

Yellow Card Penalty Points

16.1 A player receiving a yellow card shall also receive penalty points as follows:

Y1 Dissent (continued contesting of umpires' decisions) – Two (2) points;

Y2 Dangerous Play (Continued or violent stick tackles, violent obstruction, continued and deliberate lifting of the ball) – Three (3) points;

Y3 Verbal Abuse of Umpire (use of foul language against the umpire(s) or continued and aggressive contesting of decisions of the umpire(s)) – Three (3) points;

Y4 Verbal Abuse of Player (use of foul language or continued and aggressive behaviour against another player(s)) – Two (2) points;

Y5 Threatened Assault on Umpire (Physical confrontation of the umpire by a player) – Four (4) points;

Y6 Threatened Assault on Player (Physical confrontation of a player by another player) – Three (3) points;

Y7 Others, state offence (Non-violent nature) – One (1) point

PENALTIES

5 points accumulated in one season – suspension for 1 match

10 points accumulated in one season – suspension for 2 matches

15 points accumulated in one season – suspension for 3 matches and referral to DC.

Upon accumulation of 5 points, the subject player will be immediately suspended for 1 match (league or cup). If the accumulated points exceed 5 points (e.g. to 6 or 7 points) then once the player has completed his suspension, the player starts a new accumulation of points from 5 to 10. The additional points above 5 (i.e. 1 or 2 depending on the total accumulated) shall begin to count towards the next “level” total of 10 points starting from 5.

Example A player, who has accumulated 3 points, receives a yellow card with a code Y2 offence (3 points). The player now has accumulated 6 points. The player automatically is suspended for 1 match. Following the suspension, he begins to accumulate points in a new series of 5 up to 10, starting at 6 points. Should the player accumulate a further 4 points, he will be suspended for another two matches.

Suspensions under the yellow card penalty points system shall be served upon the notification by the HKHAMS. Points left over from one season will not be carried over to the following season. However, suspensions received in the latter weeks of the season will carry forward to the following season if there are insufficient matches left to serve the suspension.

16.2 Depending on seriousness of each reported case of yellow card, the Committee may:

- (a) take no further action, or
- (b) issue a letter of warning, or
- (c) interview and warn the player in person at a meeting; or
- (d) refer the case to the DC should the offence bring the game of hockey into disrepute.

Red Card Penalty System

16.3 A player awarded with a red card shall leave the field of play immediately (staying at the team bench is not permitted) and receive automatic suspension as follows:

R1 Repeated Dissent – suspension for 2 matches

R2 Second offence of dangerous play or very dangerous play – suspension for 3 matches

R3 Repeated verbal abuse or foul abuse of umpire – suspension for 4 matches

R4 Repeated verbal abuse or foul abuse of another player – suspension for 2 matches

R5 Repeated threatened assault or physical assault of umpire – suspension for 5 matches

R6 Repeated threatened assault or physical assault of another player – suspension for 4 matches

R7 Others, state offence (non-violent nature, repeated offence of Y7) – suspension for 2 matches

16.4 Clubs are responsible to ensure their player having received a red card observe the immediate suspension and does not take part in any match during the period of the two matches suspension.

16.5 All red card offences will automatically be investigated by the MS for misconduct, where necessary, the case may be referred to the DC for further review. Suspensions received in the latter weeks of the season will carry forward if there are insufficient matches left to serve the suspension.

- 16.6 Complaints by an affiliated Club against officials, players or spectators of another affiliated Club shall be made, in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours, to the Secretary of the HKHAMS.
- 16.7 When the Committee receives reports or video-evidence from umpires or team captains regarding serious misconduct of players during the match regardless whether the players involved have been carded, the Committee will conduct investigations if needed to determine whether these players have breached any rules and bye-laws as stipulated in 16.1. Should the Committee find these misconducts have brought the game of hockey into disrepute, it will take necessary disciplinary actions against the players and/or the clubs involved according to the MS General Bye-laws 15.
- 16.8 In the event that a player of:
- (a) an affiliated Club is suspended from hockey, that player is automatically debarred from playing for his Club team as well as for HKHA team during the period of suspension. (A two-match suspension means the next two (2) matches of the team for which the player was playing when the red card was awarded. The two-match suspension cannot be a combination of one Club match and one HKHA team match).
 - (b) a HKHA team is suspended from hockey, that player is automatically debarred from playing for any HKHA team as well as for his Club team during the period of suspension. (A two-match suspension means the next two (2) matches of the HKHA team for which the player was playing when the red card was awarded. The two-match suspension cannot be a combination of one Club match and one HKHA team match). If, during the period of suspension, his Club team has played two (2) matches, he may then play for his Club team even though he may still be suspended from playing for his HKHA team.
- 16.9 Other contravention of these Bye-laws shall be dealt with as specified in the Bye-Laws themselves, with reference to the Second Schedule, or by the Committee.
- 16.10 All appeals shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 4 of the HKHA and/or Bye-law 16 of the HKHAMS General Bye-laws.