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1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide all EIHA clubs with an overview of the EIHA Disciplinary process.

If you have any queries regarding disciplinary matters, please ensure you have checked this document before contacting the relevant Disciplinary contact.

The Disciplinary contacts may only be contacted via email. Email is the chosen method of communication as it ensures that no communications are misunderstood say due to a bad mobile phone connection.

The Disciplinary contacts for the leagues are as follows: -

English Premier League (EPIHL)	Sue Tomalin	sue.tomalin@ntlworld.com
English National League (ENIHL)	Andy Worship	andrew.worship@btopenworld.com
U19's	Lynn Millard	Lynnmillard40@hotmail.com
Women's	Geoff Hemmerman	geoff.hemmerman@googlemail.com
U16's & U14's	Sue Aldridge	sue_aldrige@hotmail.com
U12's & U10's	Paul Hayes	crazycontact@btopenworld.com
REC	Tony Wood	tony.wood@eiharec.co.uk

2 DISCIPLINARY POINTS AND FINES

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CLUBS TO MONITOR THEIR OWN PENALTY POINTS, AND NOT PLAY ANY PLAYER/OFFICIAL WHO HAS ACCUMULATED SUFFICIENT POINTS TO WARRANT A SUSPENSION.

2.1. Team failing to complete a fixture

There can be no justification for a team failing to start or complete a game. Any team doing so may be charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

Any team who fails to start or complete a match by leaving the ice, and after a verbal warning by the referee, and then still refusing to continue, will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute by their actions.

The game will be forfeited 5-0 in favour of the non-offending team.

The players and officials involved may be suspended for a period of up to one year. During the suspension they will not be allowed to transfer to other clubs.

The Club may be fined up to £5,000.

The offending club may be liable for any expenses or losses incurred by the non-offending club or rink involved.

The team may be expelled from the league.

2.2. Penalty Points for Season 2006-2007 for players

2.2.1. Penalty Points for players for all offences

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|-----------------------------|--|-----------|
| • 2+10 | Minor Penalty plus Misconduct Penalty | No Points |
| • 2+2+10 | Double Minor Penalty plus Misconduct Penalty | No Points |
| • 10 | Misconduct Penalty | No Points |
| | | |
| • Game Misconduct Penalty | | 2 Points |
| • 5+Game Misconduct Penalty | | 3 Points |

Each accumulated five points will result in the player being automatically suspended for ONE game

- **Match Penalty** (All Offences) **5 Points**

In the case of Match Penalties, these are subject to a referee's report and the length of the suspension awarded will be based on this. All Match Penalties will result in the player being suspended for a minimum of **ONE** game. All players receiving Match Penalties should wait for notification from their Disciplinary Officer before resuming any participation in games.

2.2.2. Playing a suspended player

In the event a team allows a suspended player to play then the following penalty point will be applied: -

- The offending player will be given a further **5 Points**
- The offending Team Official in charge will be given a further **10 Points**

2.2.3. Disciplinary hearing for points accumulation

When a player has accumulated **25 penalty points** he/she will be brought before the Disciplinary Committee where he may receive a further period of suspension, and charged with bringing the Game into disrepute.

2.3. Penalty Points for Season 2006-2007 for coach/manager and bench officials

2.3.1. Penalty Points for coach/managers and bench officials for all offences

- Game Misconduct Penalty 5 Points

Each accumulated five points will result in the coach/manger or bench official being automatically suspended for ONE game

- **Match Penalty** **(All Offences)** **5 Points**

In the case of Match Penalties, these are subject to a referee's report and the length of the suspension awarded will be based on this. All Match Penalties will result in the coach/manger or bench official being suspended for at least a minimum of **TWO** games. All coach/manger or bench official receiving Match Penalties should wait for notification from their Disciplinary Officer before resuming any participation in games.

2.3.2. Coaching whilst suspended

A suspended coach may not be within a 30 metre radius of his teams' bench. A suspended coach may not coach whilst in the ice rink during the game. A suspended coach may visit his teams' dressing room during the period breaks. In the event a team allows a suspended coach to coach then the following penalty points will be applied: -

- The offending coach will be given a further **10 Points**
- The offending Team Owner will be brought before the Disciplinary Committee where he may be charged with bringing the Game into disrepute.

2.3.3. Disciplinary hearing for points accumulation

- Team reaching **50** Points - Two game suspension
(an appeal may not be lodged for this suspension)
- Team reaching **100** Point – Coach is suspended for the remainder of the season and has to attend an EIHA coaching workshop.
(an appeal may be lodged for this suspension)

2.4. Penalty Point Fines

2.4.1. Penalty Points Fine system for all clubs except the EPIHL

For every 20 penalty points accumulated against the team (players, coaches, managers and bench official) a fine of £25 will be imposed.

The tariff is cumulative.

Example

A team with originally with no points but is assessed 70 points in one game on the 1st October 2006 would be fined £75 – breakdown as follows:

0-20 points = £25
21-40 points = £25
41-60 points = £25
61-80 points = points carried over

Total £75

The same team in the next game then acquire an additional 10 points. A fine of £25 would be imposed– breakdown as follows:

61-80 points = 10 points carried over from previous fine plus additional 10 points = 20 points
= £25

Total £25

2.4.2. Penalty Points Fine system for EPIHL clubs only

The tariff for the EPIHL is cumulative.

Example

A team with originally with no points but is assessed 70 points in one game on the 1st October 2006 would be fined £275 – breakdown as follows:

0-20 points = £25
21-30 points = £30
31-40 points = £40
41-50 points = £50
51-60 points = £60
61-70 points = £70

Total £275

The same team in the next game then acquire an additional 20 points. A fine of £170 would be imposed– breakdown as follows:

71-80 points = £80
81-90 points = £90

Total £170

3 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AND DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

3.1. Definitions of terms used

The **Appeals Committee** is a committee established to consider appeals from decisions of the Disciplinary Committee and shall consist of at least two EIHA Directors together with one other person appointed by the EIHA Company Secretary .

The **EIHA** or the **Association** is the English Ice Hockey Association.

An **Incident** is an incident/match report in writing relating to an EIHA ice hockey game.

The **Disciplinary Committee** is a subcommittee of the English Ice Hockey Association delegated the task of dealing with ice hockey and related disciplinary matters consisting of the relevant section Disciplinary Contact and between two and four members of the Association.

The **Executive Committee** is the Board of Directors of the English Ice Hockey Association.

The **Club** is a the club contact whom decision are sent to

The **Referee in Chief** is head of all referees and communication point for Disciplinary and Executive Committees for referring matters.

3.2. General principles applicable to disciplinary matters

The EIHA, Executive Committee, Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee will act in good faith and in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

The Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee must act in accordance with the rules of the EIHA and the current International Ice Hockey Federation Official Rule Book, IIHF Case Book and EIHA In House Rules.

A Disciplinary Hearing is a hearing of a sports association and not of a Court.

All Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee hearings and matters shall be dealt with as soon as is practically possible.

All Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee hearings may not be published into the public domain without the written permission of an EIHA Director.

3.3. Disciplinary Committee procedures

3.3.1. Entry to the Disciplinary Committee process

A hearing of the Disciplinary Committee shall be conducted where;

a) A penalty is called by a game Referee based on offences described in the current International Ice Hockey Federation Official Rule Book, IIHF Case Book and EIHA In House Rules that incur an automatic suspension and for the avoidance of doubt shall include the following called by a game referee :

- any offence in which Game Misconduct is assessed to a Coach, Manager or Bench Official
- any offence in which a player is assessed Match penalty
- any offence due to penalty points

An incident/match report is received by the relevant Disciplinary Committee Chairperson, provided such an incident/match report is received by the relevant Disciplinary Contact person within 5 working days of the alleged incident.

In any case where a penalty called by a game Referee incurs an automatic suspension, the game Referee shall provide a written report into the circumstances of the incident to the EIHA Referee in Chief as soon as practicable and in any case no later than 24 hours after the date of the incident.

The relevant Disciplinary Committee Chairperson shall as soon as possible and in any event no later than 72 hours after receipt of an incident/match report convene a hearing of the Disciplinary Committee.

3.3.2. Hearing procedures - Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee Chairperson shall have power to regulate and establish its own procedure in any case but subject to the power to establish and regulate its own procedure shall generally observe the procedures stated in these guidelines.

No Disciplinary matter heard by the Disciplinary Committee shall be quashed or held invalid by reason only of any defect, irregularity, omission or other technicality provided there has been no miscarriage of justice.

3.3.3. Notifications to Clubs

The relevant Disciplinary Committee Chairperson shall advise the club in writing of the Disciplinary Committees decision. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to impose the any penalties it deems necessary.

3.3.4. Application of Penalties

Any suspension imposed upon a Club shall apply to any games associated with the league the player or coach offended in.

Suspensions and penalties imposed shall be served during the period commencing as stated in the leagues rules of competition. Any suspension or penalty period not completed by the end of the season shall be carried forward until served in full.

Any suspended Player is prohibited from approaching the players' bench of that Player's team, the scorer's bench or the penalty box during games in which they would have been playing but for the suspension.

3.4. APPEALS COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

3.4.1. Notice of Appeal

Any Club wishing to appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall file notice of appeal in writing within 7 working days after the date on which the decision of the Disciplinary Committee is notified to the club.

An Appeal against a suspension does not necessarily mean a personal hearing will be given.

Appeals are only permitted where the suspension is more than 3 games.

A request for a personal hearing must be made in writing to the EIHA Company Secretary. Her details are as follows: -

Irene Jones,
EIHA Company Secretary
12 Arnside Avenue
BLACKPOOL
FY1 6NB

All appeals must contain the following:

- (a) A cheque for £250 as a deposit against costs of the hearing (which may be more than £250). This may be returned if the appeal is successful.
- (b) Such notice of appeal shall state the grounds of the appeal in sufficient detail to inform the Appeals Committee of the issues the Club intends to raise at the appeal and shall indicate new documented evidence to justify the appeal which may not have been available to the Disciplinary Committee.

- (c) New documented evidence to justify the appeal which was not available to the disciplinary committee.
- (d) In certain circumstances video evidence will be considered (£50 admin fee required)

If the appeal for a personal hearing is granted, the Company Secretary will advise in writing of the date, time and venue of the hearing.

If an appeal is refused, the Secretary will advise in writing the reason why the appeal has been refused.

Permission to have a legal representative is not normally allowed and is at the discretion of the Appeals Chairman.

3.4.2. Record of proceedings of Disciplinary Committee

Upon receipt of a notice of appeal, the Disciplinary Committee shall make available to the Club any information of the Disciplinary Committee decision and a copy to the Appeals Committee.

3.4.3. Hearing Date

The Appeals Committee shall set a time, date and place for the hearing of the appeal which shall be notified to the Club no less than 72 hours prior to the hearing of the appeal.

3.4.4. Procedure for Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee shall be entitled to adopt such procedure as it thinks fit in each particular case but subject to this power to regulate its own procedure shall generally observe the procedures stated in these Guidelines and shall ensure that a Club appealing against a decision of a Disciplinary Committee;

- (a) Receives a proper notification of the hearing of the appeal.
- (b) Has the opportunity to be heard in support of the appeal.
- (c) Has the right to be represented or assisted by a representative of his or her choice.
- (d) Has the right to have the appeal determined by a fair and impartial Committee.

3.4.5. Powers of the Appeals Committee

An Appeals Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) Allow an appeal in which case all sanctions against a Player shall be removed; or
- (b) Dismiss an appeal, in which case all sanctions against a Player shall remain in effect;
- or (c) Determine that a different sanction is appropriate and impose such a sanction.

3.4.6. Hearings and Deliberations to be in private

Hearings of an Appeals Committee shall be conducted in private. Deliberations of an Appeals Committee shall be in private.

3.4.7. Notification of Decision

The decision of an Appeals Committee shall be advised to all parties as soon as practicable after the conclusion of an appeal. Where it considers it appropriate, an Appeals Committee may deliver a short oral decision at the conclusion of an appeal with its reasons to be put in writing and communicated to the parties at a later date, or it may reserve its decision.

3.4.8. Record of Proceedings

Hearings of the Appeals Committee shall be recorded by minutes taken by any means as is considered appropriate by the Appeals Committee.