

**Rules of the Hong Kong Hockey Association
(confirmed at AGM on 22 July 2014)**

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Rule 1 Introduction

- 1.1 These Rules are issued under the powers conferred upon the HKHA Council by Article 46 of the Articles of Association of the Hong Kong Hockey Association and may be altered, added, amended or deleted at the discretion of the Council, subject to the overriding power of the Member Clubs to set aside any Rule pursuant to a Special Resolution at a General Meeting of the Association.
- 1.2 A printed (or electronically formatted) copy of these Rules, together with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the HKHA shall be issued or made available to each Member Club and shall be binding upon them.
- 1.3 For the purposes of these Rules, any reference to the male shall include the female.
- 1.4 The interpretation of these Rules shall be determined by the Council whose decision shall be final.

Rule 2 - Conduct

- 2.1 All officials, players and spectators participating in or at hockey games held under the auspices of the HKHA shall be governed by:
 - (a) the Rules of Hockey
 - (b) the HKHA Rules
 - (c) the HKHA Section Bye-laws, and
 - (d) the HKHA Code of Conduct

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- 2.2 Affiliated Clubs shall be held responsible for the conduct of their officials, players or members and spectators participating in or at hockey games or hockey fixtures in Hong Kong or elsewhere if a team from Hong Kong is a participant.
- 2.3 For the purposes of discipline under these Rules, a HKHA hockey game will be deemed to have commenced one (1) hour before the scheduled start time for the game and will be deemed to have ended one (1) hour after the umpire's final whistle.

Rule 3 Disciplinary Committee

- 3.1 The HKHA Council shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee ("DC") to consider and deal with cases of misconduct and breaches of HKHA Section Bye-laws referred to it by the relevant HKHA Section.
- 3.2 The DC shall be made up of four or more members. The quorum for a meeting of the DC shall be three members.
- 3.3 The DC shall arrange its own secretarial services by appointing one of its members as secretary.
- 3.4 Any matter may be referred to the DC by the relevant HKHA Section provided such reference is made within 28 days of the date of the matter which is the subject of the reference.
- 3.5 On receipt of a reference for consideration, the DC will convene a hearing and give notice of such hearing to those who are the subject thereof provided that such notice was sent not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the hearing.
- 3.6 The DC may conduct its hearing in such manner as it thinks fit.
- 3.7 An official of the relevant HKHA Section shall be entitled to attend a meeting of the DC and to present to the DC such evidence or information as he wishes.
- 3.8 The affiliated Club (or its representative), official, player or spectator who is being enquired into by the DC shall be entitled to attend the hearing of the DC and to present to the DC such evidence or information as he wishes.
- 3.9 There shall be no entitlement to legal representation at any meeting of the DC.
- 3.10 If the DC finds there has been a breach of the Rules of Hockey, the HKHA Rules, HKHA Section Bye-laws, HKHA Code of Conduct or there has been conduct which has brought

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the game into disrepute, it may impose one or more of the punishments listed in Rule 3.11 below on the offending affiliated Club, official or spectator as it thinks fit.

- 3.11 The DC may issue a written reprimand, impose a monetary fine, deduct points from a team of an affiliated Club or suspend any affiliated Club, official, player or spectator from participating in hockey on such terms as the DC thinks fit.
- 3.12 Records of all cases will be kept at the HKHA office for future reference.

Rule 4 – Appeal

- 4.1 Any person, Club aggrieved by any action taken by the DC or the relevant HKHA Section may lodge an appeal by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary General of the HKHA within fourteen (14) of the date of the decision of the DC or the HKHA Section. Such notice must be accompanied by the appropriate administrative fee, the amount of which shall be prescribed by the HKHA Council.
- 4.2 The HKHA Council shall hear and decide any appeal that may be lodged under these Rules.
- 4.3 The quorum for a hearing of an appeal by the HKHA Council shall be five members.
- 4.4 Pending a decision on the appeal any penalty imposed by the DC or the HKHA Section shall be observed.
- 4.5 The HKHA Council shall have the power to vary, rescind, or confirm the DC's or the HKHA Section's decision.
- 4.6 Records of all cases will be kept at the HKHA office for future reference.

Rule 5 – Anti-doping

- 5.1 The Hong Kong Hockey Association condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sport.
- 5.2 The Hong Kong Hockey Association supports the latest Anti-Doping Rules of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, the Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee, and the International Hockey Federation, and adopts them wholly as the Hong Kong Hockey Association's Anti-Doping Policy.

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