



CANTERBURY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (INC.) CODE OF CONDUCT

Rationale

The Code of Conduct is the standards expected of anyone and everyone when engaging in any hockey activity that falls under the jurisdiction of the Canterbury Hockey Association (CHA).

All participants (i.e. Social Participants and Registered Participants) are required to comply with the CHA Code of Conduct. This Code also applies to all coaches, managers, umpires, administrators and spectators associated with a CHA competition or programme.

CHA is determined to maintain high standards of behaviour at all times in regard to fixtures played under the jurisdiction of CHA, teams representing CHA and all activities conducted or associated with the sport of hockey in Canterbury, including, but not limited to, all activities conducted at CHA managed facilities (e.g. Porritt Park, Nunweek Park, Marist Park @ St. Bede's College). This is to enhance the level of enjoyment for everyone participating in the sport. On this basis, it is the responsibility of all individuals to whom the CHA Code of Conduct applies to be familiar with the Code of Conduct and take responsibility for ensuring their actions are at all times within the standards identified in the Code of Conduct.

The Code

By engaging in the sport of hockey, it is expected that a participant will not engage in any of the following activities:

- a) Swearing, spontaneously or otherwise;
- b) Spit on, refuse to take measures to stop bleeding on or otherwise cause a turf to be potentially infected in an avoidable manner;
- c) Strike or strike at other participants, whether it be with stick, fist or foot or otherwise;
- d) Indulge in abuse, at other participants or umpires, or indulge in displays of dissent;
- e) Any unseemly or unsporting behaviour; and
- f) Display any behaviour, which brings into disrepute the sport of hockey or CHA.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct may be addressed in the following ways

1. The umpires deal with the situation during a fixture through the awarding of cards (a fixture is deemed to be under the control of the umpires from the period 15 minutes prior to the start of the match through until 15 minutes after the conclusion of the match).
(Note: Points may not be necessarily awarded for swearing. Players who swear on the field may be temporarily suspended, although no points will be awarded in respect to cards issued for this offence. Umpires are to use their discretion as to the appropriate length of the suspension, with a 5-minute minimum applicable. These cards will be recorded and the players who consistently offend may be required to appear before the CHA Judicial Committee who may impose whatever penalty/suspension considered appropriate.)*
2. CHA staff, including contracted facility supervisors, have the power to evict participants and spectators from venues.

3. A formal written complaint identifying a possible breach of the Code of Conduct is submitted to CHA within two full business days following the incident and is dealt with in accordance with the CHA Judicial Process. It is both recommended and preferred that any complaint in relation to a fixture be written on the back of the official scorecard and signed, with the complainant's name and contact phone number included. A CHA complaint form should also be filled in, with these forms available from CHA staff at Porritt Park and Nunweek Park or available from the CHA website.
4. Information regarding a possible breach of the Code of Conduct is submitted to CHA at any time after the incident for investigation by CHA and referral to the CHA Judicial Process if deemed appropriate by CHA as a result of the investigation.

It is possible that more than one of the above ways of dealing with a breach of the Code of Conduct may be utilised to effectively address any breach. The highest penalty available to CHA in addressing breaches of the Code of Conduct is to expel an individual, thereby precluding them from any further involvement in CHA activities and the activities of any affiliate of CHA.

Card System

CHA has adopted a card system that assigns participants points for each card received. The system operates as follows:

During a fixture the umpires may issue green, yellow and red cards. A green card serves as a warning; any level of yellow means suspension from the game for a minimum of five minutes and a red card means the recipient will take no further part in the game. When a participant receives a yellow card the team management must be advised immediately as to the length of the suspension. The card system operates whether actual plastic cards are used or not. That is, an umpire is able to communicate the nature of the card by presenting the particular card or verbally indicating the issue of a card.

Each card will carry penalty points as follows:

Green	= 1 point
Yellow	= 3 - 6 points in matches controlled by official umpires. Actual number of points to be determined conjointly by the umpires at the end of the fixture. Should an umpire fail to record the number of points awarded, 3 points will be registered.
Yellow	= 3 points in matches controlled by club umpire appointments.
Red	= 12 points

In terms of the penalties associated with the card system, the following will apply:

1. Participants who receive a red card and/or accumulate 12 points shall be automatically suspended for two weeks, at which time all of their accumulated points shall be discarded. This suspension will run concurrently with any other penalty imposed through the CHA Judicial Process as a result of any breach of the Code of Conduct. *(Note: 'Bye' weekends will not count towards serving a suspension, meaning if a suspended participant's team has a bye during the period of the suspension, the suspension will be extended to such length as to result in the participant missing two fixtures for their team. Suspensions do not affect the eligibility of a player to play at any tournaments conducted outside of the jurisdiction of CHA (e.g. Hockey New Zealand tournaments). This suspension will commence at the conclusion of the fixture in which the red card is issued or the twelfth point is accumulated. CHA will confirm the suspension in writing to the participant's club*

secretary and will also advise of any requirement for the participant to appear before the CHA Judicial Committee.

2. Participants have the right to challenge the fact that a particular card was issued by asking for a judicial hearing before the CHA Judicial Committee. Such challenges must be accompanied by a \$50 fee, which will be forfeited if the challenge is not upheld. The procedures to be applied and followed at any Judicial Committee hearing are outlined in the CHA Judicial Policy.
3. The cards system is to operate in respect of cards issued in fixtures played under the jurisdiction of CHA. Fixtures played outside of the jurisdiction of CHA (e.g. Hockey New Zealand tournaments) will NOT be included under this system. This means points accrued in fixtures played outside the jurisdiction of CHA will NOT be added to a participant's points total with CHA. However, team management must record and report to CHA all cards awarded to CHA participants during fixtures played outside of CHA jurisdiction.
4. All participants are required to identify themselves by name when requested by an umpire. Failure to do so, once warned and once the team captain has been made aware of the request, will normally justify the automatic issue of a red card. CHA has the power to suspend a team if the appropriate representative of the team to CHA (e.g. club secretary) does not identify a participant to whom a card has been issued within 48 hours of such a request. An umpire must identify himself or herself to a participant, coach or official if requested.
5. Points allocated to a participant shall have one calendar year's life. After that, the points are automatically removed.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct by Non-Participants

Coaches, Managers and Team Officials – If any non-participant associated with a team in an official capacity behaves in a manner that an umpire considers to breach the code of conduct, the umpire will issue the non-participant with the appropriate card and may request a player from the field to serve the related suspension. The team captain will be requested to nominate which player is to be suspended. If the captain refuses to co-operate, the umpire will suspend the captain. At the conclusion of the fixture the umpire will record on the scorecard the card and points to be received by the non-participant, with neither the card nor the related points for the non-participant suspension to be credited on the scorecard against the suspended player.

Spectators – Spectators are subject to the CHA Code of Conduct and are responsible for ensuring their behaviour complies with expected standards. Spectators that breach the Code of Conduct may be evicted from a venue and may be required to front the CHA Judicial Committee. Participants may be asked to urge spectators supporting their team to control their behaviour when appropriate.