



# Competition Environment Policy – Quick Guide




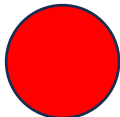
## Wellington Hockey and Hockey New Zealand Standards of Conduct

All participants shall, at all times, conduct themselves fairly and in a proper manner, including maintaining a high standard of personal conduct, so as not to prejudice the interest of hockey or bring themselves, the game of hockey, or Wellington Hockey, into disrepute.

**The following shall be regarded as conduct, which is improper, unfair and unacceptable (direct wording from HNZ Code of Conduct):**

- Verbal or physical abuse, or hostility, towards any other participant, person or any other member of the public.
- Disputing, protesting or reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner, in an inappropriate way, toward any decision made by an umpire or official.
- Charging or advancing towards an umpire or technical official in an aggressive manner while appealing.
- Using rude or abusive language or hand signals.
- Abuse of any hockey equipment, or clothing, or venue equipment.
- Making any detrimental public statements (including electronic media).

### Penalties for Misconduct, Foul Language and Umpire Abuse

	<b>Green Card</b> 	<b>Yellow 5min</b> 	<b>Yellow 10min</b> 	<b>Red</b> 
<b>Conduct</b>	<u>Excessive</u> verbal outbursts towards other players, umpire, official, or spectator	Swearing at, or use of language or body gestures to dispute, protest or react in a provocative, disapproving or aggressive manner toward another participant	2 <sup>nd</sup> or continuous 2min or 5min criteria.	Verbal abuse, physical abuse, or threatening behaviour toward another participant
<b>Players</b>	2min player suspension 2 player misconduct points	5min player suspension 4 player misconduct points	10min player suspension 6 player misconduct points	Permanent player suspension 12 player misconduct points
<b>Coach, Manager, Other Team Management</b>	2 min captain suspension 2 misconduct points to coach, manager, or other team management	5 min captain suspension 4 misconduct points to coach, manager, or other team management	10 min captain suspension 6 misconduct points to coach, manager, or other team management	Permanent player suspension 12 misconduct points to coach, manager, or other team management



## Penalties for Accumulative Misconduct Points

Participants	Teams
<p>Misconduct points gained from cards specifically for misconduct and/or umpire abuse will be recorded.</p> <p><b>Individual participants who reach 6 points</b> specifically for misconduct and/or umpire abuse will be advised by Wellington Hockey in writing that they have been <u>automatically suspended for at least one match</u> to be approved by WHA.</p> <p><b>Following the suspension, three misconduct points will remain</b> credited to the participant, and shall remain on the record of the participant for a <u>the rest of the calendar year</u>.</p> <p><b>Any further 3 misconduct points awarded</b> will result in a judicial hearing and further penalties being awarded.</p>	<p>Total team misconduct points gained from cards specifically for misconduct and/or umpire abuse will be recorded.</p> <p><b>Teams who reach 18 misconduct points</b> including coaches, managers, and other team management, will be advised by Wellington Hockey in writing that they have been automatically deducted <u>4 competition points</u>.</p> <p><b>If a team reaches 24 misconduct points</b>, an additional <u>8 competition points</u> will be deducted.</p> <p><b>If a team reaches 30 misconduct points</b>, the club will be requested in writing to front the Judicial Committee who will decide any further penalty, points deduction, game forfeiture, finals cancellation, monetary fine or other penalties deemed appropriate.</p>

**Note:** Team captains are responsible for their players on-field behaviour. Team Managers are responsible for the behaviour of any persons associated with the team inside the dugouts.