

England Ice Hockey Supporting Information 2023-2024

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13.1 Definitions

The following definitions are provided for your convenience. These should be used in accordance with the EIH Rule Book. This is not an exhaustive list.

“Abandonment”	A fixture that is unable to be completed once a game has commenced.
“Accumulated penalty points”	The disciplinary points accumulated by a person or team because of misconduct penalties.
“Appeal”	An appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee within the context of the rules.
“BUIHA”	British University Ice Hockey Association; the group responsible for overseeing all university competition based in the United Kingdom.
“Challenge game”	Any ‘friendly’ game duly sanctioned and authorised by the EIH Fixtures Secretary.
“Club”	A club affiliated with EIH which is subject to compliance with all EIH rules and regulations.
“Coach”	An EIH certified coach who is registered with EIH for the current season and who is subject to all EIH rules and regulations. Levels include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Foundation Coach (b) L1 Assistant Coach (c) L2 Team Coach (d) L3 Advanced Coach
“Competition”	Any EIH sanctioned league, cup or playoff as defined within the competitions structure.
“DBS”	Completion of the disclosure and barring service process.
“Disciplinary Proceedings”	Proceedings relating to a disciplinary matter that has come before, or will come before, the Department of Player Safety (DOPS) Committee.
“Dispensation”	Special one-off allowance to facilitate player movement between teams.
“Domestic event”	A tournament, camp or exhibition held in England, Wales.

“Department of Player Safety (DOPS)”	Department overseeing disciplinary proceedings of the sport in England and Wales.
“Dual section registration”	Whereby a player registers for more than one section.
“Emergency transfer request”	A form of player movement permitted for players where a game could not be completed without the request.
“England Ice Hockey (EIH)”	Nationally recognised governing body for ice hockey in England and Wales.
“England National Team Programme (ENTP)”	The national talent pathway for players in England and Wales.
“Executive Committee”	The committee appointed to oversee the EIH, often commonly referred to as the “Board” and made up of Directors elected at the AGM or co-opted onto the committee.
“Failure to fulfil a fixture”	A fixture that is not played or completed.
“Fault”	Applies with regards to fulfilling fixtures. Fault includes but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Failure of a team to attend a fixture (b) Failure of a team to arrive in time to face off and complete the fixture within allotted ice time (c) Failure of a team to meet minimum bench requirements (d) Expulsion of coach during game resulting in failure of a team to meet minimum bench strength
“Game / match”	Any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a game in a competition (b) any ice hockey game played between two clubs
“Game misconduct penalty”	Penalty where a person is ejected and is sent to the team’s dressing room.
“Gamesheet”	The official record of any EIH sanctioned game.
“Ice Hockey UK (IHUK)”	Internationally recognised governing body for ice hockey in the United Kingdom.

“In-House Rules”	Amendments to the IIHF Rules of the Game.
“International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)”	International governing body for ice hockey.
“JMC”	Junior management committee responsible for junior hockey.
“Junior hockey”	Any team under the age of 18 and below.
“League games”	Competitive games played as part of a sanctioned EIH league structure.
“Major penalty”	A penalty for a more severe infringing of the rules than a minor penalty and will lead the infringing player to remain off the ice for five minutes of play.
“Management Group”	The relevant league management group.
“Manager”	An EIH certified manager who is registered with the EIH for the current season and who is subject to all EIH rules and regulations. Levels include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Assistant Manager(b) Team Manager(c) Advanced Manager (invitation only)
“Match penalty”	Five-minute penalty and suspension until further notice.
“Minor penalty”	A team penalty that lasts for two minutes, and the offending player is sent to the penalty box.
“Misconduct report”	A report produced by the Disciplinary Secretary for the Disciplinary Committee.
“Misconduct”	Any personal act which has brought or may bring the game of ice hockey into disrepute.
“NIHL Management”	Committee responsible for NIHL hockey.
“NIHL”	National Ice Hockey League

“No-fault”	Applies with regards to fulfilling fixtures. No-fault is applicable when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Ice facility failure (b) Severe weather prevents travel (within a set of defined measures) (c) Medical emergency at venue / fixture (d) Unsafe rink conditions as defined in each section’s rules
“Non-British trained player”	A player of any nationality who has not been registered and played for two seasons in a British junior (up to U18) club.
“Off-ice misconduct”	Instances occurring off-ice that require disciplinary action against an individual, Club or Team, including but not limited to breaches of the EIH Code of Conduct & Ethics and failure to fulfil a fixture.
“Off-Ice Official”	An EIH registered off-ice official who is subject to all EIH rules and regulations. A list of roles is available in <i>section 11.0 Off-Ice Official Protocols</i> .
“On-ice misconduct”	Instances occurring on-ice that require disciplinary action against an individual or team.
“Penalty / penalties”	The general term for any minor penalty, major penalty, match penalty, misconduct penalty, game misconduct penalty and any penalty called by a game referee based on offences described in the current IHF Official Rule Book, IHF Case Book, Coach/Manager Code of Conduct and the EIH In House Rules that incur an automatic suspension
“Penalty points fines system”	A sanction against a person as consequence of accumulating a requisite number of penalty points.
“Penalty points system”	The system for the ordering of penalty points
“Player”	An EIH registered player who is subject to all EIH rules and regulations.
“Player/Coach”	A player who is dually registered with the EIH as a player and a coach.
“Playing up”	A form of player movement. Playing up can include playing in a higher age group or playing in a higher division as defined in each section.

“Playoffs”	Competition taking place after the end of the regular season. Sometimes referred to as ‘finals’ or ‘championship weekend’.
“Postponement”	A fixture that is cancelled on the day of the game due to no fault and is able to be rescheduled.
“Professional player”	A player who holds a valid contract with a club and where the majority of their income derives from the sport of ice hockey.
“Recreational hockey (Rec)”	Non-competitive hockey regulated by the Recreational Section of the EIH.
“Referees”	Match officials (also known as On-Ice Officials) assigned by IHUK Referee section.
“Regular season”	The period beginning on the day of the first scheduled match in a competition and immediately after the completion of the last scheduled match of the competition.
“Rules of the Game”	The rules of ice hockey as published by the IIHF.
“Scottish Ice Hockey (SIH)”	Nationally recognised governing body for ice hockey in Scotland.
“Senior hockey”	All hockey not limited by a maximum age group.
“Showcase Programme”	Part of the EIH performance pathway for junior players in England and Wales.
“SNL”	Scottish National League
“Team list”	A list of EIH registered players, coaches and off-ice officials produced for any EIH sanctioned game. May also be referred to as a team sheet.
“Team”	A team within a parent Club registered to play in a specific EIH league.
“Terms of Reference”	The terms and conditions signed by any EIH committee setting out the operation and governance of said committee.
“To be arranged (TBA)”	A fixture that is awaiting rescheduling.
“Transfer”	A player transfer between clubs or teams with permission from both the releasing team and the team to which they are transferring.

“WNIHL Management”

Committee responsible for WNIHL hockey.

“WNIHL”

Women’s National Ice Hockey League

13.2 On-Ice Official fees

The following fees are in place for 2023-2024.

League	Total fee (without mileage)	Max mileage	Max mileage fee	TOTAL	Referee fee	Linesman fee	2 Man System
NIHL	£244.00	450	£202.50	£446.50	£73.00	£49.00	N/A
NIHL 1	£155.00	350	£157.50	£312.50	£67.00	£44.00	£77.50
NIHL 2 / WNIHL National	£129.00	300	£135.00	£264.50	£55.00	£37.00	£64.50
U18 / WNIHL 1 & 2	£73.00	250	£112.50	£185.50	£31.00	£21.00	£36.50
U16 / WNIHL U16	£63.00	200	£90.00	£153.00	£27.00	£18.00	£31.50
U14	£52.00	150	£67.50	£119.50	£22.00	£15.00	£26.00
U12	£39.00	150	£67.50	£106.50	£17.00	£11.00	£19.50
REC / BUIHA	£90.00	150	£67.50	£157.50	£38.00	£26.00	£45.00

13.3 Off-ice sanctions

	Infringement	Fine	Other action
1.2	Failure to uphold obligations outlined in the EIH Rule Book	Up to £10,000	Assessed under 'bringing the sport into disrepute' in the EIH DOPS Policy.
1.3	Failure of club to meet affiliation criteria	N/A	Non-registration or suspension of affiliation pending fulfilment of requirements.
1.3.3	Failure of a club to maintain affiliation status meet the re-affiliation criteria	N/A	Non-registration or suspension of affiliation pending fulfilment of requirements.
1.3.4	Failure to get approval for change of club ownership	N/A	Up to 10 point deduction. Suspension of previous owner from any EIH Club for up to three years.
1.3.5	Failure to notify EIH of insolvency	N/A	Expulsion from league(s).
1.3.6	Failure to notify the EIH of cancellation of affiliation	N/A	Suspension for one additional season following the cancellation.
1.4	Failure to meet eligibility requirements for individual registration	N/A	Non-registration or suspension of membership pending fulfilment of requirements (maximum of six months temporary suspension before membership is revoked).
1.4.3.1	Failure to seek written permission to register from previous club for transfer	N/A	Suspension of registration pending fulfilment of requirements (maximum of six months temporary suspension before membership is revoked).

1.4.3.2	Failure to meet the terms of players under contract	Fines imposed by HMRC	Suspension of membership pending investigation. See 'bringing the sport into disrepute' in the EIH's DOPS Policy.
1.4.3.4	Failure to meet IIHF International Transfer requirements	See IIHF rules	Player suspended and subject to a fine in-line with IIHF rules.
1.4.6	Transfer of membership to another person	N/A	Suspension of membership for up to one season.
1.4.7	Failure to provide accurate membership details, including falsifying information on a registration or transfer form	N/A	Suspension of membership for up to one season.
1.5	Failure to pay any levy or fee imposed on an individual within 28 days of invoice	Late payment fee of 8% plus Bank of England base rate.	Suspension of individual until payment is received (maximum of six months temporary suspension before membership is revoked).
1.5	Failure to pay any levy or fee imposed to the club within 28 days of invoice	Fine of up to £250 Late payment fee of 8% plus Bank of England base rate.	Suspension of fixtures until payment is received. Any fixtures falling within this period are assessed under failure to fulfil fixture with the offending team at fault.
1.6.2	Participation in a competition not recognised by the EIH, IHUK or IIHF	See IIHF rules	Suspension from all competitions (domestic and international).

1.6.3 1.6.4 1.6.5 1.6.6	Violation of any of the sections listed	See DOPs Policy	Assessed under 'bringing the sport into disrepute' in EIH's DOPS Policy.
1.6.7	Failure to abide by the EIH Social Media Policy or Code of Conduct & Ethics	Up to £1,000	Suspension pending investigation. See 'bringing the sport into disrepute' in the EIH's DOPS Policy.
1.6.8	Failure to adhere to the EIH Branding Guidelines	Up to £100	N/A
2.2	Failure to seek approval for change in venue	Up to £100	N/A
4.1	Failure to meet the safety equipment requirements.	N/A	For repeat offences, see 'bringing the sport into disrepute' in the EIH's DOPS Policy.
5.3	Failure to meet the requirements for non-league and cup games, tournaments and camps	Up to £1,000	Insurance null and void for any fixture or event not authorized by EIH (and IHUK where applicable). Suspension from non-league competitions, tournaments and camps for up to 12 months.
6.2	Failure to meet minimum squad requirements.	Up to £250	Removal from league

6.4	Failure to obtain approval from EIH for player movement	Up to £5,000	See icing an ineligible player.
6.9.8	Postponement of fixture not approved by EIH	Up to £5,000	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
6.9.9	Abandonment where both teams are deemed at fault	Up to £5,000	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
6.9.9	Abandonment where one team is deemed at fault	Up to £5,000	See failure to fulfil a fixture
6.10	Failure to fulfil a fixture.	As per tariff, up to £5,000 plus opponents' and referees' expenses where a team is deemed at fault. *Evidence of costs may be requested by EIH.	Where no team is at fault, the game is recorded as a 0-0 draw with one point awarded to each team. Where both teams are at fault, the game is recorded as a 0-0 draw and no points are awarded. Where one team is at fault, the game forfeited by offending team and 5-0 win awarded to the non-offending team (8-0 at U12). Points deduction applies in-line with tariff in EIH Rule Book.
6.10.1	Failure to supply satisfactory documentation as requested by the EIH	Up to £5,000	Fixture may be awarded as the fault of the team failing to provide the required documentation.
6.11	Failure to meet match-day personnel requirements	Up to £5,000	See failure to fulfil a fixture.

6.11.4.1	Failure to pay on-ice officials	Up to £1,000	Withdrawal of EIH and IHUK services until payment is made. Any fixture that falls within this period will be cancelled and deemed as a <i>failure to fulfil a fixture</i> , with the non-paying team at fault.
6.12	Failure to adhere to match-day protocols	Up to £1,000	Multiple incidents will result in suspension or points deductions.
6.12.7	Kit clash	Up to £1,000	5-0 win awarded to visiting team as per failure to fulfil a fixture. Game played as challenge game.
6.12.10	Late start where fixture cannot be completed due to limited ice time.	Up to £5,000	See abandonment of fixture.
6.13.2	Failure to provide an accurate team list	Up to £5,000	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
6.13.3	Icing an ineligible player	Up to £5,000	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
6.13.4	Ineligible coaches, managers and off-ice team bench officials	Up to £5,000	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
6.13.5	Failure to submit a game sheet accurately and/or on time	Up to £5,000	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
6.13.7	Failure to record a match	As per tariff, up to £250 per failure	Team penalty points and league points deduction applies in-line with tariff in EIH Rule Book.

6.13.8	Failure to meet the injury reporting requirements	Up to £500	Any insurance claim resulting from injury is invalidated.
6b.1	Failure of team to attend playoffs	N/A	10 point deduction for following season.
6b.2	Icing an ineligible player	Up to £1,000	Expulsion from playoffs.
6b.3	Failure to gain approval for dispensation for playoffs	£100 per team list and game sheet	Player suspended from finals for any team. Should a team ice an ineligible player, they team will be expelled from the finals and all results warded 5-0 to the non-offending teams.
6b.4	Listing an ineligible player on the team list	£100 per team list and game sheet	Player suspended from finals.
7.2	Failure to meet minimum squad requirements.	Up to £250	Removal from league.
7.4	Failure to obtain approval from EIH for player movement	Up to £150	See icing an ineligible player.
7.9.8	Postponement of fixture not approved by EIH	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.

7.9.9	Abandonment where both teams are deemed at fault	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture
7.9.9	Abandonment where one team is deemed at fault	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture
7.10	Failure to fulfil a fixture.	As per tariff, up to £150 plus opponents' and referees' expenses where a team is deemed at fault. *Evidence of costs may be requested by EIH.	Where no team is at fault, the game is recorded as a 0-0 draw with one point awarded to each team. Where both teams are at fault, the game is recorded as a 0-0 draw and no points are awarded. Where one team is at fault, the game forfeited by offending team and 5-0 win awarded to the non-offending team (8-0 at U12). Points deduction applies in-line with tariff in EIH Rule Book.
7.10.1	Failure to supply satisfactory documentation as requested by the EIH	Up to £150	Fixture may be awarded as the fault of the team failing to provide the required documentation.
7.11	Failure to meet match-day personnel requirements	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
7.11.4.1	Failure to pay on-ice officials	Up to £150	Withdrawal of EIH and IHUK services until payment is made. Any fixture that falls within this period will be cancelled and deemed as a <i>failure to fulfil a fixture</i> , with the non-paying team at fault.

7.12	Failure to adhere to match-day protocols	Up to £100	Multiple incidents will result in suspension or points deductions.
7.12.7	Kit clash	Up to £150	5-0 win awarded to visiting team as per failure to fulfil a fixture. Game played as challenge game.
7.12.10	Late start where fixture cannot be completed due to limited ice time.	Up to £150	See abandonment of fixture.
7.13.2	Failure to provide an accurate team list	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
7.13.3	Icing an ineligible player	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
7.13.4	Ineligible coaches, managers and off-ice team bench officials	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
7.13.5	Failure to submit a game sheet accurately and/or on time	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
7.13.7	Failure to record a match	Up to £50	First offence = warning Any further offences = £50 fine and 2 point deduction.
7.13.8	Failure to meet the injury reporting requirements	Up to £50	First offence = warning Any further offences = £50 fine and 2 point deduction. Any insurance claim resulting from injury is invalidated.

7b.1	Failure of team to attend WNIHL Championship Weekend	N/A	10 point deduction for following season.
7b.2	Icing an ineligible player	Up to £100	Expulsion from playoffs.
7b.3	Failure to gain approval for dispensation for playoffs	£25 per team list and game sheet	Player suspended from finals for any team. Should a team ice an ineligible player, they team will be expelled from the finals and all results warded 5-0 to the non-offending teams.
7b.4	Listing an ineligible player on the team list	£25 per team list and game sheet	Player suspended from finals.
8.2	Failure to meet minimum squad requirements.	Up to £250	Removal from league.
8.4	Failure to obtain approval from EIH for player movement	Up to £150	See icing an ineligible player.
8.9.8	Postponement of fixture not approved by EIH	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
8.9.9	Abandonment where both teams are deemed at fault	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.

8.9.9	Abandonment where one team is deemed at fault	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
8.10	Failure to fulfil a fixture.	As per tariff, up to £150 plus opponents' and referees' expenses where a team is deemed at fault. *Evidence of costs may be requested by EIH.	Where no team is at fault, the game is recorded as a 0-0 draw with one point awarded to each team. Where both teams are at fault, the game is recorded as a 0-0 draw and no points are awarded. Where one team is at fault, the game forfeited by offending team and 5-0 win awarded to the non-offending team (8-0 at U12). Points deduction applies in-line with tariff in EIH Rule Book.
8.10.1	Failure to supply satisfactory documentation as requested by the EIH	Up to £150	Fixture may be awarded as the fault of the team failing to provide the required documentation.
8.11	Failure to meet match-day personnel requirements	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
8.11.4.1	Failure to pay on-ice officials	Up to £150	Withdrawal of EIH and IHUK services until payment is made. Any fixture that falls within this period will be cancelled and deemed as a <i>failure to fulfil a fixture</i> , with the non-paying team at fault.
8.12	Failure to adhere to match-day protocols	Up to £100	Multiple incidents will result in suspension or points deductions.

8.12.7	Kit clash	Up to £150	5-0 win awarded to visiting team as per failure to fulfil a fixture. Game played as challenge game.
8.12.10	Late start where fixture cannot be completed due to limited ice time.	Up to £150	See abandonment of fixture.
8.13.2	Failure to provide an accurate team list	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
8.13.3	Icing an ineligible player	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
8.13.4	Ineligible coaches, managers and off-ice team bench officials	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
8.13.5	Failure to submit a game sheet accurately and/or on time	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.
8.13.7	Failure to record a match	Up to £50	First offence = warning Any further offences = £50 fine and 2 point deduction.
8.13.8	Failure to meet the injury reporting requirements	Up to £50	First offence = warning Any further offences = £50 fine and 2 point deduction. Any insurance claim resulting from injury is invalidated.
8.14.7	Failure to meet game day requirements – playoffs (team officials)	N/A	Expulsion from playoffs.

8b.1	Failure of team to attend Junior National Finals	N/A	10 point deduction for following season.
8b.2	Icing an ineligible player	Up to £100	Expulsion from playoffs.
8b.4	Failure to gain approval for dispensation for Junior National Finals	£25 per team list and game sheet	Player suspended from finals for any team. Should a team ice an ineligible player, they team will be expelled from the finals and all results warded 5-0 to the non-offending team(s) (8-0 at U12).
8b.5	Failure to provide team lists (and line sheets at U12) by invitation deadline for Junior National Finals	£25	N/A
8b.5	Listing an ineligible player on the team list	£25 per team list and game sheet	Player suspended from finals.
9.4.3	Failure to meet minimum bench requirements (coaches)	Up to £150	See failure to fulfil a fixture.

Any breach of the EIH Rules may, at EIH Executive Committee's discretion, be sanctioned under 'bringing the game into disrepute'.