



## Policies & Procedures

- **Time-out for serious injury during finals**

If in the opinion of the umpire, after initial assessment of an injury and after consulting the team manager, it is felt the injury is serious and will take more than the normal time to resume play, then the umpire shall signal for the clock to be stopped. When the clock restarts, the game will continue, completing the full 70 minutes. This applies to ALL finals (junior/senior) starting from the semis.

- **Goalkeepers**

Should it be necessary to replace a goalkeeper, teams will not be allowed time to pad up a replacement. It is recommended that clubs have a second goalkeeper padded up and ready. If a replacement keeper is not available, the team will be required to put a helmet on a field player and play with a kicking fullback so the game can continue.

- **Spitting/clearing the nose etc**

This is NOT permitted on the surface or in the dugouts (as stated in the by-laws). Penalty – yellow card and \$30 fine.

- **Half time talks**

Teams must remain in the dugout or, for the water field, inside the concrete edging on the paved area (NOT on the carpet) and for the hybrid, no further than the blue carpet. Teams are allowed to move to a change room for half time if they wish.

- **Use of change rooms**

Teams wanting to use the change rooms for half time talks should be given priority over teams preparing for the next game.

- **Coaches/Managers**

Are to remain in the area the width of the dugout and to the cement edge. A chair at the edge of or directly against the front of the dugout is acceptable. E & D Grade coaches may move to the 25 yard line. Players, however, **must** remain in the dugout except when being substituted.

- **Who can be in the Dugout?**

As per the by-laws, **only** a coach, assistant coach, manager, strapper and/or physio and players who are members of the competing team are permitted in the dugout.

- **Substitutions**

All substitutions, with the exemption of goalkeepers, must take place at the halfway line, NOT in front of the team's dugout. Goalkeepers can be subbed at the back line as long as the umpires are aware that the sub is happening and that it does not interfere with play.

- **Food in Dugouts**

The only food allowed in the dugouts is jelly-type lollies (e.g. red frogs, snakes) which are in a sealed container.

- **Entering/Leaving Dugouts**

Teams are asked to be considerate of other teams during changeover between games. Teams entering the dugouts are asked to wait and give the team leaving time to do so before entering the dugout. However, those teams departing are also asked to do so without delay. Debriefings should take place outside the fenced enclosure.

- **Parents**

While it is understandable that parents will be concerned if their child is injured, they are to be reminded they are not to enter the fields.

- **High Heeled Shoes**

As stated in By-Law 22.4 (Prohibited Items), 'no high heels or stiletto type shoes' are permitted on the surfaces. Penalty - \$30 fine. Coaches/Managers are asked to monitor this if parents are entering the field to take team photos.

- **Alcohol**

Players and spectators are reminded that it is illegal under Queensland licensing laws to bring alcohol into the Briggs Road Complex. Ipswich Hockey is required to report such instances to Police, who will handle such matters.