

# England Ice Hockey

## Rules & Regulations

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## 1. About Us

- 1.1. England Ice Hockey (EIH) is the National Governing Body (NGB) responsible for the governance, administration, development and promotion of the sport of ice hockey in England and Wales. The Association oversees grassroots (junior) ice hockey, women's ice hockey, senior ice hockey, para (sledge) ice hockey, SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) ice hockey, and recreational (community) ice hockey.
- 1.2. EIH supports clubs, players, coaches and officials, and schedules and sanctions competitions and tournaments in the interests of promoting the sport of ice hockey.
- 1.3. To ensure the successful development of the sport of ice hockey in England and Wales, EIH works with the various stakeholders including Ice Hockey UK (IHUK), the Scottish Ice Hockey Association (SIH), the International Ice Hockey Association (IIHF), ice rinks throughout England and Wales, and our Member Clubs.

## 2. EIH Mission Statement

- 2.1. EIH's vision is to create a nation enjoying memorable experiences in ice hockey, through participation, performing to the best of abilities and making continued progression.
- 2.2. Our mission is to create an environment that improves the sport for existing members and welcomes new players, coaches, volunteers and officials into the community, providing the framework and partnerships to develop their talent that enables them to excel.
- 2.3. Under the new brand of England Ice Hockey, we are committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the sport. To do this, we will harness four strategic pillars:
  - Participate
  - Progress
  - Perform
  - Partner

- 2.4. Each pillar will have specific workstreams, programmes and goals that will enable England Ice Hockey to grow and thrive.

### 3. About This Document

- 3.1. EIH has produced this document, which contains the current information on the rules and regulations of EIH, so that clubs and participants adhere to the same conditions throughout England and Wales.
- 3.2. This document will be updated annually, typically being issued prior to the start of each season.
- 3.3. Violation of any rules and regulations outlined in this document or EIH policies will result in the member (club and/or individual) being subject EIH Discipline Policy.

### 4. EIH Commitments

- 4.1. EIH is committed to promoting a safe, inclusive and positive environment for all participants to enjoy the sport of ice hockey. This commitment applies to all people involved with EIH, its competitions and players including: EIH clubs, EIH registered participants and officials, EIH volunteers, all members of Player Support Teams (including but not limited to: coaches, parents and medical professionals), all EIH staff, and all other competition support staff, whether acting in a paid or voluntary capacity, regardless of who they are engaged or employed by.
- 4.2. Involvement in EIH in any capacity, including but not limited to clubs, players, coaches, volunteers and competition support staff, means that you agree to:
  - Abide by EIH Rules and Regulations
  - Abide by EIH Code of Conduct & Ethics
  - Abide by EIH Social Media Policy
  - Be aware of and abide by EIH's Safeguarding Policies
  - Be aware of and abide by the UKAD Anti-Doping & IHUK Anti-Doping Rules
  - Be aware of and abide by EIH's Anti-Corruption Policy
- 4.3. Be aware of and abide by EIH's Data Protection Policies all in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) and the Privacy Shield (USA), in particular ensuring that every measure is taken to protect personal data to which you have access. This includes but is not limited to ensuring you do not give out your username or password to EIH accessed sites or emails.
- 4.4. Act with integrity and set a positive example, promoting the reputation of the sport and taking all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.

- 4.5. EIH will not be held liable if a breach of the above codes is found to be the responsibility of the individual, club, its employees, representatives or volunteers.
- 4.6. Please note that the above list is not exhaustive.
- 4.7. All breaches of EIH codes and policies must be reported to the correct body and EIH so the correct procedures can be followed in all instances. In the event of a breach that upon investigation is found to be due to the negligence of the promoter/player and/or its representatives, full liability and consequences will be the responsibility of the club/individual.

## 5. EIH Contacts

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## 6. Competition Standards

- 6.1. Standards of play ensure integrity of competition at all levels.
- 6.2. The IIHF rules recognise the need for fair play and the responsibility of EIH, clubs, players and officials to adhere to these standards. EIH follows the IIHF competition standards with the following exceptions detailed below.

## 7. Gender Participation

- 7.1. EIH allow women and individuals that identify as non-binary to participate in senior National Ice Hockey League(s)
- 7.2. EIH allows male netminders U16 to play in the Women's National Ice Hockey League
- 7.3. All junior leagues are mixed-gender

## 8. Obligations

- 8.1. These terms and conditions have been created to provide all persons registering with the England Ice Hockey Limited with an enjoyable, safe and welcoming experience whilst engaged in our sport and using the services of the association. This agreement is made on the terms listed below and those set out on the internet between EIH ('we' or 'us') and yourself ('you' or 'your').
- 8.2. Each club which participates in any EIH competition is deemed, by acceptance of the invitation, to be bound by EIH rules, regulations and policies, the applicable competition rules and the rules and regulations of any body of which EIH is a member or affiliated with and accepts the jurisdiction of EIH. To the extent that there is any conflict between the rules of another body and EIH's, each club agrees that EIH's rules, regulations and policies shall take precedence. For clarity, this does not apply when the Law in England and Wales supersedes any EIH regulation.
- 8.3. All clubs affiliating and individuals registering with EIH are deemed to have read and accepted the rules as a condition of entry.

- 8.4. Each club and their members agree to be bound by and comply with all EIH policies, including but not limited to:
- Anti-Corruption Regulations
  - Anti-Doping Regulations
  - Data Protection Policies
  - Equality and Diversity Statement and Policy
  - Safeguarding Policies
  - Social Media Policy
  - Code of Conduct & Ethics, including for spectators
  - UKAD & IHUK Anti-Doping Rules
- 8.5. All members applying for EIH membership must be in good standing with EIH. All outstanding fees and fines owed to EIH must be fully paid-up.
- 8.6. EIH reserves the right to bar any club or member from participating in any EIH sanctioned activity for non-compliance with any disciplinary action. This may include monies owed to other clubs as a result of EIH disciplinary action.

## 9. Club Administration

- 9.1. Clubs must be affiliated to EIH by meeting and maintaining the minimum requirements outlined in this section. Affiliation with EIH is designed to aid the development of strong relationships between clubs and EIH, and to provide clubs with access to EIH resources, events, administration support, player pathway development and coaching and education development.
- 9.2. A 'Club' or 'Team' is any group of 14 or more individuals who meet the eligibility criteria of this policy and who successfully apply for club/team status as outlined below. Only affiliated bodies are recognised as EIH Club/Team (NB: referred to as club for the rest of this section).
- 9.3. Recreational affiliated club – a group or team recognised by EIH recreational section as being able to compete in sanctioned events and tournaments.



- 9.4. National based affiliated club – a group or team recognised by EIH to participate in league competition, and sanctioned events and tournaments. The group should operate in the proximity of their rink and should not offer the same product/conflicting product so as to damage the operation of another club.
- 9.5. Clubs who just wish to train and be insured only may also apply. Clubs not in leagues are not permitted to train with other EIH teams unless prior permission to sanction this as a Challenge Game has been obtained from EIH.
- 9.6. All affiliated clubs/teams should be able to offer their services to their local community (e.g., youth, university, recreational, men and women, able bodied and disabled).
- 9.7. Any group of players may apply to become club or team. Potential clubs/teams must submit an application to EIH via the registered office. All applications will be presented at the next EIH Annual General Meeting for approval and applicants will be notified of the outcome.
- 9.8. To be granted affiliation status with EIH, when applying clubs/teams must meet the following criteria:
- Recognised as any of the following:
    - Recognised by EIH as entering an EIH league or competition unless confirmed as ‘training only’
    - Officially affiliated with EIH Recreational section
  - Have an effective club committee consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer
  - Have a Head Coach who is an EIH licenced L2 Team Coach
  - Have a Designated Safeguarding Lead if there are players aged under 18 in the Club
  - Have a bank account with appropriate signatories.
  - Have a suitable venue for playing ice hockey on EIH approved venue list.
  - Ensure your Club members are also registered as EIH members. Clubs must submit an initial membership database of a minimum of 14 persons.
  - Acknowledge and adhere to EIH policies, including but not limited to EIH Code of Conduct and Ethics, EIH Safeguarding Policies, EIH Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, EIH Anti-Corruption Policy and UKAD & IHUK Anti-Doping Rules.
  - Be in good standing with EIH, including but not limited to settling any outstanding fees and fines in accordance with EIH terms.



- 9.9. In addition, clubs must, when asked:
- Publish its legal name, form (e.g. unincorporated association, company limited by shares or guarantee etc) and any identifier (e.g. company number). In addition, for those clubs that are owned, the club shall also publish the identities of the owner.
  - Submit a digital copy of the club/team logo, to be approved by EIH.
  - Submit a digital copy of the team strip, to be approved by EIH.
  - Submit a copy of the public liability insurance from the club's ice rink.
  - Be committed to maintain and develop the spirit of the game.
  - Always promote the good name of EIH
  - In the event of insolvency of EIH, affiliated Clubs must acknowledge that they can be called upon to guarantee the debts of the association to the sum of £50.00 (Fifty Pounds).
- 9.10. For clubs/teams to maintain their affiliation status with EIH they must adhere to the aforementioned affiliation requirements. In addition, on an annual basis, clubs are required to:
- Partake in league or recognised competition, unless confirmed as 'training only'
  - Re-affiliate at least 14 days prior to the opening of EIH individual registration window, normally set as the 1 July. The EIH reserves the right to change this date if required.
  - Have settled any outstanding debts with EIH
  - Be in good standing with EIH
  - Notify EIH of any changes of legal name, Memorandum of Agreement or Articles if appropriate
  - Should the named party on the affiliation register change, the responsibility is on the club to notify the association with the change. No changes can be made after the AGM notification has been distributed until after the AGM, in any one year.
- 9.11. EIH recognises that clubs in EIH may be owned by different mechanisms: some by individuals, some by companies, some by other means.
- 9.12. All changes of ownership must be approved by EIH. Previous and new owners should contact EIH to discuss this matter before taking control of the team.
- 9.13. Where a club is owned by an individual, transfer of ownership must be completed with an agreement for all debts to be honoured by the new owner.

- 9.14. Should a club or club's owner be placed into administration (under the Insolvency Act 1986, as amended), the club must notify EIH within five working days. The club shall be permitted to continue for that season, if requested, however penalties will apply as outlined in EIH DOPS Policy.
- 9.15. No Director or person who is judged to have had significant responsibility in the ownership and governance of the club shall be permitted to be a Director in the new ownership company, nor shall be permitted to be involved in any controlling role (including representing the club at meetings) at the club for a period of three years from the end of that season.
- 9.16. Should a club wish to cancel their affiliation with EIH, the authorized signatory must notify EIH in writing.

## **10. Player Administration**

- 10.1. Membership is split into players and non-playing roles. Within each there are different categories and membership types as outlined below. Members can register in both sections on EIH registration portal and must submit the required fee as determined by the Board on an annual basis and published on EIH website.
- 10.2. Registration is open to everyone, however some clubs may limit their membership. Club membership must be open and transparent. All individuals must register directly with EIH and follow their EIH affiliated club's membership process. EIH registration is only confirmed upon successful completion of the registration process by the affiliated club selected and provision of the documentation required by EIH as outlined in this rule book.
- 10.3. Should a club decline a registration or an error be made, an individual may transfer to the correct club by notifying the registration secretary.
- 10.4. All registrations run from 1 August to 31 July unless otherwise noted. Players may register up until 31 January of the playing season, with the exception of those registering at U10 who may register at any time. All other registrations are accepted year-round. Pro-rata discounts are not available.

- 10.5. All registrations include:
- Insurance for EIH sanctioned competitions and activities.
  - Affiliation fees to EIH, IHUK and IIHF as appropriate.
  - Provision of core activities to the development of ice hockey in the UK, including the delivery of participation programmes and leagues, the operation of section to support teams / clubs and the delivery of high-performance programmes.
  - Enforcement of EIH Rule Book and policies to a consistently high standard.
- 10.6. EIH has the following categories of player membership:
- Under 10 (to qualify as an U10 member, the player must be under the age of 10 on 31 December in the year that the registration period commences)\*
  - Under 18/U19s (to qualify as a U18/U19 member, the player must be under the age of 19 on 31 December in the year that the registration period commences)\*
  - WNIHL (a player who is eligible under the WNIHL Regulations to compete in the Women's National Ice Hockey League)
  - NIHL (a player who is eligible under the NIHL Regulations to compete in the National Ice Hockey League)
  - Para (a player who is eligible under the BPIHA Regulations to compete in the Para Ice Hockey League)
  - SEND (a player who participates in SEND club activities)
  - Recreational (a player who participates in the EIH Recreational Section)

\*All individuals over the age of 18 will be registered however, where an individual is under the age of 18, the registration will be completed by the parent or guardian along with a parental declaration.

- 10.7. Under most circumstances, players are only permitted to register for one club. However, multiple registration is permitted in certain scenarios as outlined in rule 23.8.
- 10.8. Where a player plays in multiple leagues, the player is only required to purchase the lowest fee for the age group they qualify for. Therefore, an under 18, playing in the WNIHL, will only be required to pay the fee to register as an under 18.
- 10.9. Within each category there are four options with different eligibility for playing and competing:
- **Trial:** 28-day registration that includes training sessions with the designated team/club
    - The registration start date is the day the form is confirmed as accepted by EIH and club.

- A trial includes training only insurance.
  - A player is entitled to a maximum of two trials per calendar year.
  - **Learn to Play (L2P):** 10-week registration that allows an individual to play within a formal L2P scheme
    - Includes participation in EIH L2P events, club or rink led programmes.
    - It may also include in-house game play if formed as part of the play pathway.
    - In-house game play or scrimmaging may be delivered as structured learning activity by coaches within a single club environment.
  - **Insurance only:** Season-long registration that allows an individual to take part in training only.
    - This includes the ability to take part in L2P activities as outlined above.
  - **Standard registration:** Season-long registration that allows an individual to take part in all sanctioned activities.
    - This includes the ability to take part in L2P, team training, development events, high performance events, sanctioned training camps and competitive fixtures
- 10.10. Upon registration, individuals may transfer from one club to another upon payment of the appropriate fee, completion of the transfer request and confirmation of approval from both the club from which they are transferring and the club to which they are moving.
- 10.11. A club may reasonably deny a transfer request if monies are outstanding from the individual in relation to their previous role in the club.
- 10.12. Any disputes with regards to monies owed by a transferring player is to be referred to EIH where an independent mediate will be assigned to resolve the case. The cost of mediation will be £250 per hour.
- 10.13. For in-season transfers, please see individual league rules of competition.
- 10.14. A player will be considered under contract with a club where they have a signed contract between themselves and a club. This may include a club outside of EIH.

- 10.15. Where a player requires a transfer from a club, a player under contract must have the written agreement of the club to be transferred from prior, including where appropriate fulfilling any International Transfer requirements.
- 10.16. A player under contract would meet the requirements by HMRC in consideration of a player being 'registered' to that club. A player may not transfer out of a club whilst under contract and EIH will recognise this within its transfer process through approval of transfers from club to club. All rights therefore sit with the club in this regard subject to a contract being in place.
- 10.17. Where a club cancels the registration of a player, for any reason whatsoever, the club must notify EIH in writing using the relevant process. To be valid, such notification must be signed by the authorised signatory as identified on EIH member list.
- 10.18. International player transfers and registrations are subject to IIHF International Transfer requirements which are administered by Ice Hockey UK. Whilst a registration form may be submitted, no registration will be processed until the completion of an International Transfer Card (ITC).
- 10.19. In addition, registrations may be subject to work visas as defined by Ice Hockey UK and HM Border Agency. Whilst a registration form may be submitted, no registration will be processed until the completion of a work visa as to the correct standard is evidenced.

## 11. Non-Playing Roles

- 11.1. EIH has the following categories for non-playing roles:
- Coach (qualified and licenced through EIH coaching & education programme)
  - Foundation Coach
  - L1 Assistant Coach
  - L2 Team Coach
  - L3 Advanced Team Coach
  - Manager (qualified and licenced through EIH coaching & education programme)
  - Assistant Manager (not able to go on the bench)
  - Team Manager (doesn't towards bench staff)
  - Advanced Team Manager

- Team Bench Off-Ice Official (refers to persons who can go on the bench)
  - Equipment Manager
  - Physiotherapist
  - Sports Therapist
  - First Aider
  - Off-Ice Official (refers to persons who cannot go on the bench)
  - Team Scorer
  - Penalty Box Attendant
  - Goal Judge
  - Timekeeper
  - Photographer / Media Team
  - Club Committee Member
  - Chairperson / Vice Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- 11.2. The requirements for Coaches, Managers and Off-Ice Officials can be found in the Sections Coach, Manager and Off-Ice Official and Club Committee Regulations.
- 11.3. Members may register as both a player and non-playing role. A discount may be applicable for dual role registration.
- 11.4. Registration is personal to you and cannot be assigned or transferred to another person.
- 11.5. The attempted use of a registration by another person would be considered fraudulent use and would lead to suspension of the registration and action under the association's disciplinary policy.

## **12. Payment of Fees and Fines**

- 12.1. Every EIH member shall pay to EIH an annual subscription for each season (this runs from 1 August to 31 July unless otherwise noted). This is, from time to time, determined by the board.

- 12.2. A member shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights or privileges of membership until they have paid all monies payable to the association upon becoming a member.
- 12.3. If any member shall fail to pay to the association any amount owing from such member in respect of:
- Membership fees and affiliation due upon registration
  - Payments for services due, such as on-ice officials' fees for a period of 14 days following the date upon which written notice of the same was duly given to such member
  - Fines or penalties imposed under EIH Disciplinary Policy for a period of 28 days following the date upon which written notice of the same was duly given to such member.
- Then all rights and privileges exercisable by the club or individual as a member of the association shall be immediately suspended and services revoked.
- 12.4. In the event of a member being suspended, resigning their membership or the association otherwise terminating the membership, their subscription shall be payable in full for the year during which such suspension, resignation or termination of membership occurs.
- 12.5. If they have already paid such subscription they shall not be entitled to recover such payment or any part thereof from the association. EIH may consider allowing a suspended player to retain their EIH membership pending the outcome of any ongoing investigation or disciplinary action. This is fully at the discretion of EIH.
- 12.6. Clubs or individuals may cancel their registration within 14 days from the start date of their acceptance to the terms of this agreement. To cancel, the named contact or individual must submit information to EIH within 14 days.
- 12.7. The amount refunded will be less a fixed fee of £5.00GBP for the period of registration and an administration fee of £20.00GBP. An individual would not be able to submit a claim for a refund if they have participated within competition during the cooling off period.
- 12.8. Where an incorrect fee has been paid, a payment correction may be submitted or a request for a refund for an overpayment be submitted. Any refund agreed will be processed on a pro-rata basis and will include deduction of processing fees in accordance with our payment provider.



- 12.9. Outside of the cooling off period, no refunds will be given, except where there is non-delivery of the services offered by EIH or in exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to season-ending injuries or long-term illness. Such circumstances EIH will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and may require supporting evidence. Any refund agreed will be processed on a pro-rata basis and will include deduction of processing fees in accordance with our payment provider.
- 12.10. Where an individual is required to upgrade to a different type of registration, the individual will be required to pay the price difference between the two categories.

### **13. Retirement of Membership**

- 13.1. A registered individual may remove themselves from the jurisdiction of EIH at any time during their membership period. To retire membership, the name individual must contact EIH in writing from their registered email address, confirming the date from which they wish to end their membership.
- 13.2. A member who has retired is unable to reapply for EIH membership for a minimum of three months following the retirement date.

### **14. General Terms and Conditions**

- 14.1. The favourable reputation of EIH, its sanctioned competitions and participants is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all EIH members. Accordingly, it is an obligation for EIH clubs, owner(s), promoter(s), operator(s) or representative(s) thereof, to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of ice hockey. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage a competition, club, venue, sponsor, player, official or EIH. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with EIH policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a venue, club, player, sponsor, official or EIH are expressly covered by this section.
- 14.2. An EIH affiliated clubs and registered members shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Clubs and members should act with integrity and set a positive example, promoting the reputation of the sport and taking all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.

- 14.3. An EIH registered club or member must abide by EIH Rule Book and policies, paying particular attention to EIH Code of Conduct & Ethics, EIH Social Media Policy and EIH Respect Charter. It is expected that EIH clubs and members also take the time to ensure they are familiar with and abide by all key EIH policies and rules.
- 14.4. Members must also make every effort to ensure that any individual support teams, including but not limited to personal coaches, parents and personal medical professionals, are aware of and abide by this documentation.
- 14.5. Any EIH-registered player or official participating in domestic or international leagues or competitions not recognised by EIH or IIHF will face a suspension from all authorised domestic or international competitions and severe financial penalties.
- 14.6. The same applies to clubs lending their facilities to leagues or competitions not recognised by EIH or IIHF: they may face a ban from EIH/IIHF recognised competitions.
- 14.7. An EIH club and member shall be bound by EIH Anti-Corruption Code and IIHF Integrity Code. It is the responsibility of all participants to make themselves aware of the code. Violation of this code shall subject the member to EIH and/or the IIHF Disciplinary Procedure and the range of permissible sanctions.
- 14.8. No EIH registered club or member shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any tour sanctioned tournament. Violation of this section will result in the member being subject EIH Discipline Policy.
- 14.9. An EIH registered player is obliged to attend all off-ice group promotional events arranged by EIH or competition, unless a safeguarding or medical reason has been highlighted by the team.
- 14.10. All EIH members agree to waive in full all their individual claims on performers' and intellectual property rights.
- 14.11. EIH membership means that all members grant EIH and EIH sanctioned competitions the right to use their name, photograph, likeness, biography, logo, artwork, voice or other similar identification for the purposes of promoting EIH and

its competitions. This includes but is not limited to pictures, programmes, broadcasts and telecasts and all other publicity and promotional materials and media, including publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product, as long as such publicity and promotion is directly related to the publicity and promotion of EIH, its sponsors and competitions, and does not constitute a direct individual endorsement of such commercial product.

14.12. Each member transfers to EIH any television rights they may own in all EIH sanction competitions in which the member participates.

14.13. An EIH member has the right to withdraw consent for use by emailing [info@englandicehockey.com](mailto:info@englandicehockey.com).

## 15. Anti-Doping

15.1. An EIH club and member shall be bound by the UKAD Anti-Doping Policy, IIHF Integrity Code and the WADA Anti-Doping Code for a period of 12 months from the commencement of membership or affiliation.

15.2. EIH is unequivocally opposed, on ethical and medical grounds, to the practice of doping in sport and fully supports the position of the International Olympic Committee/World Anti-Doping Agency (IOC/WADA) against the use of banned substances and methods. As such, EIH follows UKAD's policy on anti-doping. This shall apply to all participants in competitions over which EIH has jurisdiction and provides for sanctions against any participant found guilty of doping offense.

15.3. UK Anti-Doping Rules and IIHF anti-doping rules apply to all participants of the sport, including Minors, and they make all participants subject to Drug Testing. For the purposes of those rules, consent of a parent or guardian to the Testing of a Minor is deemed to follow automatically from the fact that the Minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate. Therefore, any participating Minors may be subject to Drug Testing without further notice.

15.4. All EIH registered players may be subject to doping controls (urine analyses, blood tests and other authorised techniques for detecting prohibited substances or methods). By becoming an EIH member, all participants agree to fully cooperate with any anti-doping investigations or proceedings, whether conducted by UK Anti-Doping or any other competent body. Failure to do so without acceptable justification may be treated as misconduct under EIH's Discipline Policy and may be sanctioned accordingly.

- 15.5. It is every EIH registered club and member's obligation to be familiar and compliant with the WADA code and UKAD Anti-Doping Policy. A copy of the UKAD Policy and WADA Code is available via EIH website.
- 15.6. Violation of this code shall subject the member to EIH, the IIHF Disciplinary Procedure and/or the UKAD and WADA disciplinary procedure and range of permissible sanctions.

## **16. Social Media Policy**

- 16.1. All club members and individuals are bound by the particulars of EIH Social Media Policy as detailed in the supporting documents. This encompasses all players (and parents and guardians if U18), coaches, managers, off-ice officials, owners, and any other direct person involved in operations of a club.
- 16.2. In addition, clubs must accredit with EIH any volunteer or paid person(s) regularly providing media coverage at their Club or venue and ensure they follow this policy.
- 16.3. For the purpose of this document the term social network site refers to, but is not limited to; X (formally known as Twitter), Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, Threads, Google+ and LinkedIn.
- 16.4. The intention of any post made is not relevant in considering a breach of this policy.
- 16.5. Where a club or individual has made a post on social media that may breach this policy, the matter shall be referred to EIH to adjudicate if the post brings the game into disrepute.
- 16.6. Further details of the policy can be found in the DOPS Rules and Procedures.

## **17. EIH Marks and Logos**

- 17.1. Each EIH team shall identify itself clearly to the public as being part of EIH and appropriate league / cup competition and shall cooperate fully with EIH in furthering public awareness of EIH and Ice Hockey in England and Wales.

- 17.2. EIH will provide teams with EIH logos relating to the level of the competition and agrees to adhere to the appropriate EIH Brand Rules which can be found in the EIH website.
- 17.3. EIH retain the right to amend the aforementioned branding rules in the event of securing a headline sponsor.

## **18. Discipline and Department of Player Safety**

- 18.1. All matters relating to disciplinary procedures will be dealt with by the relevant EIH disciplinary committee. Automatic fines and/or sanctions will be imposed for breaches of some rules and regulations as outlined in EIH Rule Book.
- 18.2. All clubs will be provided with disciplinary and appeal procedures and can be found on EIH website.

## **19. Authority**

- 19.1. Notwithstanding the Rules and Regulations contained herein, EIH's Executive Committee shall be empowered to make any decision it deems to be appropriate and fair.
- 19.2. EIH's Executive Committee (Board) reserves the right to expel any team from competition for any serious breach of these Rules and Regulations as it considers appropriate. Any club or team seriously in debt to EIH may also be suspended from competition with immediate effect.
- 19.3. EIH's Executive Committee (Board) reserves the right to terminate any individual membership for any serious breach of these Rules and Regulations as it considers appropriate, including but not limited to breaking the terms and conditions of membership or a fraudulent claim on application. Any individual with monies outstanding to EIH may also be terminated with immediate effect.
- 19.4. Any club or individual whose registration is terminated shall forfeit all privileges of the EIH with immediate effect without any right to claim refund of their fees. All outstanding fees pertaining to the terminated club or individual will be payable immediately.

- 19.5. By becoming a member of EIH, each club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the Rules and Regulations contained herein, and shall agree to abide by the decisions of EIH Executive Committee. All decisions under this clause are final and binding.
- 19.6. EIH Rule Book and associated EIH policies and procedures shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of English courts in respect of all matters arising out of this Agreement.
- 19.7. Neither party shall be liable for any failure in the performance of any obligations under this agreement caused by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of a party to this agreement including, but not limited to, an act of war, extreme weather, a state of emergency or an act of terrorism in the region. Force Majeure will not include any financial difficulties the club, venue or sponsor may find themselves in.
- 19.8. The party claiming the Force Majeure event shall promptly notify the other party in writing of its reasons for the delay or stoppage of the participation in EIH competitions. If the party claiming the Force Majeure event has complied with the obligation of notifying the other of it the requirement for their performance under this Agreement shall cease.
- 19.9. Unless caused by the negligence of EIH, the EIH excludes all liability leading to death or personal injury. The EIH does not accept responsibility for any damage to or loss of any monies, valuables, clothing or property of any kind.
- 19.10. In the event that EIH accept that they have breached any clauses in this agreement or are found to have in a Court within the Jurisdiction damages shall be limited to the monies EIH have received from the other contracting party in connection with an EIH club or competition. Nothing within this agreement limits in any way the damages that EIH shall be entitled to recover against the other contracting party in the event that the other contracting party has breached their obligations in the contract.
- 19.11. The laws of England and Wales will regulate the laws governing this agreement.

## 20. EIH Service

- 20.1. EIH will provide all clubs and members with support in the administration of EIH related activities.
- 20.2. The following services are available to all affiliated clubs and registered members:
- Combined liability insurance for club and individuals
  - Access to EIH leagues and competitions
  - Access to EIH development pathways for players and volunteers
  - Dedicated support for clubs, including safeguarding support
  - Access to a wealth of resources for clubs and individuals
  - PR and communications support and coverage
  - Governance and funding support
  - Enforcement of EIH Code of Conduct & Ethics and Department of Player Safety Procedures to a consistently high standard
  - A commitment to ensuring the safety of participants throughout the sport

## 21. Insurance

- 21.1. All players, coaches, managers, team bench off-ice officials, off-ice officials and club committee members must be registered and insured through EIH and have met the minimum eligibility requirements outlined to be insured under EIH scheme.
- 21.2. Coverage includes any EIH affiliated club training session, any EIH sanctioned competition, including Challenge Games and tournaments, and any EIH run or sanctioned hockey camp.
- 21.3. Any team travelling outside the United Kingdom must be covered by EIH travel insurance which can be purchased when applying to travel to a tournament.
- 21.4. All claims under EIH insurance schemes must be made directly to EIH's insurance broker via EIH Insurance Claim Form, accompanied in the case of personal accident by a doctor's certificate and appropriate evidence and witnesses, other than national team injuries which must be reported to the team manager.



- 21.5. Any accident that involves a member of the public must be reported immediately to EIH's insurance broker by the home club secretary if EIH public liability cover is in force.
- 21.6. Insurance documentation including how to make a claim can be accessed via EIH website.

## 22. The Rink

- 22.1. Ice hockey is played on an enclosed sheet of ice with markings specific to the IIHF rules of play. The rink must be made fair and safe for players and set up in a way which also considers spectator safety to be of paramount importance.
- 22.2. All rinks and surfaces used for EIH competitions must adhere to the IIHF specifications, with the following exceptions:
  - Rinks that are of a non-standard size (below 56m x 26m) may be approved by EIH to be used for all levels of hockey.
  - The only exception to this is Sutton which may only be used up to U16 level.
- 22.3. Goalkeepers' Restricted Area is not currently enforced to allow ice rinks the necessary time to make the changes to implement this rule.
- 22.4. Teams must ensure that suitable provision of penalty boxes and players benches are provided as close to the IIHF dimensions as reasonably possible within the limitations of the venue.
- 22.5. Only rinks, including temporary rinks, which have been approved by EIH can be used as a venue for hockey games. Venues may be approved on a case-by-case basis for competitions separately.
- 22.6. Clubs wishing to use a new or alternative venue must request permission from EIH and submit any venue details requested by EIH.
- 22.7. Any team which makes a major change in the structure of their ice rink should ensure that EIH is informed prior to the start of the season (for summer changes) or immediately (for mid-season changes) to ensure that the relevant bodies (referees, other teams) can be informed.

22.8. A list of approved rinks can be found by contacting EIH.

## 23. Teams and Players

23.1. To be eligible for any EIH league competition, the following applies:

- Each team must complete EIH affiliation process each season.
- Each team must submit an expression of interest to enter a competition by 30 April prior to the start of the following season.
- Each team must provide email and telephone details of a lead contact and fixtures secretary who will be the primary liaison for EIH.
- Each team must make sufficient home ice dates available to fulfil their home league fixtures and must provide home ice dates to EIH within five working days of being so asked. This number is defined annually and detailed in each section's Rules of Competition.
- Any outstanding club or team fines owed to EIH must be settled.
- Each team must meet the minimum squad requirements outlined in the relevant section Rules of Competition and players registered accordingly.

23.2. A British trained player is a player who operated under the jurisdiction of the UK national association for a period of 16 consecutive months (480 days) before their 18th birthday or who is currently registered as an Under 18.

23.3. A non-British trained player is any other player who does not meet the requirements in rule number 1.

23.4. The defining factor on whether a player fulfils requirements in rule 1 will be transfers to / from the UK national association before their 18th birthday.

23.5. Where a player has never been registered, a player may be authorised as British trained under IIHF transfer regulations following the appropriate international requirements therein.

23.6. A team may register an unlimited number of British and non-British trained players under the above definitions.

23.7. All applications for being classified as British should be made on the appropriate form. All players whose applications are incomplete will be rejected and any players whose information does not match the above rules will also be rejected. Where insufficient evidence has been presented, an application will also be rejected.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/EnglishIceHockeyAssociation/NIHLBritishTrainedApplication>

23.8. Player movement between clubs and teams during the season can occur in the form of:

- Registering for more than one club
- Transfer between clubs or teams
- Emergency transfers
- Dispensation to play-up an age group or division

23.9. Any transfer request is valid for 28 days, except for emergency transfers and dispensation. No further transfer request can be made by the player until this period has expired.

23.10. All parties involved (“primary club”, “secondary club”, player and parent/guardian of the player) must agree to the terms of any agreement or transfer.

23.11. Applications must have been agreed in writing; e-mails between designated club officials are accepted and between all parties including parents where applicable.

23.12. Clubs must submit an official transfer request to EIH on the Gameday platform.

23.13. A minimum five days prior to the fixture being played must be given for the application to be considered for non-ITC card holders.

23.14. EIH eligibility rules still apply.

23.15. EIH must approve any movement of players between teams. EIH reserves the right to refuse any movement between teams at their sole discretion.

23.16. Any section specific requirements detailed in their rules of competition override this document

- 23.17. Failure to comply with the above will mean the player is ineligible to play in EIH competitions. Should they do so, the team will be deemed as icing an ineligible player and the appropriate off-ice sanction applied.
- 23.18. A limited ITC card holder may only register with one club. An unlimited ITC holder may be afforded the movement opportunities detailed in rule 28.3 at the discretion of EIH.

## **24. Skaters' Equipment**

- 24.1. Skaters' equipment consists of sticks, skates, protective equipment and uniforms. All protective equipment – except gloves, helmets, neck guards and skates – must be worn entirely underneath the uniform. Equipment must conform to IIHF safety standards and be used only to protect skaters, not to enhance or improve playing ability or cause injury to an opponent. Full equipment, including helmets, must also be worn properly during the pre-game warm-up.
- 24.2. All skaters' equipment and kit must adhere to the rules set out by the IIHF, with the exceptions imposed by EIH as highlighted below.
- 24.3. The EIH consider it mandatory that all players at all levels use an approved Ice Hockey Neck Guard/Protector whilst participating in all on ice activities. All protective equipment must be worn without alterations and as directed by the manufacturers' specification.
- 24.4. The maximum gap allowed between the chin/neck and the chin strap is 2.5cm (roughly one finger). If this is violated the referee must send the player back to the bench to adjust their equipment and they should be replaced with another player.
- 24.5. Face cages for all junior hockey games are mandatory, and must be worn as per the manufacturers stipulations. Cages must be tight against the player's chin at all times.
- 24.6. This counts as a warning to the player and bench, for any further violation of rule either 24.3, 24.4 or 24.5 misconduct penalties will be assessed to the offending player and also potential team head coach in the event of repeat offending.

- 24.7. The use of shorts which have been cut or torn in the inner thigh and back of thigh area is a practice which is not acceptable. The use of shorts which have built in zips is allowed if the zip is closed and the Velcro flap has covered the zip or the button at the end has been closed.
- 24.8. For any breaches of the above, the player shall be ruled off the ice and a warning shall be issued to their team (exception of Recreational Hockey). For a second violation by any player of the same team for above offence, the referee shall assess a Rule 128, ii, Misconduct Penalty, Dangerous Equipment.
- 24.9. The practice of tucking jerseys into shorts is prohibited. If a player is seen with a tucked-in shirt they are to be given one warning. For any further violations by the same player a 10-minute misconduct penalty will be assessed.
- 24.10. Shirts must cover all relevant pieces of equipment (including elbow pads) so that they are not visible. Where a player fails to comply, a warning shall be given to the player followed by a 10-minute misconduct for any further violations.
- 24.11. A 'C' or 'A' cannot be taped onto the jersey for a captain. The referee must ask the player to remove the tape if this occurs. If the player refuses, a 10-minute misconduct penalty will be awarded.
- 24.12. Any player who places any equipment on the ice surface after the final buzzer is to be asked to move the equipment by the referee. If they refuse to do so, the referee is to assess a Misconduct Penalty and his coach is to be warned. Teams may place sticks and gloves on their team benches.
- 24.13. All players who are not wearing a helmet, regardless of league/age group, during the handshake must be assessed a Misconduct Penalty and his coach is to be warned. If the coach fails to enforce the above, the referee should submit a Match Report.
- 24.14. All sponsors must be acceptable to EIH. EIH's decision is final on the suitability of any kit advertising. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

## 25. The Competition

- 25.1. All EIH sanctioned games and tournaments must abide by the Rules of Ice Hockey as described by the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF). Rules can be found at: <https://www.iihf.com/en/statichub/4719/rules-and-regulations>
- 25.2. In addition, EIH specifies some amendments as outlined in this section. Where this section contradicts IIHF rules, EIH rules will take precedence.
- 25.3. Note: EIH participants are only insured through EIH insurance when the game or tournament has been sanctioned by EIH.

## 26. League Structure

- 26.1. EIH league structure is outlined in each section's rules and is subject to change from time to time as directed by EIH Board. League formats are finalised at the earliest opportunity prior to the beginning of the new season.
- 26.2. All EIH leagues are solely owned and operated by EIH.

## 27. League Rules

- 27.1. League rules can be found in the Rules of Competition for each section.
- 27.2. If you are unsure about where to find your section's Rules of Competition please reach out to your section management team.

## 28. Non-League Games, Tournaments and Camps

- 28.1. EIH are committed to promoting participation and development opportunities by sanctioning non-league and cup competitions including challenge games, tournaments and camps. In addition, EIH are supportive of teams wishing to travel to sanctioned international tournaments.

- 28.2. EIH and the organiser have a duty of care to ensure the safety and welfare of participants by adhering to the procedures outlined below. The following minimum requirements apply, in addition to those outlined for each specific type of event:
- The club or team must be affiliated with EIH
  - All players and team officials must be registered with EIH
  - Players participating, where possible, should be from the home club of the participating teams. For 'borrowed' players, written permission must be given from the parent club and provided to EIH on request
  - All EIH rules and regulations must be followed at all times, including but not limited to EIH's safeguarding policies and procedures, EIH injury reporting policy and procedure and EIH's minimum coach and adult / child ratio
  - Domestic league and cup games take precedence and should not be disrupted; no exceptional circumstances for failure to fulfil fixtures will be granted in this scenario
  - For any competition hosted in England and Wales, EIH gameday protocols apply
  - All EIH discipline policies will apply during any non-league game and domestic or international tournament or camp
  - If the match is hosted in England or Wales, the rink used must meet the standards outlined in rule 22.
- 28.3. Teams based in England and Wales can apply to host tournaments and camps in the United Kingdom.
- 28.4. Where an organiser wishes to host international teams (defined as teams from outside of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), the following conditions apply in addition to rule 28.
- Approval from IHUK
  - Any international team will need to provide confirmation from their IIHF affiliated body that they are approved to attend the event
  - All international players must be registered with their IIHF affiliated body and hold appropriate insurance
- 28.5. To host a tournament or camp, the club/team must provide the following information at least two weeks in advance of the event, or four weeks in advance should an international team be invited to attend:
- A completed application form
  - Contact details of the main organiser and Head Coach
  - A copy of the event invitation and registration form



- Confirmation from the IIHF affiliated national body that the team is authorised to attend (domestic tournaments with international teams only)
  - A copy of the insurance certificate (camps only)
- 28.6. On receipt of the above form, EIH will review the application and confirm approval. Should an international team be invited to the tournament, IHUK approval will also be sought. EIH strongly advise against advertising the event prior to EIH approval.
- 28.7. All hosts should provide the following within five working days of the conclusion of the event:
- An event report to confirm results and disclose any incidents encountered
  - A copy of gamesheets must be kept and produced on request from EIH or IHUK
  - It is recommended that teams provide any photos and reports for EIH to share to our social media channels to promote the team's participation and successes
  - All EIH discipline policies will apply during any domestic tournament, camp or exhibition game.
- 28.8. These guidelines are established as minimum standards. Any action taken by the tournament director to improve or enhance the quality of the tournament and provide a greater level of safety for the participants and spectators is highly encouraged. This section also applies to any EIH run events or development camps.
- 28.9. Any international tournament, camp or exhibition must be endorsed by an IIHF affiliated organisation who must grant permission for the team to participate. In addition, approval from both EIH and IHUK is required. An administration fee may be payable for insurance for international trips.
- 28.10. For all international tournaments, camps or exhibition games, the club/team must provide the following information at least four weeks in advance of the intended outbound travel:
- A completed application form
  - Contact details for the main organiser of the travelling club
  - A copy of the official invitation from the host organisation and endorsement of event and team's participation from IIHF affiliated national body in the country in which the tournament, camp or exhibition is taking place (as per IIHF rules)
  - Contact details for the host organisation
  - A copy of the travel insurance schedule

- 28.11. On receipt of the above form, EIH will seek approval from Ice Hockey UK (IHUK) and confirm to the named contact once travel has been approved by both IHUK and EIH.
- 28.12. EIH strongly advise against booking any travel prior to this approval.
- 28.13. All applicants must provide the following at least five working days prior to outbound travel:
- A list of all attendees, all of whom must be registered with EIH (players, coaches, managers, support staff - please note permission for any individual can be revoked at any time by EIH)
  - Travel details, including flight numbers if applicable
  - Hotel address
  - Venue address
  - Travel and tournament risk assessment
  - Medical emergency action plan
- 28.14. Once the club returns, EIH will contact the inviting international organisation to confirm no issues arose and that the host would be happy for EIH affiliated club or team to return. Please note: in the event issues are disclosed, players, coaches and staff may be suspended pending an investigation.
- 28.15. All EIH policies will apply during any international tournament.

## **29. Challenge Games**

- 29.1. Challenge games are defined as a standalone non-league or cup matches involving UK-based teams.
- 29.2. The home team shall apply by email to their relevant fixture secretary for permission to play the game. This must be done at least five working days in advance of the fixture taking place. Written approval from EIH must be received.
- 29.3. EIH will request referees for fixtures through IHUK's referee section. Challenge games can be played without IHUK referees if they are unavailable. In this instance, coaches are responsible for officiating.

- 29.4. Where challenge matches are sought to play teams registered under a different domestic governing body (SIH, IHUK), or with a non-senior EIH team, then permission must be sought at least 28 days before the fixture is due to take place to ensure the appropriate paperwork is completed, as may be specified by EIH is in place, and that the opposing team is fully registered.

## **30. Fixtures Administration**

- 30.1. EIH Fixture Secretary will be responsible for providing the final schedule of fixtures aiming to be at least one month in advance of the season.
- 30.2. For the scheduling of fixtures, teams must provide EIH with enough home ice dates to fulfil all required fixtures for the league season within five working days of being asked. In the interest of fair allocation, teams are asked to specify as many dates as possible.
- 30.3. Fixtures, as far as possible, will be scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday during the specified season. In the event two teams jointly request to play a midweek fixture, this requires approval from EIH.
- 30.4. All junior hockey games must be scheduled to face off no later than 19:30.
- 30.5. No team shall be required to undertake a fixture that does not enable its players to arrive back at their home venue by 22:00 on a Sunday, based on normal traffic conditions. EIH Fixture Secretary will make every effort to ensure younger age groups are not scheduled for the latest ice slot. Agreements can be made between clubs with the permission of the relevant EIH Fixture Secretary to alter this.
- 30.6. All EIH league fixtures shall take priority over challenge matches, tournaments and exhibitions.
- 30.7. Teams participating in sanctioned competitions shall make themselves available for all league fixtures in the initial schedule release.

- 30.8. Teams participating in all competitions shall make themselves available on any Saturday or Sunday during the specified season, even on dates they were not originally scheduled to play after the initial fixtures were published. EIH are committed to providing as much notice as possible where this is the case. This does not apply to dates that were excluded before the original fixtures schedule was prepared.
- 30.9. Where a team wishes to avoid a certain date for a fixture allocation, they must submit their request and explanation to EIH Fixture Secretary when providing their ice slots. The secretary will accept a maximum of three individual requests per team. Whilst every effort will be made to facilitate bona-fide requests, EIH cannot guarantee avoidance of any dates within the season.
- 30.10. EIH will prepare a fixture list at the beginning of the season for each league. Once the fixture list has been confirmed, fixtures can only be rearranged in certain circumstances outside of their control as detailed below:
- Ice is withdrawn by the venue.
  - Ice is lost due to a senior team (EIHL and NIHL) fixture. NIHL teams can only take ice from another section when arranging a league cup finals or playoff game and must consult with EIH and affected teams first.
  - A clash with any ENTP event or development camp, or IIHF sanctioned international duty:
- 30.11. For the avoidance of doubt, a clash is defined as any aforementioned event that occurs on the same day as the fixture, or any day either side of the fixture when the travelling distance between the league fixture and event is more than 150 miles.
- 30.12. The clash must affect three or more players and/or one L2 Team Coach (or above) primarily registered to the team involved in the fixture.
- 30.13. The request to change the fixture must be made within three working days of the selection of the participants affected, whereby the dates of the event or camp are known. Where the dates of the event or camp are unknown, the request must be made within three working days of confirmation.
- 30.14. A team may also request a rearranged fixture no later than 28 days in advance where both teams have come to an agreement to reschedule a fixture within EIH season limitations. This must not affect another scheduled EIH fixture and must be approved by EIH before being confirmed. Any incurred costs, such as cancellation of ice time, are payable by the home team.

- 30.15. A team may not otherwise request to reschedule a match, including but not limited to the following reasons:
- Lack of available players, including due to players playing up to another team or other commitments. Dispensation exists to support teams in these instances to enable fixtures to go ahead.
  - Lack of available coaches or bench staff. Teams are permitted to borrow coaches to fulfil minimum bench requirements.
- 30.16. In the above approved circumstances, teams involved in the fixture must make every effort to reschedule the game in the spirit of the competition.
- 30.17. Any request to reschedule a fixture request must be made in writing via the fixture change request form, and within three working days of the issue being identified. EIH must approve any fixture change before it is confirmed; EIH retain the right to refuse any rearrangement.
- 30.18. Any fixture that is unable to be immediately rearranged will be moved to TBA. EIH and the affected teams will make every effort to reschedule the fixture within the season, however, should this not be possible due to ice time availability, the fixture will be cancelled with a 0-0 draw being declared and each team being awarded one point.
- 30.19. For any rejected request, the original fixture stands. If a team fails to attend said fixture, it will be considered as a failure to fulfil a fixture as per section 8.10 by the offending team.
- 30.20. A team may request a fixture be postponed. A fixture can only be postponed for reasons outside one or both teams' control as outlined below:
- Ice facility failure as determined by rink management
  - Unsafe rink conditions as determined by rink management
  - If teams and officials deem the rink unsafe, but rink management do not, teams should submit supporting evidence to EIH to decide the outcome of the fixture. Teams will still be responsible for costs.
  - Medical emergency at venue / fixture as determined by rink management or by the officials in consultation with the team representatives.
  - Unforeseen road delays or breakdowns where more than three players and/or one L2 Team Coach are affected.

- An 'Act of God' or severe weather conditions. EIH will use the Met Office National Severe Weather Warning to decide if there is a basis for postponement including a red travel alert.
  - Exceptional circumstances, for example, the death of a team member or club official.
- 30.21. Any decision to postpone a fixture must be made in consultation with the team representatives, EIH and the officials and rink management if the postponement occurs on-site. Safety of players shall be a key factor in any decision making.
- 30.22. Both teams must be in agreement that they can accommodate a rescheduled fixture and provide EIH with alternative dates within five working days of the original fixture.
- 30.23. Where a postponement is requested and approved but the fixture cannot be rearranged due to lack of ice time, the fixture will be cancelled with a 0-0 draw being declared and each team being awarded one point.
- 30.24. The team responsible for the postponement of the fixture shall be liable for the costs of the venue hire and referees' travel (if applicable). Any dispute over the team responsible for the postponement and/or the amount of any costs must be referred to EIH within five working days of the original fixture.
- 30.25. A postponement request that is not for one of the reasons given above will be treated in accordance with section 8.10 Failure to fulfil a fixture.
- 30.26. A game in-progress may be abandoned if it is determined that it cannot continue. All referees and team representatives accept the moral and ethical responsibility to implement procedures to provide a duty of care to all participants and spectators. A game may be abandoned for the following reasons where no team is at fault:
- Ice facility failure as determined only by rink management
  - Unsafe rink conditions as determined only by rink management
  - If teams and officials deem the rink unsafe, but rink management do not, teams should submit supporting evidence to EIH to decide the outcome of the fixture. Teams will still be responsible for costs.
  - The behaviour of anyone involved puts the welfare of a participant or spectator at risk as determined by rink management. Where this is a team member, the abandoned match will be investigated by DOPS. Please refer to the DOP rules and Procedures for further information.

- Medical emergency at venue / fixture as determined by rink management or by the officials in consultation with the team representatives.
- 30.27. A fixture may also be abandoned solely at the discretion of the referees in the following circumstances:
- A team is not present on the ice 10 minutes after the scheduled face off time and has not agreed a delay or postponement.
  - The behaviour of anyone involved puts the welfare of a participant or spectator at risk as determined by the referee. Where this is a team member, the abandoned match will be investigated by DOPS. Please refer to the DOP rules and Procedures for further information.
  - A L2 Team Coach is ejected from a game in progress and there is no suitably qualified Team Official to take over the management of the bench. The abandoned match will be investigated by DOPS. Please refer to the DOP rules and Procedures for further information.
- 30.28. Where no team is at fault for the abandonment of the fixture, the following will apply when declaring a result:
- Where less than 50% of the match has elapsed has been played, a 0-0 draw will be declared with each team being awarded one point.
  - Where more than 50% of the match has been played, the result at the point of abandonment will stand.
  - No abandoned games will be rearranged, unless exceptional circumstances are evidenced in writing with the agreement from both teams.

## **31. Satisfactory Supporting Documentation**

- 31.1. EIH reserves the right to request evidence to support the rescheduling, postponement or abandonment of any fixture, including but not limited to confirmation of an ice facility failure from the rink, evidence of traffic issues, evidence of breakdown and/or evidence of severe weather. Evidence must be provided within five working days of the request.
- 31.2. In the event satisfactory documentation is not provided, and the fixture is unfulfilled, the fixture may be awarded as the fault of the team failing to provide the required documentation.
- 31.3. In addition, to support a claim for any incidental costs to be recovered by a non-offending club from the offending club, they will require supporting documentation



to be provided, including but limited to, a copy of an invoice for venue hire, a copy of the ice rink's cancellation policy and ice-time contract with the team, a copy of the invoice for transportation and associated cancellation policy. In the event documentation is not deemed satisfactory by EIH, the claim for reimbursement of costs will not be supported.

31.4. Further information can be found in the DOPS Rules and Procedures.

31.6. EIH reserve the right to confirm what is and what is not deemed as satisfactory documentation.

## 32. Match Day Personnel Requirements

32.1. The match day personnel requirements outlined below apply to all EIH sanctioned competitions, including challenge games. Failure to meet any of the standards outlined in this section may result in disciplinary action under EIH DOPS Policy.

32.2. To be eligible for EIH-sanctioned competitions, players must be registered with EIH to the club and team they are playing for prior to the day of the fixture.

32.3. The minimum bench strength for players for each league can be found in the respective league Rules of Competition.

32.4. All bench staff, including player-coaches, must be named on the team list and the appropriate license number provided. Registered coaches and managers must display their licenses for the duration of the game. No person under the age of 18 can take control of the bench.

32.5. At the start of each game, each team must delegate a person in charge of the bench who is at least a L2 Team Coach, qualified and licensed by EIH. In addition, each bench must also have a (non-playing) L1 Assistant Coach or above, or a Team Manager, qualified and licensed by EIH.

32.6. If the L2 coach in charge of the bench is ejected from or leaves the game, another L2 must take charge. Where there are no alternative options, should the team have a suitably qualified L2 player coach, they are permitted to take over the bench, provided they do not return to the ice as a player for the remainder of the game and they are denoted on the team list as a player coach prior to the start of the game. L1 coaches

and team managers are not permitted to take charge of the bench under any circumstances.

- 32.7. Failure to meet the minimum match-day team official requirements will be classified as a failure to fulfil the fixture.
- 32.8. Should any game be called off due to insufficient team bench officials, those registered to the responsible team shall not be allowed to participate in any other domestic fixture that day in any other section.
- 32.9. It is mandatory for all matches to have the following off-ice officials, qualified and licensed through EIH.
- One scorekeeper (with up to two assistants)
  - One timekeeper
  - One announcer if there is a suitable PA system at the venue
  - Two penalty box attendants over the age of 18
  - Two goal judges ideally over the age of 18
- 32.10. It is recommended that each team has an equipment manager and a trained and EIH registered medical professional on the bench at all times. This is not a mandatory requirement.
- 32.11. Off-ice officials should, where possible, aim to arrive 30 minutes prior to game time to commence their duties.
- 32.12. In the circumstance whereby the game cannot go ahead with licensed off-ice officials, EIH will permit the one-off use of emergency volunteers not licensed with EIH. This should only be used in exceptional circumstance and any off-ice official regularly undertaking duties as identified above must register directly with EIH.
- 32.13. On-ice officials (commonly referred to as referees) are assigned by IHUK Referee section based on EIH fixtures list. EIH communicate directly with IHUK Referee section to facilitate this.

- 32.14. If the referees fail to arrive for a fixture, the home club must contact EIH and EIH referee section at [fixtures@ihukreferee.co.uk](mailto:fixtures@ihukreferee.co.uk) for permission for the game to go ahead. An EIH registered L2 Team or L1 Assistant Coach from each team must take responsibility for the officiating of the game. In this circumstance, the coaches can still be counted towards bench strength.
- 32.15. Referees are required to check minimum bench strength and coach registrations before all games. If there are insufficient players or coaching staff on the bench as outlined in the previous section, the game will be abandoned; referees cannot and must not allow a game to start or continue where the minimum bench coaching requirement is not fulfilled.

### 33. Match Day Protocols

- 33.1. The match day protocols outlined below apply to all EIH sanctioned competitions, including challenge games. Failure to meet any of the standards outlined in this section may result in disciplinary action under EIH DOPS Policy.
- 33.2. It is mandatory that all venues provide players with a suitably equipped changing area. Where possible, these facilities should be separate from those used by members of the public.
- 33.3. All clubs must undertake a risk assessment of the venue, ensuring compliance within their terms and conditions of hire from their respective facility, to ensure that recommended guidance is followed in relation to the provision of a safe environment for attendees of matches including all players, staff, volunteers and spectators. The risk assessment will determine the appropriate level of cover required and should be in line with guidance issued by the Health and Safety Executive for the safe operation of sports events. All venues also require an emergency action plan (EAP).
- 33.4. Such documents must be shared with the visiting team and supplied to EIH in request.
- 33.5. The following minimum standards are required for all EIH fixtures:
- First aider
  - First aid kit (checked before each game)
  - Risk assessment (shared with visiting team)
  - Emergency action plan (shared with visiting team)
  - A telephone to summon the emergency services

- 33.6. It is recommended that a professional medical practitioner is available for supporting the medical requirements of participants within any EIH competition. This person must be registered with EIH and the club and must be named on the gameday team list.
- 33.7. To be considered a professional practitioner by EIH, the individual must:
- Be a graduate in an appropriate discipline
  - Be a registered member of an appropriate professional body
  - Possess professional indemnity insurance
  - Hold a NQF Level 3 or higher first aid qualification
- 33.8. Persons in the following categories who also have appropriate experience and training in immediate care (as represented by a NQF Level 3 first aid qualification) are likely to meet the requirement:
- Doctor registered with the GMC
  - Nurse registered with the NMC
  - Physiotherapist registered with the HCPC
  - Paramedic registered with the HCPC
  - Sports rehabilitator registered with BASRaT
  - Sports therapist registered with the Society of Sports Therapists
  - Sports massage therapist registered with the Sports Massage Association
  - Osteopath registered with the GOC
  - Chiropractor registered with the GCC
- 33.9. An ambulance is not required to be on-standby at the venue, although the necessity for this should be determined by the team's risk assessment and emergency action plan, taking into account the proximity of the venue to local advanced medical services.
- 33.10. It is considered acceptable that medical cover may be used to provide for both spectators and participants, dependent on event guidance published by the HSE, however the number of individuals capable of emergency and advanced first aid will take into account the specific risk factors of the venue, its capacity and its history of incidents.

- 33.11. Medical risk assessments should be reviewed after any major incident to identify improvements required for future events and activities.
- 33.12. It is recommended that all EIH sanctioned competitions should have an adequate PA system where possible to ensure game announcements can be made accordingly. This is not mandatory.
- 33.13. All EIH sanctioned competitions must be effectively stewarded in line with [HSE guidance for the delivery of running events safely](#) . Junior clubs are expected to apply common sense where official stewarding is not necessary and should follow the guidance below as appropriate and realistic.
- 33.14. Ice hockey specific guidance from EIH is as follows:
- Game night stewards should be prominent to everyone by wearing bright coloured jackets or sweaters in order that they are recognised as stewards.
  - Players entering or leaving the ice or their dressing rooms should have a clear passageway to do so without interference from the general public.
  - Game officials should be provided with adequate stewarding while entering or leaving the ice or dressing room before, during and after games.
  - Team benches should be protected from the general public.
  - The penalty area should be protected from the general public.
  - In areas where netting is used, members of the public must not be allowed to manhandle players or officials at any time. Adequate stewarding should be made available to ensure this does not occur.
  - Off-ice game officials: goal judges, timekeepers etc, should not be interfered with during the course of the game.
  - It is advised that in all arenas, an advertisement in the programme, announcement over the public address system or a warning on the wall is used to advise the general public of the dangers of being struck by the puck or sticks.
  - It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure that all events are effectively stewarded, and that spectators and participants have appropriate protection and where necessary segmentation to support a safe environment.
  - Briefings and supporting documentation should be provided to stewards to ensure that they are clear on their roles and the lines of responsibility that exist in the venue. All events will ordinarily have a lead steward or person that has overall responsibility for the safe operation of the event. This may be within a club, part of the event management team or a member of venue staff.
  - The roles and responsibilities should be in line with [HSE guidance on managing crowds safely](#).

- 33.15. Where an incident occurs, a club should review its guidance for stewarding to ensure that lessons are applied to future events and activities.
- 33.16. Where reports of incidents are made to the league, an investigation may take place to ensure that preventative actions are put in place. Where a club fails to do so or has not put any measures in place to ensure the safety of those attending events, a disciplinary panel may take action under bringing the game into disrepute.
- 33.17. The IIHF rules apply, with the following amendments as confirmed in Rule 24 Skaters' Equipment.
- 33.18. Shirts must be worn in accordance with the jersey numbers identified on the official team list.
- 33.19. Any EIH registered player on the bench, regardless of whether they are playing, must be dressed in full kit, including helmet.
- 33.20. Coaches and bench team officials must adhere to the kit requirements outlined in the section Coaching Protocols.
- 33.21. In the event of a colour-clash between uniforms, it is the home team's responsibility to resolve the clash by wearing an alternative colour.
- 33.22. If the clash cannot be resolved, the match will be classified as failure to fulfil the fixture: any breaches of the required number of players will result in the game automatically being awarded 5-0 to the non-offending (visiting) team. The game can be completed as challenge game.
- 33.23. Relevant representatives of each team must arrive at the game venue a minimum of 60 minute to the face of time of that fixture. Relevant representatives shall be the team coaches or manager.
- 33.24. The relevant representatives of both teams should, where possible, attend a meeting in the officials' changing room if required, which shall take place 40 minutes before Face Off, where the officials and both teams will have the opportunity to discuss the upcoming game raise any concerns.

- 33.25. EIH shall only recognise the playing of the national anthem of the country of the host club, though it is recommended that all anthems be treated with respect. The playing of the anthem is the option of the home club.
- 33.26. A club may only play the national anthem if the game is likely to face off on time. All players in the junior age groups (U18 and below) or any mascots for any age bracket must wear their helmet at all times.
- 33.27. Players are required to stand still during the playing of any national anthem. The scraping of skates during the national anthem is unacceptable. Players may not skate away until the completion of the national anthem and until they have replaced their helmets.
- 33.28. For any breaches of the above, the referee may assess the offending player a Misconduct Penalty.
- 33.29. If the game does not face off within 10 minutes of the published face off time, if a team is responsible for the delay, it will be assessed a Bench Minor Penalty for Delay of Game.

Below are some examples of where penalties should and should not be considered.

- The home team submitted the incorrect or unrealistic face off time in the referee's opinion.
- No appropriately qualified coach or manager is available to start the game.
- Face off is delayed due to home or away team not getting off the warm-up.
- Repairing of goal net. It is the home team's responsibility to ensure the nets are fit for purpose after the warm-up.

Situations where a penalty should not be considered:

- Excessive fan attendance queues and the away team agree to delay the face off time.
- There is an issue with the public session such as an injury, the ice surface or rink facilities, which requires the rink staff to carry out remedial work. This issue must be brought to the attention of the referee as soon as possible.
- A player was injured in a previous game that needed medical treatment. A player is injured during the warm-up that needed medical treatment.
- Fog or mist in building.

- The goalkeeper of either team or the coach of the away team is late due to traffic delays, and they have informed the opposition.
- Late face off due to late arrivals of referees.

33.30. If the game cannot be completed due to limited ice time it will be assessed under Abandonment of a Fixture.

## 34. Match Day Administration

34.1. The match day administration requirements outlined below apply to all EIH sanctioned competitions, including challenge games. Failure to meet any of the standards outlined in this section may result in disciplinary action under EIH DOPS Policy.

34.2. The home team must contact the visiting team at least three working days in advance of a fixture to confirm the following:

- Venue address
- Face Off time
- Jersey colours
- Key contacts for any issues on the day
- Emergency action plan

34.3. For all fixtures, a team list must be produced in the format provided by EIH, including the details of all players and coaches/managers/off-ice team bench officials taking part. Player-coaches must be listed separately as both a player and an off-ice official.

34.4. A paper copy of the team sheet must be signed by the L2 Team Coach in charge of the bench. Both teams' team lists must be presented, signed, to the referees no later than 20 minutes prior to face-off. U12s must also include line sheets.

34.5. Failure to provide an accurate team list will mean the game is classified as failure to fulfil a fixture. The match may go ahead as a challenge game.

34.6. Should a team ice an ineligible player the game will be classified as failure to fulfil a fixture. The match may go ahead as a challenge game. Additional sanctions may be applied by DOPS. Ineligible players include, but are not limited to:

- Any player not stated on the team list.



- Any player not registered with EIH.
  - Any player not registered to the team competing in the fixture, unless dispensation has been granted in writing by EIH.
  - Any player who is currently suspended by EIH, IHUK or IIHF.
- 34.7. Should a team list an ineligible team bench official, the game will be classified as failure to fulfil a fixture. The match may go ahead as a Challenge game. Ineligible coaches, managers and off-ice team bench officials include, but are not limited to:
- Any coach, manager or off-ice team bench official not stated on the team list.
  - Any coach, manager or off-ice team bench official not registered with EIH.
  - Any coach, manager or off-ice team bench official without the correct EIH licence / qualification.
  - Any coach, manager or off-ice team bench official who is currently suspended by EIH, IHUK or IIHF.
- 34.8. Coaches, managers and off-ice team bench officials can be borrowed from other clubs without the need for prior approval from EIH, provided they are suitably qualified to meet the minimum team official bench requirements. However, in the case of a fixture clash, priority must be given to the team bench official's primary registered team.
- 34.9. It is the home team's responsibility to complete a game sheet in the format stipulated by EIH. It is recommended that a paper game sheet also be available for completion in case of any failures with the electronic gameday system.
- 34.10. The completed game sheet must be presented to the match referee at the end of the game for sign-off. At U12, a line sheet must also be completed and submitted to EIH.
- 34.11. It is the collective responsibility of both teams and the match officials to check that the game sheet is accurate.
- 34.12. The signed-off game sheet, whether paper or digital, must be provided to EIH no later 23:59 on the Monday after the fixture was played or within 48 hours of a midweek game. EIH must be informed if there is any reason for a delay of submission.
- <https://www.cognitofirms.com/englishicehockeyassociation/eihagamesheetsubmission>
- 34.13. Teams must retain associated paperwork such as the team sheets and shots on goal records for the remainder of the season and make them available to EIH if requested.

- 34.14. It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure that all league fixtures are recorded for player safety and discipline purposes. Any failure to record the game must be notified to EIH by email to [info@englandicehockey.com](mailto:info@englandicehockey.com) with an explanation of the reason why.
- 34.15. Failure to provide the required game sheet will result in the fixture being classed as failure to fulfil a fixture.

## 35. Objection to Results

- 35.1. A club wishing to object to the result of a match shall:
- Send an email to EIH Office within two working days of the conclusion of the match, stating the full grounds on which the objection is made.
  - Send, within two working days, a non-refundable administration fee of £40.00 to EIH.
- 35.2. For the avoidance of doubt, a club shall not be entitled to object to a result on the ground of a referee's decision(s), and the imposition of a fine or other penalty on a club pursuant to these rules.

## 36. Recording of Matches

- 36.1. Every junior fixture, including challenge games, must be recorded so that recordings can be made available to DOPS panels on request. Junior teams are provided with an EIH-owned Pixellot camera system to facilitate this. It is the duty of the home team to ensure the game is adequately filmed.
- 36.2. All recording must also take place in conjunction with EIH's Filming and Photography Policy as outlined in the Safeguarding section.
- 36.3. Failure to record games and upload them within 48 hours will be assessed under the sanctions outlined in the Appendix Off-ice sanctions unless a bona-fide reason, including but limited to hardware failure, is evidenced.

## 37. Injury Reporting

- 37.1. EIH is strongly committed to ensuring the safety and integrity of ice hockey and all those who participate in the sport. To ensure the continued safety of all members, EIH require data of injuries sustained across the sport so that trends can be identified and reported to EIH Board. It is imperative that EIH collects this data in order to influence rules changes and improve the safety of the sport.
- 37.2. All clubs are required to complete EIH online Injury Report Form following injuries sustained that require one or more of the following:
- Treatment deemed as moderate or serious by the trained First Aider or Medical Team Bench Official
  - Any injury resulting in hospital treatment
  - Any potential concussion
  - Any injury resulting in subsequent visit(s) to a GP
- <https://www.cognitoforms.com/EnglishIceHockeyAssociation/InjuryReportForm>
- 37.3. In addition, all clubs have a responsibility to record any injuries using accident report forms/accident books. Accident reports should be stored for a minimum of 10 years or until the individual is 25 years old. All personal information should be processed, stored and retained in accordance with both the Club's Privacy Notice and data protection policies.
- 37.4. In the event of an injury, insured clubs will be liable for the actions of its members.
- 37.5. All clubs associated with EIH have a duty of care towards young people in the sport. It is essential that a young person's parent or guardian is informed of any injury a child sustained whilst participating in hockey activity. Clubs should ensure that the individual(s) responsible for the delivery of hockey activity have access to relevant medical information and that parent/guardian contact details are readily available in case of an emergency for all junior players and stored in accordance with all relevant data protection legislation.
- 37.6. EIH takes the safety of its members extremely seriously and for this reason. In the event that a member club fails to complete EIH online 'Injury Reporting Form' for any injury which meets the criteria outlined in EIH Injury Reporting Policy, or fails to comply with the terms of affiliation, EIH reserves the right to review the affiliation status of the club in question and/or consider disciplinary action under EIH DOPS policy.

## 38. Additional Reporting

38.1. In addition to any reports due pursuant to other provisions of EIH Rule Book, each referee shall ensure that they provide a full and comprehensive report of any incident which occurs before, during or after any match, including but not limited to:

- A breach of any game day protocols
- Crowd misbehaviour
- Misbehaviour of club officials
- Any other matter which may bring the game into disrepute

Any such reports must be provided by 12:00 noon on the first Monday following the fixture via email to [info@englandicehockey.com](mailto:info@englandicehockey.com)

## Appendix A

### Affiliation Declaration

I confirm that CLUB/TEAM wish to be a Member of the England Ice Hockey and that we are agreeable to becoming a subscriber to the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

I have read and understood the requirements of Article 7 of the Articles of Association. I have read, understood and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by EIH in EIH Rule Book, EIH Codes of Conduct and all EIH policies and procedures, including but not limited to:

- EIH Anti-Corruption Regulations
- UKAD Anti-Doping and IHUK Anti-Doping Rules
- EIH Data Protection Policies
- EIH Equality and Diversity Statement and Policy
- EIH Safeguarding Policies
- EIH Social Media Policies
- EIH Code of Conduct, including for spectators

In the event of insolvency of the Association I acknowledge that the Organisation above can be called upon to guarantee the debts of the Association to the sum of £50.00 (Fifty Pounds).

I confirm that I am obliged to notify the Association of any change to any of the details provided.

By submitting this affiliation form, I agree that EIH may collect, use and disclose my personal data as provided in this application form (or obtained by the organisation as a result of my membership) for the following purposes, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 and EIH's Data Privacy Policy:

- The processing of this affiliation application.
- The administration of the affiliation within the Association.
- The administration of compliance with UKAD and IHUK Anti-Doping rules.

## Appendix B

### Membership Declaration

By submitting my membership form to EIH, I (the member) confirm that the details in this form are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and acknowledge and understand that it is my responsibility to:

Observe and abide by the rules and regulations set forth by EIH in EIH Rule Book, EIH Codes of Conduct and all EIH policies and procedures, including but not limited to:

- EIH Anti-Corruption Regulations
- UKAD Anti-Doping and IHUK Anti-Doping Rules
- EIH Data Protection Policies
- EIH Equality and Diversity Statement and Policy
- EIH Safeguarding Policies
- EIH Social Media Policies
- EIH Code(s) of Conduct, including for spectators

Inform my team of any medical conditions or previous injuries that may affect my safe participation in the sport.

Provide parental consent if I am under 18.

#### **Medical Declaration**

By completing this membership form, I (the member) declare that I am medically fit to participate in my designated EIH role and have completed the medical information to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I participate in EIH activities at my own risk and will not hold EIH responsible for any injury, illness or accident to my person, or damage to or any loss of property, resulting from my participation unless caused by the gross negligence of EIH.

#### **Anti-Doping Declaration**

By submitting this membership form, I (the member) understand that I am deemed to have made myself familiar with and hereby agree to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules and rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping and any other appropriate body in the application and enforcement of those Rules. I understand that the UK Anti-Doping Rules and IIHF anti-doping rules apply to all participants of the sport, including Minors, and they make all participants subject to Drug Testing.

For the purposes of those rules, consent of a parent or guardian to the Testing of a Minor is deemed to follow automatically from the fact that the Minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate. Therefore, any participating Minors may be subject to Drug Testing without further notice.

I understand that if I ever need to use a prohibited substance or method for therapeutic reasons then I am required to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in advance of using the relevant substance or method.

I agree to fully cooperate with any anti-doping investigations or proceedings, whether conducted by UK Anti-Doping or any other competent body. Failure to do so without acceptable justification may be treated as misconduct under EIH's Discipline Policy and may be sanctioned accordingly.

I understand that I will be bound by these Rules for 12 months from the date of this declaration.

#### **Data Protection Declaration**

By submitting this membership application form, I (the member) agree that EIH may collect, use and disclose my personal data as provided in this application form (or obtained by the organisation as a result of my membership) for the following purposes, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 and EIH's Data Privacy Policy:

- The processing of this membership application.
- The administration of the membership within our organisation.
- The administration of competitions, including sharing of data with competition organisers, clubs and appropriate personnel. Information that is shared securely may include: contact details including email and telephone number, emergency contact details, biography information on your EIH profile, relevant medical information and statistical data. By the global nature of the sport, this may at times, be shared outside of the European Economic Area, although EIH will ensure that all data is securely transferred via the encrypted password protected website.
- The administration of EIH website and social media channels whereby some data may be published to the general public. This data may include: name, club, social media handles, performance data, discipline action, statistics and images.
- The administration of compliance with UKAD, IHUK and WADA Anti-Doping Rules.

## Appendix C

### EIH Disclaimer

EIH, its Board of Directors or staff, does not accept liability for the welfare or safety of participants travelling to and participating in competitions, with the exception of EIH run events. Whilst the association will take all reasonable steps to advise participants on this matter, it remains the responsibility the venue and club to ensure full and adequate safety, security and insurance measures being in place for participants.

EIH will not be held liable if a breach of the codes set forth by EIH Rule Book and associated policies if found to be the responsibility of the participant, club, venue, its employees, representatives or volunteers. Please note that the above list is not exhaustive.

All breaches of EIH's codes and policies must be reported to the correct body and EIH so the correct procedures can be followed in all instances. In the event of a breach that upon investigation is found to be due to the negligence of the venue, club or participant and/or its representatives, full liability and consequences will be the responsibility of the venue, club or participant.