



Match Official Duties for Hockey Season 2017-18

Below are the listed duties of Match Official for hockey season 2017-18 applicable for all premier division and to any other elected HKHA matches or events.

- 1 Arrive at pitch at-least 15 minutes prior to the match.
- 2 Must wear official yellow shirt and dark colored trouser.
- 3 Check stop watches are all in order. Please bring along your own watch also for emergency backup.
- 4 With umpires, check the match card and player ID's especially on visiting players ensuring if they are listed they must be playing.
- 5 Make sure only listed team officials and players sit on the team bench.
- 6 The nominated Team Manager for a match is responsible for the conduct of all persons occupying the team bench. Vocal communication by team officials and / or players on the team bench must not be directed at the technical officials seated at the table, the Umpires and / or the players of the opposing team. If misconduct occurs after a Team Manager has been warned about acts of misconduct on his / her team bench, the Match Official on duty is empowered to order the person or persons involved to leave the team bench for the rest of the match. After the match, the Match Official will report the circumstances to the relevant sections of HKHA who may take further disciplinary action.
- 7 Control the penalty card suspension. For green and yellow card, suspension starts when the player is seated in the designated area. Ensure to stop player's suspension time as well when penalty stroke is awarded, during half time or if umpire stop's time for any reason and start when the umpire does so.
 - a For any offence, if the offending player is warned/indicated by a green card, the offending player is temporarily suspended for two minutes of playing time.
 - b For any offence, if the offending player is temporarily suspended by a yellow card, the umpire who issues the yellow card will indicate the duration of temporary suspension to the Match Official on duty otherwise temporary suspension of a minimum of five minutes of playing time will apply.
 - c The green or yellow carded player is permitted to resume play when the Match Official on duty indicates that the period of suspension has been completed unless this occurs during the taking of a penalty corner in which case the player cannot return until the penalty corner has been completed or another penalty corner is awarded.

If the offending player is a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges, the Match Official on duty notifies the Umpires when the period of suspension has been completed; the Umpires stop the time at the next stoppage of play to enable that player to resume play.
 - d For any offence, if the offending player is permanently suspended by a red card then that player shall leave the field of play immediately. Staying at the team bench is not permitted.
- 8 Ensure no persons other than field players, players with goalkeeping privileges, goalkeepers and umpires are permitted on the field during the match without the permission of an umpire.
- 9 If any person from the team bench and / or the on-duty Medical Officer enters the Field of Play and attends a player, that player must leave the Field of Play and return to the team bench area for a minimum of two minutes of playing time.



- 10 A player who has left the field due to injury or bleeding must not return until wounds have been covered; players must not wear blood stained clothing.
- 11 No liquid or other refreshment may be consumed on the Field of Play. Any player wishing to take refreshment during a match, including during time stoppages must leave the Field of Play. A goalkeeper may leave and re-enter the Field of Play adjacent to the goal.
- 12 Control the substitution;
 - a Substitution is permitted at any time except within the period from the award of a penalty corner until after it has been completed; during this period substitution is only permitted for injury to or suspension of the defending goalkeeper or defending player with goalkeeping privileges.
 - b Substitution of a player is permitted only after that player has left the field.
 - c Field players must leave or enter the field for substitution purposes within 3 meters of the center-line on a side of the field agreed with the umpires.
 - d Time is stopped for substitution of goalkeepers (i.e. wearing full protective equipment) but not for other substitutions.
- 13 Players must not change their stick between the award and completion of a penalty corner or penalty stroke unless it no longer meets the stick specification.
- 14 List out any contraventions related to uniform, any misconduct by the team officials or players and any other issues that you wish to bring to the attention of the Sections.
- 15 Umpires will enter the details about Yellow/Red cards and final result on the match card but if required assist them in doing so.