

**International Youth  
Field Hockey Tournament  
United World Games 2025  
Klagenfurt am Wörthersee/Austria  
June 19-22, 2025**  
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## Field Hockey Venues

**Players Town / Stadium**  
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## Field Hockey Regulations

The United World Games Field Hockey Tournament will be played in accordance with the official rules of the FIH, adopting the newest changes introduced at the of January 2025, with the addition/exception of the following specifications and adaptations.

### **Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY**

It should be needless to say but we expect fair play from all teams. Please respect your opponents as well as your teammates, the umpires and fans.

## 1. Age Groups & Playing Time

### Boys & Girls:

Category	Cutoff Date	Playing Time	Minimum number of players
U 16	Born 01.01.2009 or younger	2 x 20 minutes	11 players (11 vs. 11)
U 14	Born 01.01.2011 or younger	2 x 20 minutes	11 players (11 vs. 11)

### Exception permits:

Due to different cutoff dates of the various **national Field Hockey Federations**, exceptions may be issued in accordance with our statutory exception rule. As per this rule, a **maximum of 2 players per team** is allowed to **exceed** the **respective age limit** by up to but **no more than 6 months**. These players must be announced to the Organizing Committee and marked on the corresponding Squad List accordingly.

### Special Regulation in Case of Insufficient Team Registrations:

In the event of an insufficient number of teams in the U14 male and female categories, the U14 matches may be **played together with the U16 matches**.

Despite the combination of the matches, **separate rankings and award ceremonies** will be held for each age category to appropriately recognize the achievements of all participants.

## 2. Squad List & ID Checks

The submission and verification of your squad list (names & birth dates of your players) is done digitally through your UWG account at <https://my.unitedworldgames.com/>. To ensure your teams meet our age requirements, the names and dates of birth of all players must be entered into our system for each participating team. Your squad lists will be checked and verified by us and then receive the status **"Squad List verified"**. **The verification in the system is your digital stamp**

If opposing coaches or our referees/judges request a check of your squad list at the tournament, please have photo IDs of your players ready in addition to the verified digital list. Upon request, **every player must be able to verify his or her identity** by showing a valid photo ID card. In case of a suspected violation of a cutoff date or the use of an ineligible player, squad list and ID have to be checked in coordination with the referee/venue supervisor. A **violation results in an automatic defeat** for the concerned team.

Generally it is allowed for athletes to play in 2 separate teams, as long as they are not entering the same competition, yet they also have to appear on the respective squad lists of both teams.

Should a club enter one and the same competition with more than one team, they are forbidden to move players between these teams, **athletes may only appear on the squad list of ONE team per competition**.

Additionally, **girls** are allowed to play in **boys categories**. These girls are allowed to **exceed the age limit by up to 1 year**.

### 3. Squad Size & Substitution of Players

The players mentioned in the squad list can be substituted unlimitedly throughout a game. Every substitution has to be announced to the umpire. There is no restriction concerning the squad size.

During the game however only a squad of 18 players is allowed as specified in the FIH Rules. However per game the selected 18 players may change as long the players all have been included in the original squad list as provided before the start of the tournament.

### 4. Tournament Mode

Group phase with Round Robin followed by Play Offs.

**The ranking in the group stage will be decided by points:**

Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points

**Teams will be ranked according to the following criteria:**

- a) Number of points
- b) Direct duel - In case of two or more teams on equal points, only the matches between these teams will count to determine their ranking, in case of equal points from the games played against each other, the goal difference from these games will be taken into account
- c) If teams have the same goal difference from games played against each other, the number of scored goals in these games will be taken into account
- d) Goal difference in all games
- e) Number of goals scored in all games
- f) Number of wins in all games
- g) The last resort is a decision by drawing lots (computerised random generator)

In case best ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> (etc.) have to be determined, the ranking of said teams will be made by the following criteria:

- A series of 5 shootouts per team to ensure a fair outcome (in accordance with FIH tournament regulations).

## 5. Insurance & Disclaimer

The participants are not insured through the organizers. It is up to the coach of each team to make sure that his/her players and all the participants of the team are insured during the event. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or loss/theft of personal belongings.

With their participation the athletes accept the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the city of Klagenfurt and the province of Carinthia regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure that they are fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

**For all players:** Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

## 6. Disciplinary Remark

Severe offenses and brutal fouls may result in an automatic ban for the next game. In addition, the Tournament Board may speak out a further suspension according to the severity of the offense. In case of a sending-off because of a brawl or insulting the referee, the concerned player will be disqualified for the whole remainder of the tournament.

Furthermore the Tournament Board reserves the right to suspend entire teams from the tournament if they act disrespectful towards referees, officials, coaches, spectators or opponents, or misbehave themselves.

## 7. Final Remark

The organizers of the United World Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader knows all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

**IMPORTANT: In emergencies the emergency number 144 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach, manager or parent/guardian of the affected team must always accompany them.**