

## Scottish Student Shinty Leagues 2024/25 – Rules and Regulations

Fixtures are live on the Scottish Student Shinty 24/25 community on SSS Playwaze and any changes must be through fixture administrators. Any queries/issues should be made known to Sean Berthelsen:

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### 1. League matches and tournaments

All league matches will be played under the Camanachd Association (CA) and/or Women's Camanachd Association (WCA) bylaws except where there are variations unique to Scottish Student Shinty.

### 2. Eligibility

All students wishing to compete within SSS leagues and activity must be:

- a) A registered member with the CA or WCA as a player with their home club, or as a member of their student club (this membership is free for all current students) at college or university
- b) A fully matriculated student with a Higher Educational Institution in Scotland
- c) A registered member of the Scottish Student Shinty 24/25 community on SSS Playwaze. If a player is found not to be registered on the system, the institution will incur a £25 for each offence
- d) Players can only play for the student team and institution where they are matriculated, with the only permissible exceptions to this rule as follows:
  - i) If an institution does not have a team competing in any Scottish Student Shinty activity, players can compete for another institution. Competing clubs with students from a different institution **must** inform their sports union prior to the student's participation in any activity\*
  - ii) Institutions failing to honour d) i) will have all points forfeited from games played with ineligible players, which will impact their standing in the league and incur further fines

*\* = A student can compete for a different institution in the league and can also compete for their parent institution in a standalone event, as it is a different activity i.e. a UHI Perth student can play for University of Edinburgh in the league and then represent UHI Perth at the Littlejohn Tournament. If your parent institution is competing in a competition, you must compete for that team.*

### 3. Team Selection

- a) Teams must complete team lines for each league match with their starting team and any named substitutes. Paper copies of team lines must be made available for the Match Referee before the start of each fixture and teams should take pictures for their own records
- b) Men's teams will have 12 starting players + 4 substitutes, women's teams will have 10 starting players + 4 substitutes, therefore a max. of 16 and 14 named players are permitted respectively
- c) Should a women's team only have 8 players, the opposing team must agree to play with 8 players and therefore will have 6 substitutes of which they can use all if required\*

**\* = should a women's team only have 6 players available, they can request to play 6-a-side but this will be permitted on a case-by-case basis and must be made known to the SSS office**

- d) Teams will be asked to submit their squad selections digitally via the Scottish Student Shinty community on the SSS Playwaze platform. Should the app be unavailable prior to the start of your fixtures, teams are asked to provide additional paper copies to the following parties:
  - i) Opposition Team's Captain
  - ii) Copy to retain for their own records
  - iii) Copy to submit to the SS Shinty Chair within 24hrs of the scheduled toss-up
- e) All players must be registered on the SSS Playwaze system before they compete in any fixture. Any player that competes in a fixture but is not registered will incur a £25 fine for their institution
- f) For a two-team club (i.e. 1s and 2s a list of eight recognised 'first team' players that will not be eligible for selection in the second team throughout the year must be submitted (Appendix A)
  - i) For any two-team club, once any player has played in a total of 4 fixtures (consecutive or non-consecutive) for either of the club's teams, they will be considered 'bound' to that team on normality grounds and will be ineligible for the other team during the rest of the season. This rule will apply to pool and non-pool players.
  - ii) Adjustments to the player pool may be accepted only on a case-by-case basis i.e. medical grounds, where evidence of a player returning from long-term injury, illness etc can be provided upon request

#### 4. Facility and Team 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) As noted above, men's fixtures will be set at 12-a-side and women's will be 10-a-side as stated in CA/WCA bylaws. A women's fixture is permitted to go ahead as either 8-a-side or 6-a-side\* but this **MUST** be communicated to both teams

#### 5. Officials

- a) Each match is to be refereed by a qualified referee who has completed a minimum foundation qualification and where possible, should be someone outside of the clubs scheduled to play
- b) If a suitable referee cannot be found with respect to the above guidelines, a member from one of the competing institutions may be used if written agreement is provided by **both**:
  - i) the Scottish Student Shinty Chair, Lauren Benseman
  - ii) the club president and captain of both teams
- c) A goal judge from each club should be used but this is not mandatory to the fixture being played

#### 6. Reporting of scores

- a) At the end of the match, scores should be checked with the referee and then uploaded to the Scottish Student Shinty community within 24 hours of the completed match
- b) Should the app be unavailable, the final score must be submitted to the SSS Competitions Assistant, Sean Berthelsen, and your respective Sports Union institution administrator
- c) Any disciplinary issues cards etc. should also be noted and reported to the Scottish Student Shinty Chair and SSS Competitions Assistant as soon as possible so they can be reviewed

#### 7. Postponement and/or abandonment of games

- a) If the pitch is declared unplayable and the 'home' team is unable to provide an alternative, and/or the fixture cannot be reversed to the opposition's pitch, the fixture will be postponed
- b) Clubs are required to monitor the condition of their pitch during the days prior to a scheduled fixture and their institution administrator will liaise with the SS Shinty Chair, their opposition and the appointed match officials. If the 'home' team becomes aware that the scheduled pitch is unlikely to be playable, notification must be given at the earliest opportunity
- c) At the start of the year, each club is to name an alternative pitch which they can use should their primary pitch be unplayable. This information should be passed on to the SS Shinty Chair
- d) Rearrangement of a match will be organised by the 'home' institution administrator and played on an agreed date with both SSS and the opposition
- e) Failure to play a scheduled league fixture, other than by reason of postponement due to pitch conditions, may result in the concession of a walkover by the 'home' team. This decision will rest with the SSS Head of Competitions and Competitions Assistant and will be aided by the SSS Competitions Committee
- f) If a club withdraws from the league without fulfilling their remaining fixtures, the points and goals scored and conceded from their completed fixtures shall be removed from the league to ensure a fair calculation of the final league table for the teams that remain in the league

#### 8. League points

All points shall be awarded as per the CA/WCA rules, with the following table providing a summary:

Win	2 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points
Walkover win	2 points
Walkover loss (conceded match)	-1 point

#### 9. League Deadline

All fixtures are to be played before the league play-by deadline date of:

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



**Appendix A**

**University of Edinburgh Women's Shinty Club – Eight named 1<sup>st</sup> team Players**

1. Sunday Atkinson
2. Scarlett McNeil
3. Alison Howat
4. Ailís Keyes
5. Riane Cooper
6. Charlotte Mann
7. Sophie Cameron
8. Emma Wallace