



PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

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Section One

INTRODUCTION

The Association has implemented a 'Code of Conduct' applicable to all players from junior to senior grades, whom participate in any competitions conducted under the control of: ***Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association Incorporated.***

IMPLEMENTATION

Where as not outlined herewith the Rules of Hockey, their associated Directions to Umpires and the Associations By-laws shall preside.

RULE CHANGES

The Association shall be guided by the Directions to Umpires as may be issued from time to time, which may have minor changes to the published Rules of Hockey for the season.

The umpires briefing paper issued by the International Hockey Federation and Hockey Australia setting out specific interpretations of the rules should be regarded as part of the 'Directions to Umpires'.

A copy of such directions shall be circulated by the Association to the affiliated members (Clubs) and Umpiring Management Panel for distribution to their members.

LOCAL RULES

The Association may introduce modified rules or other specific guidelines for various competitions conducted under its control.

A copy of such directions shall be circulated by the Association to the affiliated Clubs and Umpiring Management Panel for distribution to their members.

RESPONSIBILTIIY

The onus of responsibility for ensuring their members are aware of the 'Code of Conduct' and changes to the 'Rules of Hockey' lays with the members Club.

The Club should also ensure that the copy they hold on their files is the current correct guidelines and is maintained.

5.0 UMPIRING CONTROL CARDS

- i. A player who receives a temporary (Yellow) card shall sit behind the goals -OR- in designated area or time keepers/referee bench when provided. The safety of players must prevail in the implementation of this ruling.
- ii. For the purpose of these laws a permanent suspension (Red Card) is the equivalent to Three (3) temporary suspensions (the Yellow Cards).
- iii. Such may carry further penalties on report to Tribunal.
- iv. If a player receives a second temporary suspension (Yellow Card) in the same fixture, is not permitted to take further part in that fixture.
- v. **Implementation of Cards:** Second Offence = Red Card.
 - a) Players are to be shown firstly by the Yellow Card then followed by the Red Card.
 - b) These offences shall be recorded on the match card as an upgraded penalty, with both offences outlined.
- vi. **Suspensions:**
 - a) When considering the length of time; suspension shall be:
 - **Indoor Hockey - for minimum two (2) minutes**
 - **Field Hockey - for minimum of five (5) minutes**
 - b) Umpires in considering the length of the penalty period shall be guided by:
 - **Instruction to Umpires – EGHA**
 - **Direction to Umpires – FIH/ Hockey Australia**
 - c) For an offence to be severe enough to warrant a Yellow, then umpires should give careful consideration to the length of time a player is suspended.

As a guide, the minimum period will normally be appropriate for non-personal verbal offences or other minor offences. However, in the case of physical offences where the body is played or rough play takes place, a longer suspension will usually be appropriate.

Where a player deliberately strikes another with the stick or a fist, make physical contact and/or be involved in wrestling with each other, or deliberately kicks or spits at an opponent (or umpire) then RED card MUST be shown immediately.

- vii. **Red Cards**
 - a) Actual Red Card Offences; not converted yellows should be recorded on cards for referral to Tribunal for possible further action to be taken.
 - b) Club, players and other required persons shall be notified from liaison by Records Director and Secretary or President.
 - c) Any player whom may receive suspension through a permanent suspension (Red Card) or may receive a penalty sentence from the tribunal, shall be deemed ineligible to win the Associations 'Best & Fairest' player award.

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Section Two**CODE OF CONDUCT RULES:****1.0 MATCH CONDUCT**

All matches, shall be conducted strictly to the By-Laws of the Association.
Grade playing times shall not be penalised where umpires are at fault on late arrival.

2.0 UMPIRING DUTY PENALTIES**i. *Umpiring Duty Penalties***

- a) Clubs whom fail to meet the allocated umpiring duties, shall be issued Fines and Penalties, as governed by the Association's by-laws.
- b) Such fines where implemented must be paid as per by-Laws.
- c) Any Credits at the end of the season due from Association shall be duly paid, by liaison between Records Committee and Treasurer also under the By-Laws Guidelines.

3.0 BEHAVIOUR OF MEMBERS/PLAYERS

- i. Any person on a team bench shall not engage in LOUD –OR- ABUSIVE behaviour.
- ii. Each player on the field shall not do same towards Spectators, Players OR Coaches.
- iii. Such shall also apply to roving Coaches at games.
- iv. All players shall be governed by the rules of hockey governing behaviour and may be reported further under the guidelines of the Association By-laws.
- v. Any person registered with a Club/Team with the Association may also be reported for unnecessary LOUD-OR-ABUSIVE behaviour or for bringing the game into disrepute.

4.0 INJURIES

- i. A Fixture may be stopped if a player requires medical attention.
- ii. Only Two Team Officials, unless otherwise directed, may enter onto the playing fields at one time and then only with prior consent of the umpire.
- iii. All other players shall remain on the field while an injured player is being treated.

6.0 PLAYERS – PENALTY CARD ACCUMULATIONS

- i. Players receiving - Three (3) Temporary Suspensions (Yellow Cards) within any Five (5) Weeks of teams fixtures excluding Bye Days in which they have participated, be then ineligible to play in the next following fixture.
- ii. Should the player be a member of a team who has a bye in the next following fixture, the suspension shall apply to the next fixtured game of that team. A player shall be deemed to be available for a fixture unless:
 - a) Is unable to play because of injury
 - b) Is participating in an Association Team game
 - c) Is serving a suspension imposed by the Tribunal.
- iii. Following a disqualification under these Rules, all "Temporary Suspensions" shall be removed from the players record.
- iv. If at the end of the Season a player is due for suspension, then suspension shall apply from the commencement of the following Winter Season OR Indoor Season, ie Season in which the offence occurred.
- v. Notice shall be made by the responsible Director or Committee Officer to the Club of the player concerned and table with the Associations General Meeting.

REMEMBER: *These rules are applicable to all competitions under control of the Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association.*

7.0 RULING MONITORING – Code of Conduct

- i. Breaches of these Code of Conduct Rules must be very carefully monitored, reviewed by Umpires (on the day) and noted on cards.
- ii. Each infringing individuals Name/Shirt Number & Club is to be recorded by Association Records Committee.

8.0 RIGHT OF APPEAL

- i. There shall be no right of appeal by players to the Card Type Suspension, as received during the match.
- ii. Following any recommendation to the Tribunal Judiciary, a members right of appeal and application for such shall be made in accordance with the By-Laws on the matter.