

Misconduct Rules (Summary)

NCAA Rules

6.1 Green Card:

A green card may be issued to the head coach as a warning prior to assessing a red card. **The head coach is responsible for actions of their team bench area** and shall receive any green card assessed related to bench decorum.

6.2 Yellow Card:

- a. Any player on the field receiving a yellow card shall be suspended from the game for a minimum of five minutes. A suspended player shall be seated at the scorer's table on side opposite from her bench.
- b. The umpire will notify the scorer's table of the suspension time when the penalty is called. If additional time is assessed to the player during the suspension due to conduct, then the umpire will again notify the scorer's table of the additional penalty time.
- c. A member of the table personnel will notify the player when the time of suspension has expired. Normal substitution rules must be followed for re-entry.

6.3 Red Card:

- a. A player, bench personnel or coach receiving a red card shall be ejected from the game, shall leave the premises of the field of play and shall sit out the next regularly scheduled game, including postseason games. Should a player, bench personnel or coach receive a red card in the last game of the season (including post season games) the suspension would carry-over to the first game of the following season (exhibitions and/or scrimmages do not satisfy the suspension). The head coach shall receive any red card assessed to their team bench area and will be required to leave the field of play.

A coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator area and is prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with his or her team, assistant coaches and/or bench personnel from the start of the contest to its completion.

- a. **If a coach is red carded and refuses to leave the site of the contest within a reasonable amount of time (three minutes), the game shall be declared ended, and the opposing team shall be awarded the win (score becomes 1 – 0). THE GAME SHALL COUNT AS A COUNTABLE GAME.**

6.4 **Misconduct by personnel, players on the bench and/or spectators should be brought to the attention of the head coach. If continued misconduct occurs the head coach will ultimately be held responsible. It should be noted that use of profane and/or vulgar language, and/or harsh treatment towards opponents or umpires by personnel, players on the bench or spectators shall not be tolerated.**

6.5 Regulation game player suspensions (Yellow Card) and player/coach disqualifications (Red Card) will carry over into overtime play.

6.6 Suspended players should be placed at the scorer's table on the side opposite from her bench.

6.7 Coaching of players who are suspended from play is prohibited except during time-outs or between periods.

6.8 The coaching of players who are participating in the game at the time when an injury timeout is called is prohibited.

6.9 Designated Bench Area: Failure to comply with the following will be considered misconduct and possible suspension.

- a. The official party must remain within the designated bench area during play.
- b. Coaches are permitted to move on the sideline only in front of their respective benches and from the centerline (50 yard line) to the 23 meter line (25 yards) on their bench side or in the bleachers directly behind their designated bench area.

- c. Coaches and players in the bench area must remain behind a clearly marked restraining line (a minimum of five yards from the sideline; if 5 yards is not available, as close to 5 yards as possible).
- d. **Spectators are not permitted behind the goal area and must be at least 10 yards behind the endline, and a minimum of five yards from the sideline.**

FIH Rules:

- 14.1 For any offence, the offending player may be:
 - a cautioned (indicated by spoken words)
 - b warned (indicated by a green card)
 - c temporarily suspended for a minimum of 5 minutes of playing time (indicated by a yellow card)
For the duration of each temporary suspension of a player on or off the field, the offending team plays with one less player.
 - d permanently suspended from the current match (indicated by a red card).
For each permanent suspension, the offending team plays for the remainder of the match with one less player.
A personal penalty may be awarded in addition to the appropriate penalty.
- 14.2 Temporarily suspended players must remain in a designated place until permitted by the umpire who suspended them to resume play.
- 14.3 Temporarily suspended players are permitted to rejoin their team at half-time after which they must return to a designated place to complete their suspension.
- 14.4 The intended duration of a temporary suspension may be extended for misconduct by a player while suspended.
- 14.5 Permanently suspended players must leave the field and its surrounding area.

NFHL Rules

CONDUCT RULE:

Players must treat all other players on the field with the utmost respect and dignity. Players are also expected to compose themselves maturely and have sportsman-like conduct on the field at all times. Anyone who fails to abide by the conduct rule will face the consequences stipulated under NCAA Rules.

I have read and understand the rules stated above. I understand that in the absence of a coach, the team captain will be held responsible and be treated as “the coach”. In all NFHL, NCAA, and FIH rules, the word ”coach” will apply to the team captain if the team does not have a “coach”.

I have not read or do not understand the rules stated above.

School: _____

Coach Name: _____

Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Captain Name: _____

Date: _____

Captain Signature: _____