITHDRAWAL/WALKOVER:**

- a) If a team fails to turn up for the first two matches without giving valid reason, the Organiser shall understand that the team has abandoned the Competition and will not be permitted to participate in the Competition.
NOTE: A penalty of Rs. 1000/- may be imposed on the defaulting School Team.
- b) If a team fails to turn-up in between any one of the match, then the opponent shall be awarded 3 points and 3 goals.
NOTE: A penalty of Rs.500/- may be imposed on the defaulting School Team.
- c) When a team withdraws or fails to turn after playing 50% or less matches, the points and the goals scored by a against the withdrawing team shall be declared null and void. In addition, the Organisers shall take appropriate action against the defaulting team and a penalty of Rs. 1000/- may be imposed.
- d) If there is a tie to decide the Winner/Runner-Up for the Pool due to a walk-over given by any of the contesting teams from the Pool in favour of one Teams in the tie, the result of the game(s) played against such team(s) shall not be taken into account.
- e) If a team fails to report for a scheduled match after providing confirmation, a fine of ₹5,000 will be imposed,
In case any adjustments are required due to term examinations, the organizing committee must be informed well in advance.
Requests communicated on the day of the match will not be accepted.

11) **DISCIPLINE:**

- a) Any player cautioned by the umpire thrice (Green Card) and or (two Green Cards and One Yellow Card) shall remain suspended for one match in a League/ Tournament.
- b) Any player cautioned by the Umpire twice (Yellow Card) shall remain suspended for one match in the League or Tournament.
- c) A player cautioned by the Umpire (Red Card) shall remain suspended for one match or more in the League or Tournament.
- d) Strict and rigid discipline is expected of all Players, Coaches, Managers and Team Officials on and off the field. Strict disciplinary action will be taken against such defaulting Players, Coaches, Managers and Team Officials.
- e) Damage to the property of the Association and/or premises of the Venue, misbehaviour of a serious nature will result in suspension of the player(s). The school concerned will have to bear or make good the loss of property.

12) **PROTEST:**

Any protest, if at all lodged must be done through the accredited Sports-in-Charge/Teacher-in- Charge/Coach of the team within half an hour of the conclusion of the match along with the protest Fee of Rs. 5,000/-. The said protest should be endorsed by the Head of the School within 24 hours after the conclusion of the match. In case if the 24 hours falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, then it must be brought before 12.00 noon on the following day. The protest must be handed over to the Association's Office.

Please Note: The protest once decided by the Executive Committee of the Association will be final and binding and shall not be disputed by any of the parties concerned in any forum thereafter.

Prizes: Certificates and Medals will be awarded to the Winners, Runners-Up and Third Place. Only certificate will be given to best player, sharp shooter, best goal scorer decided by the Hockey Committee respectively.

13) TROPHIES / SHIELDS / CUPS:

It is resolved, that since the Association's Trophies / Shields / Cups are very old, valuable, precious and have sentimental value, the practice of allowing the school to carry away the Trophies / Shields / Cups will be continued by signing a BOND between the winning school and the Association. The Trophies / Shields / Cups will be presented to the recipient at the Prize Distribution Function of the respective EVENTS and will be allowed to be taken by the winning school and kept in possession for a week (7 days) only and the same will returned to the Association's office on expiry of the date of the Bond **in the same condition as it was presented.**

In case of any damage or loss of the Trophies / Shields / Cups, the winning school will have to pay the cost of the damage or loss of the said trophies / shields / cups valued at the present price.

However the trophies / shields / cups will not be given to student or parent but only to the accredited representative of the winning school.

Sportsmaster/Teacher-in-Charge/Coach deputed by the School **MUST** accompany the team at every Match. This must be implicitly and rigidly followed. NOTE the name of the Sportsmaster/Teacher-in-Charge/Coach written on the Player's list will only be recognised as a representative and no other person besides that. If this is not observed, the Hockey Committee reserves the right to disqualify the team from participation. Only the name of those authorized person mentioned in the Player's List will be considered as a competent authority. The Association reserves the right to reject any other person who presents himself as a representative of the school. Should the school depute any other person to accompany the Team due to unforeseen circumstances, an authority letter on the School's letter-head bearing the signature of the Headmaster/Headmistress declaring the bonafide of the person must be submitted to the Association's Office in advance.

14) GENERAL:

- a) No refreshment will be served.
- b) The Association reserves the right to appoint Umpire to supervise the matches. If the Umpires appointed to supervise the match do not turn-up on time or fail to turn-up, then the Association authorities reserve the right to appoint any other person/s who can supervise the match.
- c) i) On Natural Grass-matches will be played with synthetic Hockey Balls.
ii) On Astroturf-Synthetic Hockey Ball will be provided.
- d) **PLEASE NOTE:** The Committee reserves the right to alter or amend any of these rules.
- e) The Executive Committee's decision on all the matters concerning the tournament shall be final and binding so also the venue and timings of the game.
- f) **PLEASE NOTE:** No plea for non-receipt of fixtures will be entertained.
- g) The latest International Hockey Federation Rules will be followed.
- h) The Umpires/Organisers shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches. Should a match be stopped by the Umpires for any reason

other than the misconduct of the Team, the match concerned will be resumed at a later time/date fixed by the MSSA.

PLEASE NOTE:

- For all Knock-Out tournaments and other tournaments at Knock-Out Stages, in case of a draw no extra time will be given but the **“Tie-breaker”** rule will be applicable, followed by **Sudden Death** if draw still persist.
- **Tie Breaker rule will be applied one against one as per FIH Rules** The attacker starts from the **25-meter line** and has **8 seconds** to score.
- The attacker can **dribble, dodge, and shoot** as many times within the time. The goalkeeper can move after the whistle and try to block the shot.
- If scores are tied after 5 attempts each, it goes to **sudden death**.
Applicable for all age groups from U-10 to U-16, boys and girls.

HEADMASTERS/HEADMISTRESSES OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO KINDLY PUT THIS CIRCULAR ON THEIR NOTICE BOARDS AS WE FEEL IT WOULD BENEFIT THE PARTICIPANT AND WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM ON AND OFF THE FIELD. HEADS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS/SPORTS-IN-CHARGE/COACHES SHOULD READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE SENDING THE ENTRIES.

Kindly note you are sending the entries after accepting our terms and conditions of the tournaments.



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