

Sussex Hockey Umpiring Season 2016/2017

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Agenda

- Olympics
- Rule Changes
- Red Card Regulations
- What do players/clubs want
- How do we achieve this as a group
- Questions

Olympics

- What did we think?
- Of the hockey?
- Of the umpiring?
- Should we copy?
- Should we aspire to this?

Rule Changes

- There are none!

Red Card Regulations

- Section 2.3 Umpiring Section of the FIH rules says
- “it is possible, although umpires are not encouraged to do so, for a player to receive two green or yellow cards for different minor offences during the same match. **However, when an offence for which a card has already been awarded is repeated, the same card must not be used again and a more severe penalty must be awarded”**

Red Card Regulations

- Proportionality
- Two offences of the same nature = two yellow cards = red card
- Suspended for the rest of the game
- No 16 days suspension (or longer)
- Player must still leave the caged area
- Suggest that you show second yellow card followed by red
- Use the captain to communicate what is happening

Red Card Regulations

- 2 yellows do not make a red
- It is possible to still give 2 yellow cards for two separate offences eg dissent, stick tackle
- A red card offence is still a red card offence
- Do not hide behind the changes
- No personal interpretations

What do players want?

- Consistency
- During the game
- During the season
- What is consistency

Consistency

- This is the biggest issue for the clubs
- How do we as a group achieve this
- What does Sussex do about it
- What do you as individuals do about this
- Integrity/reputation – why are these important

Consistency 2

- No individual interpretations of the rules
- Dealing with things first time they happen
- Communicate clearly and well – there is no place for shrinking violets as an umpire in the modern game!
- Talk to the players, managers, coach's after the game to help understand both points of view
- After the game means in the clubhouse not 30 seconds after the final whistle has blown

Consistency 3

- Areas we need to think about as a group
- Slide tackle – high risk = high reward or card
- If a player goes to ground and makes contact with the player before, during or after the tackle or makes the opponent take evasive action then this must be penalised with a yellow card normally for 10 minutes
- There is no exceptions to this and it is an area where we were inconsistent last season as a group
- This is being applied at National Level and higher and we **MUST** follow
- It is not relevant whether you agree or disagree with this interpretation, as a Sussex umpire I expect you to apply this

Consistency 4

- Ball in the air
- We must just think is it dangerous or not
- Communicate quickly and clearly
- Be relaxed about the ball being off the ground – as a rule the players are – we must be as well
- This is an area where there is constant criticism – some justified some not
- Let us be aware of this and from the start of a game communicate well
- Remember the hardest decisions to sell are the “none decisions” – use all the tools at your disposal

And Finally

- Enjoy your umpiring
- Apply the rules and interpretations that are in place
- Questions