



## Competition Format and Rules

### Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Competition Format

The hockey program at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games consists of men's and women's tournaments. Both events have the same format and rules. There will be 10 men's teams and 10 women's teams competing in the hockey events.

#### Competition progression:

Teams will be allocated into pools for the preliminary rounds. In the preliminary round (pool matches), 10 teams are divided into two pools of five teams. All teams will play against each other in their pool (single round robin).

At the conclusion of pool matches, the top two teams from each pool proceed to the semifinals. The remaining three teams from each pool will play classification matches against corresponding teams in the other pool, as follows:

- Winners of the semifinals will play for gold and silver
- Losers of the semifinals will play for bronze
- Third-placed teams from each pool will play in the classification match for fifth and sixth
- Fourth-placed teams from each pool will play in the classification match for seventh and eighth
- Fifth-placed teams from each pool will play in the classification match for ninth and tenth

Events	Event phase	Competition type
Men Women	<b>Preliminary round:</b> Two pools of five teams	Pool
	<b>Final round:</b> Classification matches Semifinal Bronze medal match Gold medal match	Bracket with direct elimination and finals

#### **Ranking and tiebreak rules**

##### **Ranking during the preliminary round:**

The preliminary round is played in pools. The matches will be evaluated as follows:

Each match won = three points

Each match drawn = one point for each team

Each match lost = zero points

Ranking in a pool at the end of the preliminary round will be determined by total of points earned. If two or more teams are tied by points, ties will be broken as follows:

- Highest number of wins.
- Goal difference.
- Total number of goals scored.
- If two teams are still tied, then the result of the match played between those two teams shall determine the ranking of the tied teams.



- e. If more than two teams remain tied, the result of the matches among only them shall determine their respective position based upon the points awarded during the preliminary round. If there remains equality, then the teams involved shall be ranked according to points a, b, c and d as above.
- f. If two or more teams still remain tied, the number of field goals scored in the pool matches.
- g. If two teams still remain tied, the ranking will be determined by a shootout competition between those teams.
- h. If more than two teams remain tied, then each team will play a shootout competition against the other teams in the same sequence of play as the order of play in the competition. The teams will be ranked based upon the results of the shootout competition only, with three points awarded to the team that scored the highest number of goals; one point to each team if the number of goals scored is equal; and zero points to the team that scored the lowest number of goals. If they remain tied, the ties will be broken by points (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, as applied to goals recorded during the shootout competition only.
- i. If more than two teams remain tied after the above procedure, it shall be repeated until the teams can be ranked. The FIH Competition Director shall hold a draw to establish the sequence of play if further shootout rounds are required.

**Match tiebreak rules:**

The following rules apply:

- A preliminary round may end in a draw at the end of statutory time
- Final-round matches are direct elimination, and may not end in a draw
- If the score is tied at the end of regulation time of a final round match, an outright winner will be established by a shootout competition

**Basic rules:**

There are 22 players and two umpires on a pitch. Each team is permitted up to seven substitutes, who may be brought on and off the field of play in a rolling substitution format.

A card system is used to discipline players. A green card signifies a suspension for two minutes; a yellow card for a minimum of five minutes (the maximum is at the umpire's discretion); a red card signifies a suspension from at least the remainder of that match. Further penalties can be imposed by the Competition Director for breaches of the code of Conduct.

**Rules in full:**

Full sets of the Rules of Hockey and FIH Competition Regulations for the Commonwealth games are available from the FIH and may be found on their website: <http://www.fih.ch/>

**Rules governing penalties/disqualification:**

Any player that breaches the Code of Conduct may have his / her case reviewed by the Competition Director, who will convene a hearing and receive evidence about the incident(s) and hear the players' submission / defense. The Competition Director will then determine an appropriate penalty.

**Protests/appeals:**

Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with FIH regulations and current rules. An appeal jury shall decide on matters before it in accordance with FIH regulations and the current rules.