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## **Guernsey Hockey LBG – UMPIRE GUIDELINES**

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The following applies to the Men's Leagues, Women's League and all Cup Competitions organised by the GHLBG:

#### **(1) Substitution of outfield players**

Players and umpires are reminded of the correct procedure for substitution of outfield players.

The relevant rule under the FIH Rules of Hockey is given below.

#### ***Rule 2. 3 f***

*field players must leave or enter the field for substitution purposes within 3 meters of the centre-line on a side of the field agreed with the umpires*

Umpires are asked to apply this rule more rigidly.

#### **(2) Scoring an own goal**

The question "Does scoring an own goal apply to local hockey?" has been raised. The simple answer is "No".

However, it is believed that a provision in the rules of hockey is being applied as an experiment in some competitions in some countries.

For your guidance, below is the appropriate rule extracted from the FIH Rules of Hockey which is applicable to scoring a goal in local hockey.

#### ***Rule 8***

*8.1 A goal is scored when the ball is played within the circle by an attacker and does not travel outside the circle before passing completely over the goal-line and under the cross-bar. The ball may be played by a defender or touch their body before or after being played in the circle by an attacker.*

*8.2 A goal is scored if awarded as a result of a penalty stroke.*



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### **(3) Players Numbers on shirts**

It has been noticed that some players do not have numbers on their shirts and the attention of clubs and umpires is drawn to Guernsey Hockey LBG League & Cup Competition Rules Rule 4.7 which is reproduced in full below:

*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.*

Clubs are asked to check their shirts and, without delay, ensure that they conform to this rule.

Umpires should report any irregularity on the team sheet.

### **(4) Jewellery**

It has been noticed that some players are wearing items that are contrary to the following Guernsey Hockey LBG League & Cup Competition Rules. Players are asked to ensure that they remove such items before playing.

*4.8 Players shall remove jewellery before playing (necklaces, bracelets, protruding rings on fingers or face, dangly earrings, watches) and any other dangerous items.*

The attention of umpires is drawn to the above Rule and to Rule 4.9 which is reproduced below. The umpire does not have discretion regarding items detailed above and should be pro-active in ensuring that these and any other items they consider dangerous are removed before allowing players to participate in the game.

*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.*