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LETTER FROM THE (VICE) PRESIDENT.

Hello Everyone,

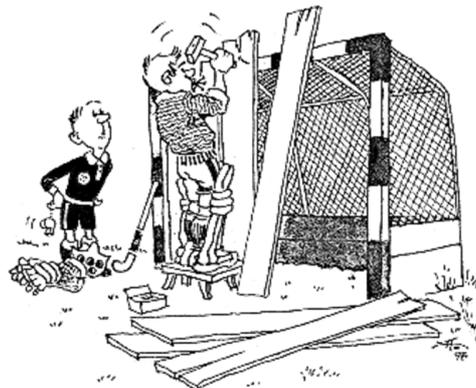
I hope you're enjoying this season and that your umpiring is going well, with thankfully few rearrangements for snow and frost. Strange how certain areas have seemed to suffer more, whilst more remote areas have not. Something I could expand on but am sure you don't all want to read about that right now.

It has been a season of great hockey so far, and I cannot believe that already it seems to be heading to a conclusion, with dates being fixed for end of season play off, and Cup Competitions reaching their final rounds. End of season Dinners also seem to be making an appearance - giving me the chance to highlight our own YHUA Dinner, fixed for 2nd May 2015 at the Aakash Restaurant in Cleckheaton (back by popular demand). A great night of socializing, eating and drinking. Please consider attending and let me know (email etc below) as soon as you can. Having met so many newer members this year, it would be really lovely to see you all at the Dinner, and without being rude - without a bright yellow shirt on!

As we also head towards our AGM, if anyone would like to volunteer their time and nominate themselves (or a colleague - with their permission) please contact Chris Blogg with your details. I know that we are looking for offers from a potential new Treasurer and Secretary so please consider if you can offer. It is essential that people consider the future of the Association, as we cannot rely on the same people to stand for office in perpetuity!

In the meantime, I thank you for your support to date and wish you well for the remaining games of the season.

Julie Blogg
YHUA Vice-President



Not a Member of YHUA? Are you covered? Join now! See contact details.

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

With thanks to Andy Eland.

Working with Technical Officials

Introduce yourself to the Technical Official.

Agree on control of

- temporarily suspended players,
- control of team benches and substitutions,
- procedure in the event of injuries.

You will need to agree exactly **how** you will signal stoppages of play and what acknowledgement you will expect to receive.

If you **do** stop the game for any reason, be absolutely sure that the technical official is ready to restart.

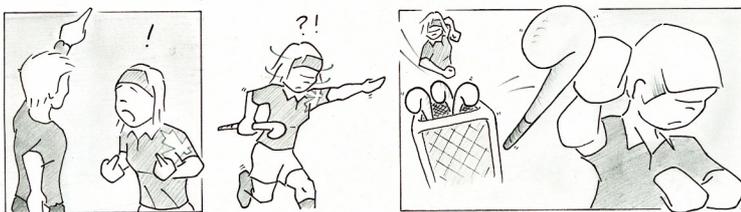
Similarly, you should clarify how you will indicate players awarded **Green Cards** and agree on confirming this and details of suspended players at the end of each half.

Yellow cards - agree & indicate if it's a *longer* than 5 minute suspension.

Who is timing the suspension & how they get back onto the field - Umpire or TO?

The umpire on the side nearest the team benches must also be aware of whether bench conduct is unsatisfactory and, if necessary with the technical official, deal with it, as well as keeping a check that substitution procedures are correctly implemented.

ASK the UMPIRE



For Example:

The Welsh Women's team is playing Canada. During the game, one of the Canadian players is yellow carded for a foul she doesn't think she is guilty of. In her frustration, as she comes off the pitch to the sin bin area, she throws her stick at the stick bin angrily. The stick bounces off the bin and narrowly misses one of the technical officials. You are the technical official, what do you do?

Player, Bench and Spectator Behaviour.

From time to time Umpires come across situations relating to behaviour which thankfully do not occur on a regular basis but, as a result, they sometimes fail to deal with or cannot recall the correct procedure.

Players.

Paragraph 2.3c Umpiring Section of the Rules of Outdoor Hockey 2015

It is not acceptable for players to abuse opponents, umpires or other technical officials verbally or through body language and attitude. **Umpires must deal firmly with abuse of this sort** and in appropriate circumstances issue a caution, warning (green card), or a temporary (yellow card) or permanent (red card) suspension. Cautions, warnings and suspensions can be given in isolation or in combination with another penalty.

Bench

Coaches and substitutes on the bench will have their views on umpires' decisions. We should not allow this to get out of control and can manage it in a selection of ways.

- a) Politely ask them to refrain/stop.
- b) If they do not refrain, stop the game, and talk openly, advise them that the captain will be spoken to next and further punishment may follow. Make it very clear that you have the authority and what the consequences will be.
- c) Stop the game, call the captain over, and ask him/her to manage the bench. Again advise him/her of the consequences.
- d) Stop the game, call the captain over, and ask them to remove the said offender
- e) Temporarily or permanently suspend (yellow/red card) any player or official from the bench for ill-discipline in which case Rules 14.1c and 14.1d state: the offending team plays with one less player.

Matchday Misconduct

4.4 An **MMO** is committed when at any time during the day of a match, but excluding the time from the start to the end of the match, a person due to participate or who has participated in the match misconducts himself in such a way that one of the match umpires decides (a) it would have warranted the issue of a Red Card had such misconduct occurred during the match, and (b) is to be reported as an MMO, and the umpire so informs the offender **on the day of the match.**

Up to date contact details are on the North web site and in the current Handbook.



Spectators

The NHA Guidance Notes for Pitch side Conduct states: The onus is on the home club to take responsibility for spectators and their behaviour.

Our first step must be to separate supporters from the bench area. Also, avoid sending any suspended players into a crowd (think - if you do not have a delegate, is the bench the best place?).

Supporters are probably the hardest for us to deal with as we generally do not know club members etc. Be very careful about what banter is and what is unacceptable abuse.

Again use the captain to deal with this, and generally do not get involved. If you know there is a senior member of the club there, ask them to resolve the problem.

Should the behaviour of a spectator become unacceptable, and they are within the 'cage', advise them of the consequences and then if it continues require them to be removed.

If in the opinion of the umpires the behaviour breaches the EHB Code of Ethics and Behaviour. It should be reported as a **Disrepute Offence**.

A Disrepute Offence is committed where there is conduct by an individual or an affiliated body at any time that is prejudicial to the EH Code of Ethics and Behaviour or is otherwise liable to cause the sport of hockey to be brought into disrepute (other than an offence penalised by the umpires during a match).

SUMMARY.

- 1. Players.** Always deal with any form of dissent using the control loop. **Don't ignore it.**
- 2. Bench.** When reasoning fails card the member on the bench and require the team to take a player off the field.
- 3. Spectators.** Stop the game and ask the Captain of the home team to deal with it.
- 4. Red Card/MMO Report Form.** (Download from the NHUA Website) To be sent ASAP and within 72hrs of the offence to the **County Disciplinary Administrator** for the County through which the offender's Club is affiliated. In the event of two or more red cards in a match going to separate C.D.O.'s they should be cross referenced.

N.B. a Red Card can only be rescinded if the umpire who issued the card is satisfied that there has been a case of mistaken identity.

5. Code of Ethics and Behaviour Disrepute Form. (Download from the EHB Website) This should be sent within 14 days to the **County Disciplinary Administrator** or, in the case of Clubs from different Counties being involved, the North Disciplinary administrator : Chris Kingshott

This year's YHUA AGM is to be at WakefieldHC on 23rd April 2014 @ 7.30pm.

Please try and get there.

If you would like to be part of the management committee please e mail Chris Blogg, with your details before 15th April so it can be discussed.

If you would like to submit any articles, stories or photo's to the Whistler, please let me know @ jooleymc@hotmail.co.uk