



WWCHA- Playing Rules – Rule Addition – 2020 Season

Spitting and Nose Blowing

Comment:

Spitting and nose blowing without a handkerchief or tissue etc, is a practice that unfortunately occurs in our sport and must stop as it poses a significant risk to other players, officials and spectators. With COVID-19 these practices lift in terms of risks to the health and safety of our players, officials and spectators.

Proposed Rule Addition:

- 1) Any player caught spitting or blowing their nose without a handkerchief or tissue will be issued a red card (permanent suspension from the match)
- 2) A player issued with a red card under this provision may be replaced on the field. This is a variation of the FIH Rules of Hockey Rule 14.1.d.
- 3) The player issued with a red card under this provision will be required to leave the field and the complex as per the FIH Rules of Hockey Rule 14.5.

- 4) The issuing of a red card under this provision will still require umpires to submit a report to WWCHA as per the current rules, and further penalties may be placed on the player.

If there are no further penalties applied then the player concerned can resume playing in the next schedule competition round.

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