

ILLAWARRA SOUTH COAST HOCKEY Inc.

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

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1. Introduction

The Illawarra South Coast Hockey Inc (ISCH) Judicial Panel Procedures & Guidelines set out the requirements for any judicial matters occurring in competitions run by ISCH within the region. The guidelines should act as instructions for judicial participants, as well as competition committees. The guidelines clearly set out the responsibilities for all parties involved in a judicial matter and what can be expected once a report of a judicial matter is made.

1.1. Application

This document shall apply to all ISCH competitions unless expressly excluded and may also apply to any tournament under the control of ISCH.

1.2. Definitions

- 1.2.1. Judicial Panel – persons forming the group which considers judicial evidence and presents a finding
- 1.2.2. Judiciary Tribunal – formal hearing of the judicial matter
- 1.2.3. Appeals Hearing – formal hearing of any appeal from a Judiciary Tribunal outcome

2. Composition and reporting structure of Judicial Panel

The Judicial Panel will be made up of the Judiciary Chair, relevant Competition Registrar who will also act as Panel secretary during Judiciary Tribunal and 3 Independent members. The Judicial Panel shall reside within the Administration structure of the ISCH organisation reporting to the Board.

3. Judicial Panel

- 3.1. The Judicial Panel have the power to cite any player who has been temporarily suspended one (1) or more times, at their discretion, dependent upon the nature of the offences.
- 3.2. The Judicial Panel shall notify the club secretary of the date that the player is to appear, such appearance to be within fourteen (14) days of the last known offence.
- 3.3. In the event of a match result sheet being 'Late', the appearance shall take place within seven (7) days of the club being notified.
- 3.4. Any player failing to appear before the Judicial Panel, when required to do so, shall be suspended until such time as they do appear.

4. Process for referring matters to the Judicial Panel

- 4.1. If an incident occurs during an ISCH competition match which is deemed by any ISCH official or witness to be a matter for the Judicial Panel where further action may be pursued, a report should be made to refer the matter.
- 4.2. In the case of an on-field incident it is the responsibility of the umpire or technical official to report the incident. An outline of the alleged incident is required to be noted in detail at the end of the match on the match card and report form available.
- 4.3. In the case of a team related incident it is the responsibility of the team manager or club president to report the incident.

- 4.4. The following process must be followed to refer a matter to the Judicial Panel:
- 4.4.1. Report the incident to the Judiciary Chair or Competition Registrar in writing (email) within 24 hours of the conclusion of the match in which the incident occurred, or in the event of an off-field incident within one hour by SMS or phone call in writing (email) within 24 hours of the incident. The written match report from officials of the match should include:
 - a) the name of person/s reporting the incident;
 - b) the name of the person/s being reported;
 - c) time and location of incident;
 - d) Detail summary of incident;
 - e) contact details of person/s reporting the incident;
 - f) list any witnesses to the incident;
 - g) list of any evidence to the incident; and
 - h) the signature of the person reporting the incident.
 - 4.4.2. The Judiciary Chair or Competition Registrar will acknowledge receipt of the report in writing.
 - 4.4.3. The Judiciary Chair will determine what further action will be taken.
 - 4.4.4. The Judiciary Chair will notify the Competition Registrar to notify person who submitted the report of the action to be taken. In the event that a Judiciary Tribunal is convened, the Competition Registrar will also notify the person/s being reported. In the case of a team related incident the person notified will be the team manager and/or team captain and/or club president.

5. Notification of Judiciary Tribunal

- 5.1. The Competition Registrar will prepare a judicial report detailing:
 - a) match details – date, time, field, competing teams;
 - b) names of umpires and other appointed match officials;
 - c) a brief statement outlining the alleged incident and the charge. This may be accompanied by more detailed reports or supporting evidence for example, a witness statement;
 - d) the name of the person/s reporting the incident;
 - e) the name of the reported person/s;
 - f) the names of any witnesses;
 - g) the names of officials
 - h) time and location of the Judiciary Tribunal; and
 - i) person/s required to attend the Judiciary Tribunal including witnesses, umpires and Technical officials.
- 5.2. The Competition Registrar will provide a copy of the judiciary report to the persons required to attend within a suitable timeframe.
- 5.3. The Competition Registrar will set a time and location for the Judiciary Tribunal that is most suitable, with consideration given to the constraints of the draw and/or competition progression.

6. Judicial Tribunal Process

- 6.1. The Judicial Panel will convene the Judiciary Tribunal at the notified time and location. If any person required to attend is absent, the Judiciary Tribunal may proceed at the discretion of the Judicial Panel.
- 6.2. The Judicial Panel will outline the allegation being made and the charge/s.
- 6.3. The Judicial Panel will ask the reported person/s whether they wish to contest the charge/s.
- 6.4. If the charge/s is not contested, the Judicial Panel will then make a determination in accordance with the penalty guidelines.
- 6.5. If the charge is contested:
 - 6.5.1. The reported person and reporting person (both parties) will be present during the Judiciary Tribunal, unless the Judicial Panel deems this to be inappropriate.
 - 6.5.2. Both parties are permitted to have two supporting people to assist and advise during the tribunal. In the case that any of the parties are under 18 years of age, one of the supporting persons must be their parent or club representative.
 - 6.5.3. The Judicial Panel may question the parties as they see fit.
 - 6.5.4. Both parties may direct questions and statements to the Judicial Panel but not to the other party without the consent of the Committee.
 - 6.5.5. Witnesses and match officials will be excluded from the tribunal unless called upon to provide testimony by the Judicial Panel.
 - 6.5.6. Evidence will be included at the discretion of the Judiciary Committee.
 - 6.5.6.1. Evidence presented to the Judicial Panel may consist of statutory declaration and/or oral account.
 - 6.5.6.2. Where statutory declaration is provided without the person giving the declaration being made available to be questioned on their evidence, discretion will be exercised by the Judicial Panel as to accepting such evidence.
 - 6.5.6.3. Any documentation to be provided to the Judicial Panel is to be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the hearing date where possible.
 - 6.5.7. Once the Judicial Panel is satisfied with the facts and evidence presented, they will then make a determination on the status of the charge and if required, the penalty imposed.
- 6.6. The Judicial Panel may choose to deliver their findings at the tribunal or as a written notification within a suitable timeframe.
- 6.7. Written notification of the findings of the Judicial Panel will be provided to all parties.
- 6.8. The penalty allocated by the Judicial Panel shall relate to the competition grade in which the person is graded and the suspension round(s) be served in that grade.

7. Penalty Guidelines

The following are the Hockey NSW guidelines for the penalty ranges for offences that may occur during a state championship which are to be used by the Judicial Panel.

Guidelines Appendix 1

Offence	Penalty
Tripping	Minimum 1 match
Dispute umpires decision	Minimum 2 match
Verbally abusing umpire	Minimum 2 match
Verbally abusing umpire – 2nd offence	Minimum 6 matches
Deliberately striking an umpire	Minimum 2 Year
Deliberately striking an umpire – 2nd offence	5 year to life
Deliberately throwing of a stick	Up to 6 matches
Striking another player	Minimum 3 matches
Striking another player with a hockey stick	Minimum 3 matches
Deliberately striking another player with a hockey stick	Minimum 10 matches
Deliberately striking another player with a hockey stick – 2nd offence	1 year to life
Spitting at a player/officials	Minimum 5 matches
Rough, dangerous, intimidatory play	Minimum 2 matches
Persistent and deliberate breach of the rules	Minimum 2 matches
Abusive conduct whilst a spectator	Minimum 3 matches
Abusive and/ or offensive conduct	Minimum 3 matches
Inappropriate physical play	Minimum 3 matches
Acting in a detrimental manner to Illawarra South Coast Hockey Inc.	Minimum 3 matches
Breaching Illawarra South Coast Hockey policies and procedures inc. relevant code of conduct	Minimum 3 matches
Use a telecommunications device to threaten/abuse a player or official	Minimum 3 matches
Deliberately misleading judiciary	Minimum 4 matches
Intoxicated/drug influenced	6-20 matches
Assault/attempted assault by spectator on umpire/player	Minimum 6 matches

The Judicial Panel has the discretion to impose different penalties if it is agreed there are extenuating circumstances. Reasons for this will be detailed on the 'Tribunal Findings Form'.

8. Disciplinary Points System

The disciplinary points system outlined in Section 9 – Judiciary of the Illawarra South Coast Hockey Competition Rules is to be used for on-field matters. The relevant Competition Registrar will keep a record of all cards issued throughout the competition and suspend participants accordingly.

If it is felt the incident warrants further action, then the umpire or technical official from the specific match may refer the matter to the Judicial Panel following the Judicial guidelines as outlined.

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Notification of Judiciary Tribunal

Match Details

Competition: _____

Match: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Field: _____

Teams: _____

Umpires: _____

Technical Official(s): _____

Incident Details

Reported persons(s): _____

Alleged Incident: _____

Charge: _____

Reported by: _____

Witnesses: _____

Judiciary Tribunal

A Judiciary Tribunal will be held to hear the above matter at the below time:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

The following people are required to attend the tribunal: _____

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Findings of the Judicial Panel

Match Details

Championship: _____

Match: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Field: _____

Teams: _____

Umpires: _____

Technical Official(s): _____

Tribunal Findings Details

Reported persons(s): _____

Verdict and charges: _____

Penalty: _____

Authorisation

Authorised by the Judicial Panel as a true and accurate record of the findings.

Judicial Chair: _____

Competition Coordinator: _____

Competition Registrar: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

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Umpire's Report

Reporting Umpire's Name: _____

Match Date: _____

Clubs: _____ vs _____

Venue: _____

Approximate time remaining:

Player's Name: _____ Shirt No: _____

Club _____

Card Issued: Yellow Red

- Bad Tackle
- Striking
- Elbowing
- Kicking
- Spitting not directed at a person
- Punching / Fighting
- Shoulder Charge
- Violent Tackle from Behind
- Head Butting
- Elbowing to the Head

- Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language
- Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures
- Deliberately hitting ball at the bench area
- Deliberately hitting ball at player with intent to harm
- Spitting
- Bringing the game into disrepute
- Racial Comments
- Offensive comments (Gender or sexual based)
- Other

Offences against Umpires:

- Continual Dissent
- Dissent after issuing of a red card
- Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language
- Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures
- Failing to leave the ground after issuing a red card
- Threatening or intimidating an umpire or technical official by word or action
- Tripping an umpire or technical official
- Pushing with an open hand, shoulder or hip
- Striking with a ball, stick or other object
- Spitting
- Striking, kicking or elbowing
- Other

