

Rule Changes-Passed Committee Meeting-21 January 2020

I :8 – Suspensions and Reporting

Existing Rule

- a. All suspensions, temporary or permanent, are to be recorded on the Match Card, indicating the name of the player suspended, the reason for the suspension and the time period of the suspension.
- b. Where a player is permanently suspended (that is, a 'red card'), both umpires are to provide a written report to a member of the OC within 24 hours outlining the circumstances of the awarding of a "red card". Each umpire is to make their report without consultation or collusion.
- c. Upon receiving reports from umpires a disciplinary hearing will be organised by the board unless deemed unnecessary by the OC.
- d. Both umpires involved in the match should be prepared to attend the disciplinary hearing to provide evidence
- e. If the OC deem a hearing unnecessary they will notify the board within 12 hours of receiving reports by both umpires

Proposed Rule

- a. All suspensions, temporary or permanent, are to be recorded on the Match Card, indicating the name of the player suspended, the reason for the suspension and the time period of the suspension.
- b. Where a player is permanently suspended (that is 'red card') both umpires are to provide a written report to a member of the OC within 24 hours outlining the circumstances of the awarding of a 'red card'. Each umpire is to prepare their report without consultation or collusion.
- c. The player that is suspended, is expected to submit a response within 24 hours.
- d. If there are conflicting statements, the OC can request responses from the Technical Officials (TO's) of the game.
- e. Upon receiving the reports from the umpires, and the player, the OC will determine the penalty given in terms of Schedule 8B (Red Card Offences/Penalties) or refer to the Board for convening of a disciplinary hearing (As per Section J).
- f. The decision, and action (Suspension in terms of Schedule 8B or Disciplinary hearing) are to be conveyed verbally and in writing to the player concerned and club within 48 hours of the receipt of umpires/players reports.

K : 1 – Penalty Points System

Currently

1. The following point system will apply: Green Card = 2 Penalty Points; Yellow Card = 5 Penalty Points; Red Card = 10 Penalty Points.
8. Penalty Points will be deducted at the rate of one point for each week that WWCHA plays a competition round (*Exception – see Playing Rules i) below)
9. Should a player be “carded” during a competition round, there will not be a one point deduction in that player’s Penalty Points for that week.

Proposed

1. The following point system will apply: Green Card = 2 Penalty Points; Yellow Card = 5 Penalty Points.
8. Penalty Points will be deducted at the rate of one point for each competition round the player plays.
 - i. Should a player be “carded” during a competition round, there will not be a one point deduction in that player’s Penalty Points.
 - ii. A bye will be counted as “played” competition round, and result in a one point deduction for that player’s Penalty Points.
 - iii. A player that is suspended, will not receive the deduction of one point for the competitions rounds they are suspended for.
 - iv. Playing in multiple grades per round, will only result in a one point deduction in that players’ Penalty Points.
 - v. If a player plays multiple rounds in one week, each round will be judge on its own.

L: 1 - ACTION TO BE TAKEN SUBJECT TO RED CARD

Currently

1. Any person at a match will, on being shown a red card, remove him/herself from the dugout, field and the surrounding area for the remainder of the game.

Proposed

1. Any person at a match will, on being shown a red card, remove him/herself from the dugout, field and the surrounding area for the remainder of the day.

M: 1 - SUSPENSIONS Penalty Point & Disciplinary Hearing

Currently

1. Suspensions shall be until a certain date.

Proposed

1. Suspensions shall be for competition rounds.

N: 1 - ELIGIBILITY FOR MOST VALUABLE PLAYER TROPHY

Currently

1. A player shall be ineligible to be awarded any Most Valuable Player Trophy presented by the Association if they have incurred either a total of 11 Penalty Point Suspension or a Disciplinary Hearing Suspension during the competition in which they are playing.

Proposed

1. A player shall be ineligible to be awarded any Most Valuable Player Trophy presented by the Association if they have incurred any suspension either, a total of 11 Penalty Point Suspension, a Red Card Suspension or a Disciplinary Hearing Suspension, during the competition in which they are playing.

Schedule 8 B

Red Card Offences/Penalties

Reference	Offence	Penalty
Umpire		
a.	Dispute umpires decision	1 Rounds
b	Verbal abuse directed at an umpire	2 Rounds
c	Threatening abuse/Intimidation/Harassment directed at an umpire (Verbal/Physical/Online)	4 Rounds
d	Physical abuse of an umpire	2 Years
e	Physical abuse of an umpire -2 nd offence	Life Suspension
f	Spitting on an umpire	5 Rounds
g	Intentionally Tripping an umpire	2 Rounds
Player		
a	Verbal abuse direct at a player	1 Round
b	Threatening abuse/Intimidation/Harassment directed at a player (Verbal/Physical/Online)	2 Rounds
c	Physical abuse (or attempt) of another player (Pushing/Shoving etc) – Grade One	2 Rounds
d	Physical abuse (or attempt) of another player (Wrestle/Tackle/Slap etc) – Grade Two	4 Rounds
e	Physical abuse (or attempt) of another player (Punch/Kick/Headbutt etc) – Grade Three	6 Rounds
f	Striking another player with a hockey stick (Unintentional)	3 Rounds
g	Deliberately striking another player with a hockey stick (Intentional, Violently)	10 Rounds
h	Deliberately striking another player with a hockey stick (Intentional, Violently) -2 nd offence	1 Year - Life Suspension *
i	Spitting on a player	4 Rounds
j	Intentionally Tripping a Player	1 Round

Miscellaneous Offences		
a	Rough, dangerous or inappropriate play (Not covered by another offence)	2 Rounds
b	Escalation of cards (2nd+ Yellow card offence)	1 Round
c	Persistent and deliberate breach of the rules	1 Round
d	Abusive in detrimental manner to the association (Not covered by another offence)	3 Rounds
e	Acting in a detrimental manner to the association (Not covered by another offence)	3 Rounds
f	Sabotaging obvious certain goal	1 Round
g	Intentional Stick abuse	2 Rounds
h	Deliberate throwing of a stick	4 Rounds
i	Crude or abusive hand gestures	1 Round
j	Inappropriate physical touching	1 Year
k	Playing under the influence of illegal narcotics or alcohol	10 Rounds
l	Bringing the game into disrepute	As determined by the judiciary*
m	Failing to comply with the Hockey Australia Player Code of Conduct	As determined by the judiciary*

* Penalty decided by judiciary