



England Handball Association

National Cup and Shield 2018-19

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2 Entry

2.1 National Cup

2.1.1 Premier Handball League Teams

It is mandatory for Premier Handball and National League clubs to participate in the England Handball Cup. These teams will automatically be entered.

2.1.2 Other Teams

Any team registered to England Handball may enter the National Cup or National Shield Competition.

2.2 National Shield

2.2.1 Premier Handball League Teams

Premier Handball League teams will not be permitted into the shield, Teams knocked out of the first round of the National Cup will be entered into the Shield (excluding Premier Handball League teams)

2.2.2 Knocked out Cup teams

Teams knocked out from the National Cup in their first round will have the opportunity to enter the National Shield competition.

2.3 Fees

2.3.1 Entry Fee

The National Cup and Shield are free to enter for all teams registered to England Handball

3 Player Eligibility

3.1.1 New players

New players may only play in the National Cup competitions before the Semi Final stage; no new players are permitted for the Semi Finals and Finals.

3.1.2 Team officials

There is no restriction on team officials etc registering for a different club.

3.1.3 Playing for multiple teams

Players who have played for another team during any phase of the competition are locked to that team and ineligible to play for another team during the competition.

This includes 2nd teams i.e. A player cannot play for both a club's 1st and 2nd team in the cup or shield.

4 Competition Format

4.1 Draw

4.1.1 Premier handball League teams

Premier Handball League teams will be seeded by finishing position from the previous year and where suitable will receive a by in the first rounds of competition.

4.1.2 Format of the draw

A blind draw will be completed each round with the first named team taking hosting rights.

The blind draw will be completed after every round of the Cup and Shield.

4.2 Cup and Shield

4.2.1 Cup and Shield Format

The National Cup and Shield are National competitions from the first round.

The competition is a direct knockout. Losing teams are knocked out of the competition, winning teams progress to the next round.

4.3 Matches

4.3.1 Playing time

IHF rules apply

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4.3.2 Venues

- National Cup

Only Grade A courts (34m by 20m) may be used for the National Cup competition.

(As per the England Handball Approved Venue list National Shield

- National Shield

Grade B courts may be used

Where a team is unable to provide a grade a court they forfeit their home advantage.

4.3.3 Over time and penalties

IHF Rules apply

4.4 Fees

4.4.1 Referee Fees

Referee costs are split equally between the two teams. This is paid online via the England Handball Azolve system

4.4.2 Match Fees

The home team is responsible for the cost of venue and supplying appropriately qualified table officials.