



## **GUERNSEY HOCKEY LBG** **LEAGUE & CUP COMPETITIONS RULES**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

“Member Hockey Club” - any hockey club that is a member of the GHLBG

“EH” - England Hockey

“Board of Directors” – the Board of Directors of GHLBG

“Fixtures Secretary” – responsible for fixtures scheduling

“GHLBG” - Guernsey Hockey LBG

“League & Cup Competitions Committee” – the committee responsible for the leagues and cup competitions

“League” - the Men’s division 1, division 2, division 3 and the Ladies division.

“Playing Season” - as from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to the 31<sup>st</sup> May

“Registrations Secretary” – responsible for Team and player registrations. There can be a separate Registrations Secretary for the Men’s and Women’s Leagues.

“Start Time” - the time that a match is to commence

“Team” - any team from a Member Hockey Club

“Umpire” - any umpire who is registered with GHLBG

“Umpires Fixtures Secretary” – responsible for umpire appointments

### **2. TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- 2.1 Each Team from a Member Hockey Club wishing to participate in the League or in Cup competition matches must provide the Registrations Secretary with a list of all the names of the players they wish to be registered for the forthcoming Playing Season, which division and Cup competition the Team is to be registered in and full details of the Team colours at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of each Playing Season in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail.



- 2.2 Each Team from a Member Hockey Club shall, at any one time, have a registered squad of not less than thirteen (13) players of which there shall be at least one (1) designated goalkeeper. For Teams registered in Men's Division 1 and Division 2 (including Teams who then move to Division 3) there shall be a minimum of three (3) designated umpires per team. For Teams registered in the Women's Division there shall be a minimum of one (1) designated umpire per team. Teams must provide the names of their designated umpires at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of each Playing Season in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail. Any Member Hockey Club or Teams failing to nominate the correct number of designated umpires in a timely manner may be financially penalised or have league points deducted from their Teams, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 2.3 A list of all players to be registered for the Playing Season must be submitted by the Member Hockey Clubs, specifying the full name, address, telephone number and email of each player and which team they will be playing for, along with a completed and signed Player Registration Form (as set out in Appendix A) for any new players, must be received by the Registrations Secretary in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to the prior to the start of each Playing Season. Any registration form must be signed by the Team Captain and the Club Treasurer. Any forms not containing both signatures will be rejected. All student players in full time education outside of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, as well as all junior players, must be clearly marked.
- 2.4 Any new player registrations for a Team must be received by the Registrations Secretary in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail at least forty-eight (48) hours before that player is allowed to represent the Team in the League or in Cup competition matches, provided that the player is eligible to be registered (see section 2.5).
- 2.5 A player is only eligible to be registered upon providing to the Registrations Secretary proof of residence in the Bailiwick of Guernsey for at least three (3) consecutive months prior to the date that the player is to represent a Team in the League or in a Cup competition match or by being able to clearly demonstrate an intention to remain in the Bailiwick of Guernsey for at least three (3) consecutive months or at the discretion of the League & Cup Competitions Committee.
- 2.6 A player who is a student in full time education studying outside of the Bailiwick of Guernsey is only eligible to be registered for a Team at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of each Playing Season and the player is unable to be registered during the Playing Season unless returning to the Bailiwick after completing full time education and where the player is able to



clearly demonstrate an intention to remain in the Bailiwick of Guernsey for at least three (3) consecutive months or at the discretion of the League & Cup Competitions Committee.

- 2.7 In the League, any player registered for a Team playing in Men's Division 2 or Division 3 is allowed to play for any of their Member Hockey Club Team's playing in Division 1 provided that if that player then plays three (3) consecutive League matches for any of their Member Hockey Club Team's playing in Division 1 then that player will be automatically registered to their nominated Member Hockey Club's Team playing in Division 1, unless that player has played three (3) consecutive games for the same Member Hockey Club Team playing in Division 1 in which case the player will be automatically registered for that team playing in Division 1.
- 2.8 In the League, if any player has been automatically registered for a Team playing in Men's Division 1 (see section 2.7), then that player can be immediately de-registered to any of their Member Hockey Club Team's playing in Men's Division 2 or Division 3 provided that they satisfy the criteria as set out in Section 2.11.
- 2.9 In the League, any player registered for a Team playing in Men's Division 1 is prohibited from playing for any of their Member Hockey Club Team's playing in Men's Division 2 or Division 3 except for circumstances as set out in Section 2.11.
- 2.10 In the League, any player registered for a Team playing in Men's Division 1 who wishes to de-register and register to play in any of their Member Hockey Club Team's playing in Men's Division 2 or Division 3 during the Playing Season may do so provided that:-
- 2.10.1 The player has been de-registered from the Team playing in Men's Division 1 in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail, from either the player or a Team representative, to the Registrations Secretary;
  - 2.10.2 The number of players registered for the Team playing in Men's Division 1 will not be below thirteen (13) registered players.
  - 2.10.3 Only on the approval of the Registrations Secretary who, if required, will seek the recommendation of the League & Cup Competitions Committee.
- 2.11 In the League, any player that has been de-registered from their Team playing in Men's Division 1 and registered to play in their Member Hockey Club's Team playing in Men's Division 2 or Division 3 can only be eligible to



play for their Member Hockey Club's Team playing in Men's Division 1 upon the completion of at least three (3) subsequent and consecutive League matches of the Member Hockey Club's Team in Men's Division 2 or Division 3, whether the player actually plays in those matches or not.

- 2.12 No player that is currently playing or has recently played in the Men's Island 1<sup>st</sup> XI team shall be eligible to play in Men's Division 2 or Division 3 unless at the discretion of the League & Cup Competition Committee.
- 2.13 In the League, any other registration rules applying to specific Teams will be set out in the Leagues Format document (see section 5.5).
- 2.14 For Cup competition matches in Men's Division 2, only players registered for a Team playing in Men's Division 2 or Division 3 are eligible to represent their Team in this Cup competition.
- 2.15 For Cup competition matches, a player will be cup tied, that is ineligible to play for any other Team in that Cup competition, after playing one (1) match for a Team in that Cup Competition.
- 2.16 For Cup competition matches, any other registration rules applying to specific teams will be set out in the Cup Competitions Format document (see section 6.1).
- 2.17 No ladies player is permitted to play for a Men's Team or Hockey Club taking part in a League or Cup Competition match in the Men's Division 1, Division 2 or Division 3 except that a Ladies Team or Hockey Club may be permitted to play in the Men's Division 1, Division 2 or Division 3 League or Cup Competitions at the discretion of the League & Cup Competitions Committee.
- 2.18 The minimum age for a player to be eligible to register and play for a Hockey Club taking part in a League or Cup Competition match in the Men's Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 and Ladies League is thirteen (13) unless at the discretion of the League & Cup Competition Committee.
- 2.19 For the Men's Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 and Ladies Leagues, at the discretion of the League & Cup Competition Committee, a pool of players aged between 13 and 18 can be set up ("Pool Players"). Pool Players can be registered with a Team of a Member Hockey Club. Pool Players can play for any Team from any Member Hockey Club in a League or Cup Competition Match without being subject to any other rules in relation to registration, provided that they are unable to play for a Team in a match against the Team that they are registered to. Pool Players will be organised by a designated person or persons, and Teams and Member Hockey Clubs are only permitted



to contact Pool Players through the designated person or persons, who will assign Pool Players on a first come first serve basis in order.

### **3. PLAYER TRANSFER**

- 3.1 A Player Transfer Form (as set out in Appendix B) for players transferring between Member Hockey Clubs or Teams of a Member Hockey Club prior to the start of the Playing Season must be received by the Registrations Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of each Playing Season in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail. Any Player Transfer form must be signed by the Team Captains and the Club Treasurers of each team. Any forms not containing both sets of signatures will be rejected.
- 3.2 A Player Transfer Form for players transferring between Member Hockey Clubs or Teams of a Member Hockey Club during the Playing Season must be received by the Registrations Secretary at least five (5) days before the next proposed League or Cup competition fixture for their new Team.
- 3.3 Player transfers cannot take place after the 1st January of the current Playing Season unless at the discretion of the League & Cup Competitions Committee due to special circumstances.
- 3.4 Each Player Transfer must be approved by the League & Cup Competitions Committee. The Registrations Secretary shall confirm to the Member Hockey Clubs or Teams of a Member Hockey Club if the Player Transfer has been approved before the Player is eligible to play for the new Member Hockey Club or Team of a Member Hockey Club.
- 3.5 Any player who wishes to transfer between Member Hockey Clubs must first clear any debt owed to the Member Hockey Club from which they are transferring and no transfer will be approved by the League & Cup Competitions Committee and the player will not be eligible to play for the new Member Hockey Club until the debt has been cleared in full.

### **4. TEAM UNIFORM**

- 4.1 Each Team from a Member Hockey Club must submit their team colours, in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail, to the Registration Secretary.
- 4.2 Any intended changes to any part of a Team's uniform should be submitted, in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail, to the Registration Secretary for approval.



- 4.3 Any new Team from a Member Hockey Club must submit their intended team uniform to the Registration Secretary for approval.
- 4.4 All players must be uniformly and neatly dressed at all times during a League match or Cup competition match as organised or sanctioned by the GHLBG.
- 4.5 A player must wear shin guards, worn inside of socks, at all times during a League match, Cup competition match, friendly or any other match as organised or sanctioned by the GHLBG. Any players under the age of 16 must wear a mouth guard.
- 4.6 Team uniforms shall comprise:
- | Men   | Women   |
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| Shirts (sleeved, short sleeved or sleeveless)         | Shirts (sleeved, short sleeved or sleeveless)         |
| Knee length socks                                     | Knee length socks                                     |
| Adequate footwear                                     | Adequate footwear                                     |
| Shin pads   | Shin pads   |
| Shorts - solid colour                                 | Skirts, Skorts or shorts                              |
| Dark running/exercise shorts may be worn under shorts | Skirt/Skort length may not fall below the knee        |
|   | Dark running/exercise shorts may be worn under skirts |
- 4.7 Shirts for both men and women must be:
- 4.7.1 Numbered on the back and numbers must be clearly visible. No two players from the same Team participating in a League match or a Cup competition match shall have the same number.
- 4.7.2 Team logos or Team sponsor logos are permitted and names/sponsor logos may appear on the front, back or sleeve of the players shirts;
- 4.7.3 The size of the Team names, logos and/or sponsorship names/logos shall not exceed 350 sq. cm on the front/back of the shirt and 40 sq. cm on each of the sleeves;
- 4.8 Players shall remove jewellery before playing (necklaces, bracelets, protruding rings on fingers or face, dangly earrings, watches) and any other dangerous items.



4.9 The Umpires assigned for a match shall solely determine what constitutes a dangerous item and they should prohibit a player participating in a match until the item is removed.

## **5. LEAGUE FIXTURES AND FORMAT**

5.1 The number of divisions which the League will comprise and the number of Teams in each division will be decided by the League & Cup Competitions Committee.

5.2 The Fixtures Schedule will be drawn up by the Fixtures Secretary and ratified by the League & Cup Competitions Committee prior to the start of the Playing Season.

5.3 All requests by Member Hockey Clubs and Teams for inclusion in the Fixtures Schedule must be received by the Fixtures Secretary at least one (1) month prior to the start of the Playing Season.

5.4 The Fixtures Schedule will be communicated to the Member Hockey Clubs and Teams in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail from the Fixtures Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the Playing Season.

5.5 The format of each division of the League, along with any specific rules applying to each League, will be decided before the start of the Playing Season by the League & Cup Competitions Committee based on the recommendations of the Fixtures Secretary and set out in the "League Format" document which will be communicated to the Member Hockey Clubs and Teams in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail from the Fixtures Secretary along with the Fixtures Schedule.

5.6 All League matches, friendly matches or any other matches as organised or sanctioned by the GHLBG, will be played in accordance with the GHLBG League & Cup Competition Rules and the FIH Rules of Hockey, as amended from time to time.

5.7 Points shall be awarded for League matches as follows:

- Win - 3 points
- Draw - 1 point
- Loss - 0 points

5.8 The winner of each division of the League shall be the Team with the most points at the conclusion of all the League fixtures in the Playing Season, unless the format of the League is specifically amended by the Fixtures



Secretary (see section 5.5). In the event of two Teams finishing the Playing Season on equal points, the League winner will be determined by a play-off match. In the event of three or more teams finishing the Playing Season on equal points, the two highest placed teams will be determined first by goal difference (which means “goals for” less “goals against” and a positive goal difference will always takes precedence over a negative one), and if still equal by the number of goals scored, and if still equal by the results of the League matches between the Teams on equal points and if still on equal points by a coin toss. The League winner will then be determined by a play-off match between these two highest placed teams.

- 5.9 It is the responsibility of both Team captains to ensure that their respective Team Sheets (as set out in Appendix C) are correctly completed listing all the players and substitutes and handed to the Umpires prior to the Start Time of a match.
- 5.10 It is the responsibility of the Team Captains at the end of a match to ensure that Team Sheets are correctly completed with the result, the scorers and the cards issued, are signed and placed in the Results box located inside the Hockey Clubhouse. If for any reason it is not possible for the Team Captains to post the completed team sheet into the Results Box following the match then the Team Captains must ensure that the result is communicated to the Registrations Secretary by 5pm on the Sunday following the game and thereafter provide the team sheet to the Registrations Secretary within 48 hours of the match in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail. Failure to place the Team Sheets in the Results box or to inform the Registrations Secretary of the result and provide the team sheet in a timely manner will result in financial penalties being levied against the Member Hockey Club at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 5.11 It is the responsibility of the Team Captains to complete a Match Report Form (as set out in Appendix D) after the completion of the match and to e-mail the completed Match Report Form to the results e-mail address within 24 hours of the completion of the match. Failure to provide a Match Report Form in a timely manner will result in financial penalties being levied against the Member Hockey Club at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 5.12 The first named Team on the Fixture Schedule will be the Home Team. The second named Team on the Fixture Schedule or the Away Team must change shirts or wear contrasting colour bibs if the Umpires, in their sole discretion, deem that there is a colour clash between the two Teams.
- 5.13 The League shall be known by the name of the current sponsor.



## **6. CUP COMPETITION FIXTURES AND FORMAT**

- 6.1 The fixtures and format of the Cup competitions for each division of the League, along with any specific rules applying to each Cup competition, will be decided before the start of the Playing Season by the League & Cup Competitions Committee based on the recommendations of the Fixtures Secretary and set out in the “Cup Competitions Format” document which will be communicated to the Member Hockey Club and Teams in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail by the Fixtures Secretary prior to the first fixture being played.
- 6.2 All Cup competitions matches will be played in accordance with the GHLBG League & Cup Competition Rules and the FIH Rules of Hockey, as amended from time to time.
- 6.3 The first named Team on the Fixture Schedule will be the Home Team. The second named Team on the Fixture Schedule or the Away Team must change shirts or wear contrasting colour bibs if the Umpires, in their sole discretion, deem that there is a colour clash between the two Teams.

## **7. RESCHEDULING MATCHES**

- 7.1 All matches are to be played on the published dates as set out in the Fixtures Schedule unless extremely special circumstances apply, such circumstances to be deemed applicable at the discretion of the Fixtures Secretary who, if required, will seek the recommendation of the League & Cup Competitions Committee.
- 7.2 Fixtures can only be rescheduled with a minimum of fourteen (14) days notice prior to the published match date.
- 7.3 The rescheduled Fixture date must be agreed by the Fixtures Secretary, the Umpires Fixtures Secretary and the captains of the two Teams involved.

## **8. START TIME**

- 8.1 Umpires should be prepared to start a match as near to the Start Time as possible. Teams unable to field the minimum number of players at the Start Time are subject to the minimum player requirement (see section 9).
- 8.2 The Home Team on the Fixture Schedule shall provide a new match-grade dimpled hockey ball to the Umpires prior to the Start Time of the match.



- 8.3 Both Teams' captains must present fully completed Team Sheets to the Umpires prior to the Start Time of the match. No amendments to the Team Sheets shall be permitted once the match has started. Any players not listed on the Team Sheets will not be allowed to take part in the match.
- 8.4 Each Team will comprise a maximum of eleven (11) players on the field of play, in accordance with FIH Rules of Hockey as amended from time to time, and a maximum of five (5) substitutes on the team bench.
- 8.5 Each Team must have a captain, on the field of play, who is responsible for the behaviour of the Team players on the field of play and the substitutes on the team bench and who must wear a distinctive arm band or ribbon. Upon suspension of the captain, a team player on the field of play must take over the arm band or ribbon.

## **9. MINIMUM PLAYER REQUIREMENT**

- 9.1 The minimum number of players required to start a match is eight (8).
- 9.2 Only players who are duly registered (see section 2) for the Team that they are playing for are allowed to take to the field of play and represent that Team.
- 9.3 At the Start Time both teams should be on the field of play and ready to commence the match.
- 9.4 In the event that one Team is unable to field a side, in accordance with section 9.1, at the Start Time, then the match shall be defaulted by that Team and the result will be recorded by the Fixtures Secretary as a 3-0 win to the opposing Team.
- 9.5 In the event that both Teams are unable field a side, in accordance with section 9.1, at the Start Time then the match shall be cancelled. In the event that the match is cancelled, the match shall not be re-scheduled and neither Team will be awarded any points.
- 9.6 Any Team fielding an unregistered player in a match or a player registered for another Team or Member Hockey Club or a player not listed on the Team Sheets for that match, or a player banned from playing, will automatically forfeit the match and the result will be recorded by the Registrations Secretary as a 3-0 win to the opposing Team.



## 10. SUBSTITUTION

- 10.1 Each Team shall be permitted to substitute any player during a match and at any time except that no substitution may be made following the award of a penalty corner and its completion unless the defending goalkeeper is incapacitated or suspended, and has to leave the field of play, in which case a replacement goalkeeper may enter the field of play immediately. In this scenario an injured or suspended goalkeeper may only be replaced by a similarly equipped goalkeeper (i.e. a goalkeeper wearing only protective headgear may not be replaced by a fully equipped goalkeeper). (See section 10.7).
- 10.2 The substitute player(s) will be chosen from amongst the players nominated for that match.
- 10.3 A player who has been substituted is permitted to return to the field of play again during the same match following the substitution procedure.
- 10.4 A player, upon being suspended, may not be substituted and may not be used as a substitute during the period of suspension.
- 10.5 All substitutions will be within 3m of the centre line of the field of play and only on one side as agreed between the Team Captains and the Umpires prior to the Start Time.
- 10.6 If a field player, the substitution will be carried out without stoppage of time.
- 10.7 If a fully equipped goalkeeper, the substitution will be supervised by the Umpires and time is stopped briefly to permit a goalkeeper who is wearing full protective equipment to take part in a substitution. The time stoppage is not extended for a goalkeeper to put on or take off protective equipment as part of a substitution including following a goalkeeper injury or suspension. If necessary, play should continue with a player with goalkeeping privileges and wearing a different coloured shirt or only with field players while a substitute goalkeeper puts on or takes off protective equipment.
- 10.8 It is not permitted for a field player to be suspended in place of a goalkeeper.
- 10.9 The substitute player may not enter the field of play until the player being substituted has left it.
- 10.10 The Team captain of the players concerned is responsible for the proper application of the substitution procedure.



## **11. ADMISSION TO THE FIELD OF PLAY**

- 11.1 Only up to eleven (11) players of each Team and the Umpires may be on the field of play during a match. Any Team officials and reserve goalkeeper(s) need the permission of the Umpires to enter the field of play. This rule is obligatory even in the event of a player or an Umpire becoming incapacitated.
- 11.2 The Team coach may not enter the field of play at any time under any circumstances.
- 11.3 No incapacity treatment will be permitted on the field of play.
- 11.4 If a player becomes incapacitated on the field of play, one of the Umpires may stop the match and assess whether or not the player requires attention.
- 11.5 In the case of an injury to a field player, the Umpire may authorise members of the Team to enter the field of play to assist and remove the player concerned from the field of play as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 11.6 In the case of an injury to a goalkeeper, the Umpire may authorise members of the Team to enter the field of play to assess and as appropriate provide brief treatment or remove the goalkeeper concerned from the field of play as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 11.7 If any person from the Team or any other person enters the field of play to attend to a player other than a goalkeeper, that player must leave the field of play. The player involved may return to the field of play as directed by the Umpires and only between the 23 metre areas.
- 11.8 If a player sustains an injury which causes bleeding then that player must leave the field of play as soon as possible and must not re-enter until the bleeding has ceased and the wound is adequately covered. Blood stained clothing must be replaced and equipment cleaned before re-entry to the field of play.
- 11.9 If blood staining to the field of play occurs then immediate cleaning must take place by rubbing with a cloth soaked in an 80% alcohol solution for approximately one minute. During this operation there must be a time stoppage of play.
- 11.10 No liquid or other refreshment may be consumed on the field of play. Any player wishing to take refreshment during a match, including during time stoppages, must leave the field of play and is permitted to re-enter but not



within the 23 metre lines and the back lines. A goalkeeper may leave and re-enter the field of play only adjacent to the goal.

## **12. DURATION OF MATCHES**

- 12.1 A match shall consist of a regulation time of two periods of 35 minutes each, separated by an interval of 5 minutes, unless as otherwise previously specifically stated by the Fixtures Secretary. The score at the end of the regulation time, along with the players who scored goals and received any cards during the match, will be registered by the Umpires on the Team Sheets as the result of the match.

## **13. TIME-KEEPING**

- 13.1 Time-keeping will be controlled by the Umpires whose responsibility it will be to signal the start or re-start of the match, the end of the periods of regulation time at half time and full time. However, in the case of an extension of any period of regulation time to permit the completion of a penalty corner, the Umpires will signal the end of that period.

## **14. CANCELLING MATCHES DUE TO BAD WEATHER**

- 14.1 There may be up to a 15 minute weather delay at the Start Time of a match. The Umpires assigned to the match have the discretion jointly to determine if the match is delayed or cancelled due to bad weather. The Fixtures Secretary will reschedule the match
- 14.2 There may be up to a 10 minute weather delay during the match. The Umpires assigned to the match have the discretion jointly to determine if the match is delayed or cancelled due to bad weather. The Fixtures Secretary will reschedule the match.
- 14.3 Teams unable to field the minimum number of players at the Start Time are subject to the minimum player requirement (see section 9) irrespective of the weather delay.
- 14.4 The Fixtures Secretary, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, may deem that any fixture or group of fixtures is unable to be played due to bad weather, and that such fixtures are then declared void and are not rescheduled.

## **15. DISCIPLINE**

- 15.1 All Member Hockey Clubs and Teams taking part in League matches, Cup competition matches or any other matches as organised or sanctioned by the



GHLBG agree to be bound by the EH Red Card & Match Day Offence Regulations, as set out in Appendix E, which covers red cards, other offences, the length of suspensions and bans, and the appeals process.

- 15.2 A player issued with a red card by an Umpire during a match will be expelled from the match and must leave the field of play as per the FIH Rules of Hockey, as amended from time to time.
- 15.3 Any incident of a red card or other offences must be reported by the Umpire using the EH Red Card & Match Day Offence Report Form as set out in Appendix F and delivered to the following people:
- 15.3.1 The Board of Directors in writing by letter, facsimile or e-mail within twenty-four 24 hours of the incident.
- 15.4 The Board of Directors will then, subject to the provisions of the EH Red Card & Match Day Offence Regulations, decide on any necessary penalty to be issued to the offending player. The decision of the Board of Directors will be given to the offending player in the format of the EH Penalty Notification Form as set out in Appendix G.
- 15.5 The offending player may appeal the decision by the Board of Directors and must lodge their appeal using the EH Appeal Notice Form as set out in Appendix H. The Appeal Notice Form must be completed and signed and sent to the Board of Directors by letter, facsimile or e-mail within seven (7) days of the issue of the EH Penalty Notification Form to the offending player.
- 15.6 All Appeals will be dealt with as per the EH Red Card & Match Day Offence Regulations.
- 15.4 A player issued with a yellow card during a match will serve their suspension at a place previously agreed by the Umpires and the Teams but in any event this place will NOT be behind either of the two goals.

## **16. UMPIRES**

- 16.1 The Umpires Fixtures Secretary shall be responsible for appointing Umpires to all League matches, Cup competition matches and any other matches as organised or sanctioned by the GHLBG.
- 16.2 For Teams registered in Men's Division 1 and Division 2 (including Teams who then move to Division 3) there shall be a minimum of three (3) designated umpires per team. For Teams registered in the Women's Division there shall be a minimum of one (1) designated umpire per team. All umpires



shall be registered with the Umpires Fixtures Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the start of the Playing Season. Each designated umpire shall be available to umpire a minimum of three (3) games during the Playing Season or at the discretion of the Umpires Fixtures Secretary.

- 16.3 In the event that at the scheduled Start Time of a match either or both of the Umpires as appointed by the Umpires Fixtures Secretary to umpire the match are not available to umpire then:
- 16.3.1 The Umpires Fixtures Secretary may appoint a replacement Umpire to umpire the match if that person to be appointed is an Umpire currently registered with GHLBG and not a member of either of the Teams who are playing the match.
  - 16.3.2 If the Umpires Fixtures Secretary is not available at the match at the scheduled Start Time, then the two Teams involved in the match, may, by mutual agreement, agree to appoint a replacement Umpire to umpire the match, if that person to be appointed is currently registered with GHLBG and not a member of either of the two Teams who are playing the match.
  - 16.3.3 If an Umpire currently registered with GHLBG is not available then the two Teams involved in the match may, by mutual agreement, agree to appoint a replacement Umpire at their discretion, which may be a player from either of the two Teams.
  - 16.3.4 In the event that there is no mutual agreement under section 16.3.1, 16.3.2 or 16.3.3 then the match shall be cancelled. The Fixtures Secretary will reschedule the match.
  - 16.3.5 Under the provisions of Section 16.3, there may be a delay of up to 15 minutes from the scheduled Start Time to allow both Umpires to be ready on the field of play. In the event that two Umpires are not available after this time has elapsed the game shall be cancelled. The Fixtures Secretary will reschedule the match.
  - 16.3.6 Notwithstanding the above, the minimum player requirements (see Section 9) shall apply.
- 16.4 Any complaint by a Team concerning the conduct, behaviour or performance of an Umpire during a match should be directed in writing, by letter, facsimile or e-mail, clearly setting out the reasons for the complaint, to the Umpires Fixtures Secretary within 24 hours of the end of the match.



## **17. APPEALS**

- 17.1 An Appeals Committee consisting of three senior players shall be appointed by the League & Cup Competitions Committee following the receipt of an appeal. The Appeals Committee will have jurisdiction over all appeals lodged with the GHLBG except those concerning Red Cards as such appeals are dealt with by the EH Red Card & Match Day Offence Regulations as set out in Appendix E.
- 17.2 The players shall be registered with Teams other than those involved in the dispute or matter under consideration.
- 17.3 No member of the Appeals Committee shall be a current member of the League & Cup Competitions Committee.
- 17.4 The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final and binding on all parties involved.

## **18. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 18.1 Each Member Hockey Club must nominate one (1) person for every three (3) Teams registered (rounded down) to serve on the Board of Directors.
- 18.2 The nominations will be made by the 1 September each year and will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 18.3 The existing Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse the appointment should they decide that the person is not suitable, and request another nomination.
- 18.4 Should a Member Hockey Club provide more nominated persons than is required, then they may agree with another Member Hockey Club that the additional nominated person(s) shall satisfy the provision of providing a nominated person from that other Member Hockey Club, however the existing Board of Directors reserves the right to require a Member Hockey Club to still provide a nominated person.
- 18.2 Any Member Hockey Club failing to nominate a person to serve on the Board of Directors in a timely manner may be financially penalised or have league points deducted from their Teams, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.



## **19. FINANCIAL**

- 19.1 Team Fees will be invoiced by GHLBG to the Member Hockey Clubs in two tranches. The first tranche will be invoiced by the 15th October with payment due by the 15th November. The second tranche will be invoiced by the 15th February with payment due by the 15th March. Any Member Hockey Club failing to make payment in a timely manner may be financially penalised or have league points deducted from their Teams, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 19.2 At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a player can be banned from playing for any Team of a Member Hockey Club if any fees are owed to GHLBG or the Member Hockey Club by that Player, until such time as the fees have been paid or a schedule of payment agreed.
- 19.3 The Team Fees and Budget for the Playing Season will be determined by the Board of Directors and presented at the AGM.

## **20. GENERAL**

- 20.1 The official GHLBG colours for use on the GHLBG logo, letterheads, website, advertising and any other material either printed or electronic shall be green, red, white, yellow and black and the official font shall be Arial point 12.
- 20.2 In all matters concerning the interpretation or any perceived ambiguity of the GHLBG Rules or the organisation of the League, Cup competitions, or any other related matter, the decision of the League & Cup Competitions Committee shall be final.
- 20.3 The Board of Directors shall have the power to determine any matter not covered by the GHLBG Rules.
- 20.4 Any proposed amendments to the GHLBG Rules should be directed in writing, by letter, facsimile or e-mail to the Secretary of the GHLBG and all amendments will be adopted as set out in the GHLBG Memorandum & Articles of Incorporation.
- 20.5 All Member Hockey Clubs, Teams, players and members agree to be bound by policies concerning child welfare, equal opportunities and rights, drug abuse or any other policies as issued or amended by EH, or by any other body such as the Guernsey Sports Commission or other bodies, from time to time and as adopted by the GHLBG from time to time, such policies being set out in Appendix I.



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**APPENDIX A - Player Registration Form**

**APPENDIX B - Player Transfer Form**

**APPENDIX C - Team Sheet**

**APPENDIX D - Match Report Form**

**APPENDIX E - EH Red Card & Match Day Offence Regulations**

**APPENDIX F - EH Red Card & Match Day Offence Report Form**

**APPENDIX G - Penalty Notification Form**

**APPENDIX H - Appeal Notice Form**

**APPENDIX I - EH Policies – various (see <http://www.englishockey.co.uk>)**