



ENGLAND HOCKEY LEAGUE REGULATIONS 2020/21

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In these Regulations:

affiliated body has the same meaning as in the EH Code of Ethics

BUCS means British Universities Colleges & Sport

CMS means the online Competition Management System designated by EH

EH means England Hockey Limited, the National Governing Body for hockey in England

EH Code of Ethics means the EH Code of Ethics and Behaviour

EHF means the European Hockey Federation

EHL means the England Hockey League

EHL club means the affiliated club who are participating in the EHL

EHL team is used to differentiate between an EHL Club's Men's or Women's team and/or 1st team and 2nd team, where both participate in the EHL

EHCD means the EH Competitions Department

FIH means the International Hockey Federation

NDO means the EH National Disciplinary Officer

NPUA means the National Programme Umpiring Association

The Disrepute Offence Regulations means the EH Disrepute Regulations which are part of the EH Code of Ethics

The Red Card and MMO Regulations means the EH Red Card and Matchday Misconduct Regulations which are part of the EH Code of Ethics

These Regulations means these England Hockey League Regulations and any appendix hereto; any reference herein to a particular regulation is, unless otherwise expressly stated, a reference to a particular regulation in these Regulations.

1.2 The EHL shall be the collective title of the Women's and Men's England Hockey League but must be referred to at the England Hockey League. Any change of name to either League will be advised as soon as possible. Upon any such change the new name should be used with immediate effect.

1.3 The Rules of Hockey, including any experimental rule changes approved by EH for use in Competitions as specified in *Appendix 1* or notified by EHCD from time to time, shall be observed except as herein provided.

1.4 The EH Code of Ethics shall be applied at all EHL matches.

1.5 EH shall own the broadcasting rights to all games played in the EHL, including its playoff and qualifying tournaments, be they, terrestrial, satellite, cable, or internet streaming. All other broadcast coverage may be permitted with the prior approval of EH.

1.6 Each EHL club, by its entry into and participation in the EHL, and each player by registering to participate in the EHL, shall be deemed to have given consent to abide by the Rules of EH, these Regulations, including all Appendices and the EH Code of Ethics, and to any amendments that may be ratified by EH from time-to-time. Each EHL club and/or player shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the EHCD in relation to these Regulations or any matter not covered in these Regulations and any penalty or sanction it may see fit to impose.

1.7 Regulations relating to the possible impact of Covid-19 are included as Appendix 5. Regulation 2 of these regulations. England Hockey Getting Back on the Pitch - Step 4 & Step 5 Guidance is to be applied to all EHL matches and supersedes existing regulations where applicable. Other regulations therein will be applied as determined by EHCD and these shall supersede existing regulations where applied.

1.8 Betting

- 1.8.1 No person or affiliated body that is for the time-being participating in the EHL and/or is otherwise concerned in officiating over any match played in the EHL, or in the administration of the EHL, shall, either directly or indirectly, bet, or instruct, permit or enable any person or body to bet on the result, progress, or, conduct of an EHL fixture.
- 1.8.2 No such person or affiliated body shall use, or provide to any other person or body, any information relating to the EHL which the person or affiliated body has by virtue of their position within the game and which is not publicly available for, or in relation to, betting.
- 1.8.3 Any breach of Regulations 1.8.1 and/or 1.8.2 shall be considered a Disrepute Offence under the EH Code of Ethics.

1.9 These Regulations are subject to the EH Regulations on Sponsorship and Advertising for the time being in force and in the event of any inconsistency with these Regulations the EH Regulations on Sponsorship and Advertising shall prevail.

2. MANAGEMENT

2.1 The operational management of the EHL will be by the EHCD. The EHCD reserves the right to vary these Regulations if necessary, for the proper administration of the EHL.

3. LIAISON

- 3.1 Each participating EHL team must appoint a Liaison Officer who must be freely available to the EHCD at all times by the usual channels of communication. The name, e-mail address, postal address and telephone number(s) of the Liaison Officer and a second contact must be advised to the EHCD. Additionally, the name, e-mail address and telephone numbers of the team Coach must also be advised.
- 3.2 Any change in details of any of the above must be advised to the EHCD immediately.
- 3.3 Each EHL team shall provide, using the CMS and by the date requested, the proposed time and venue for each of its home matches (refer to Regulation 7.2). Any change to this information must be notified to the EHCD and to the Liaison Officer of the opposing team a minimum of 16 days prior to the match. EHCD reserve the right to decline a change if it represents a significant variation from previously notified details.
- 3.4 The Home EHL team must contact their opponents, both Umpires and the Match Official to confirm arrangements by 8.00 pm 10 days prior to the match to allow visiting teams and officials to plan for their visit based on the facilities available at the home team.
- 3.5 The Away EHL team must provide the Home EHL team with an accurate list of players including shirt numbers, by a date as specified by the home club, for inclusion in the matchday programme.
- 3.6 Each participating EHL club shall be represented at any meeting called by EH a-for EHL clubs. In addition, each EHL club shall respond to requests for information by the EHCD by the due date. A fine may be levied by the EHCD for failure to comply with this Regulation.
- 3.7 By agreeing to be a Liaison Officer or point of contact for a participating EHL team, and providing the information required under Regulation 3.1, the Liaison Officer and any other point of contact consents to receiving information from EH and any other person or body involved in the proper administration of the EHL, and further consents to the EH and any other person or body involved in the proper administration of the EHL sharing this information for that purpose.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Teams
 - 4.1.1 Each participating EHL team must, by the due date, complete and return the EHL entry form.
 - 4.1.2 Each participating EHL team must pay the following by the due dates:
 - 4.1.2.1 EH Club Affiliation Fees must be paid in full by the 30th November;
 - 4.1.2.2 EHL Entry Fee;
 - 4.1.2.3 Any other payments due to EH.
 - 4.1.3 The EHL shall be open to teams as follows:
 - 4.1.3.1 The WHL: Women's EHL - any women's team from any EH affiliated club qualifying for entry.
 - 4.1.3.2 The Men's EHL - any men's team from any EH affiliated club qualifying for entry.

- 4.1.3.3 Where more than one team from an affiliated EHL club qualifies for the Women's EHL or MHL they shall be designated 1st team and 2nd team respectively.
- 4.1.4 No EHL team may alter its title, nor incorporate any part of a sponsor's name therein, without the prior approval of EH.
- 4.1.5 Where one or more EHL clubs currently participating in the EHL wish to change their respective constitutions in such a way as would result in any such EHL club ceasing to participate in the EHL and/or changing its name (whether as a consequence of a merger, takeover, or otherwise) all the clubs concerned should have completed the changes to their respective constitutions not later than 1 May in the year in which such changes are intended to take effect and must notify the EHL in writing of such changes not later than that date.
- 4.1.6 All participating EHL clubs must have a Public Liability insurance policy that covers the duration of the season.

4.2 Players

- 4.2.1 Only bona-fide members of an EHL club shall be entitled to play in EHL matches. To be a bona fide member of an EHL club and entitled to play, a player must be registered with the EHCD using the CMS, must have approved the registration and must comply with the Regulations as set out below. EHL clubs must have an agreement from all registered players that they may share their details for the purposes of EHL player registration.
- 4.2.2 There is no maximum limit to the number of players that may be registered by an EHL team to play in the respective gender of the EHL. Any EHL club playing in the respective gender of the EHL must register a minimum of 25 players per participating team (nb players are not registered to a specific team save as in Reg 4.2.12.1 below).
- 4.2.3 No player whose Home National Association is not EH, Scottish Hockey or Welsh Hockey is eligible for registration in the EHL unless they hold a current No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from their Home National Association for the purposes of the EH Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events Regulations. Evidence of this must be uploaded to the CMS.
- 4.2.4 A player must be aged 15 or above to be eligible to participate in the Premier Divisions of EHL and aged 13 or above to be eligible to participate in Division One and the Conferences. If a player is under the specified age for their Division/Conference prior to the registration deadline set out in Regulation 4.2.8 they may be registered and their eligibility to participate post-dated to the date upon which the player attains the qualifying age.
- 4.2.5 A player who has previously played for another club in an outdoor league match in England or club or team in an outdoor league match in any other country affiliated to the FIH may only register for an EHL team if the conditions set out in either Regulation 4.2.5.1 or 4.2.5.2 are fulfilled:
 - 4.2.5.1 If the previous club is in England, consent to the registration must be provided through the CMS, if they played for this club in the current or previous season.
 - 4.2.5.2 If the previous club or team is from any other country affiliated to the FIH the relevant club or team, must consent to the registration through the CMS if they played for this club in the current or previous season. If the player has not played for a club in the current or previous season then their Home National Association must approve it.
- 4.2.6 A properly and fully completed registration submission must be completed in line with the requirements of the CMS to include all necessary parts and any required consents, by 1.00pm on a Friday to enable a new player to play for their EHL club from the weekend immediately following..
- 4.2.7 The following deadlines shall apply for the registration or transfer of players in the current season.
 - 4.2.7.1 Premier Division – new registrations to the club and transfers in line with Reg 4.2.5, Friday 30th October 2020.
 - 4.2.7.2 Premier Division – registration of players in line with Reg 4.2.1 and with the approval of EHCD (i.e. players who have played for the relevant EHL club in the current or previous season and do not require consents as shown in Reg 4.2.5) – Friday 12th February 2021
 - 4.2.7.3 Division One North and South Conference Divisions all registrations and transfers – Friday 12th February 2021.
- 4.2.8 If a player wishes to leave an EHL club, the player must be de-registered from that club's EHL registered players' list and the club's main registration list on the CMS. If an EHL

registered player plays for another club in an outdoor league match in England (excluding matches organised under the authority of BUCS, intra-university competition, or dedicated veterans or Under 18/Under 16 leagues), or another club or team in any competitive domestic cup or league match in any other country affiliated to FIH, that player will immediately be deemed to have been de-registered by so playing and thus be ineligible to play after this date in the EHL. A player whose name appears on any Match Report Form listing those players as eligible to play in a match shall be deemed to have played in that match.

4.2.9 A player who has transferred from one EHL club to another EHL club or who has been de-registered by an EHL club may re-transfer or re-join the former EHL club in the same season subject to compliance with the provisions of Regulation 4.2 in its entirety and subject to the approval of the EHCD.

4.2.10 A player who has been de-registered by an EHL club, in order to register for a club or team outside of this country, and was previously registered by the same EHL club in the same season may re-join that club and have their eligibility to participate in the EHL post-dated to a date after the deadline in Regulation 4.2.7, subject to Regulation 4.2.10, provided that a valid re-registration submission has been fully completed and all necessary consents have been submitted by the Registration deadline set out in Regulations 4.2.8.1.

4.2.11 Save as provided in Regulation 4.2.12.2 below, an EHL club shall not be allowed to register more than three players who do not:

- hold a European Union or UK Passport, or;
- have a permanent right of abode, or indefinite leave to remain, as defined by Sections 1 and 2 of the Immigration Act 1971 (as amended from time to time), or;
- hold a current valid Ancestry Visa or Family of a Settled Person Visa, for a right to remain in the United Kingdom.

A player wishing to register for an EHL club must indicate in the appropriate section on their registration, the option relevant to them as specified above.

4.2.11.1 Players from the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and Gibraltar, together with those holding dual passport eligibility where one such eligibility is that of a European Union member state, will be considered to have no limitation as to their ability to be registered.

4.2.11.2 A player who does not hold any passport must be eligible to hold a passport of the UK or a European Union State.

4.2.11.3 The onus of proof regarding eligibility is on the registering team. It is an EHL club's responsibility to ensure that any player registered under this regulation and who plays in the EHL does so in line with the terms of any visa used for entry into UK.

4.2.11.4 The EHCD shall decide any dispute regarding eligibility and shall be entitled to request such written or oral evidence as it considers necessary to assist with making such a decision.

4.2.12 Provisions for EHL clubs who have a 2nd team participating in the EHL. This Regulation sets out additional provisions for player eligibility for clubs with two or more teams in the respective gender of the EHL.

4.2.12.1 An EHL club's 1st team and 2nd team will each be able to register a maximum of three players in accordance with the provision of Regulation 4.2.11 above). Such registrations are specific to the EHL 1st team or 2nd team and are not interchangeable.

4.2.12.2 A player registered in accordance with the provision of Regulation 4.2.11 & Regulation 4.2.12.1 above, may change the team they are registered for (i.e. from EHL 1st team to EHL 2nd team or EHL 2nd team to EHL 1st team within the same EHL club). The EHL club must change the player's EHL team status on the CMS not later than 1.00 pm on the Friday prior to the weekend that they intend to play for the different EHL team. A player's EHL team status can only be changed once during the season.

4.2.12.3 The last date/time a player's registration may be changed in line with this Regulation is as follows: 1.00 pm on Friday 12th February 2021

4.2.12.4 On any weekend a player cannot play for a club's 2nd team in the EHL on a Saturday and 1st team in the EHL on a Sunday unless the 1st team also played in the EHL on the Saturday.

4.2.12.5 On any weekend a player cannot play for a club's 1st team in the EHL on a Saturday

and 2nd team in the EHL on a Sunday unless both the 1st and 2nd teams play in the EHL on both days.

- 4.2.12.6 On any weekend if a club's 1st team does not play in the EHL but 2nd team does, then a maximum of two players whose last match was for the 1st team can play for the 2nd team.
 - 4.2.12.7 For a Club's 2nd team's last four matches of the season a player who has played in the EHL for a club's 1st team must have played in 50% or more of the 2nd team's EHL matches.
 - 4.2.12.8 EHL clubs may declare a player unavailable due to injury. This must be certified by a doctor or physiotherapist and approval in writing supplied by EHCD. Such players may count matches where they are unavailable as games played for an EHL club's EHL 2nd team in line with Regulation 4.2.12.8 above.
- 4.3 Any appeal against a decision of the EHCD on eligibility shall be made in accordance with Regulation 14 below. An individual shall not play in an EHL game pending the outcome of an appeal.
- 4.4 Yellow and technical red card incremental match suspensions.
- Players in the EHL shall be subject to incremental match suspensions for yellow cards that they accrue throughout the season. The EHCD will keep a record of yellow cards, however, the responsibility for applying suspensions rests entirely with the player's club. Immediately after each game each competing club will receive a copy of the Match Official's Report Form, on which yellow cards received during that game will be recorded.
- 4.4.1 The following suspensions shall apply to each individual:
 - 4.4.1.1 **Four** yellow cards in a season = 1 match suspension;
 - 4.4.1.2 Two further yellow cards in the same season (i.e. **six** in total) = 1 further match suspension;
 - 4.4.1.3 Two further yellow cards in the same season (i.e. **eight** in total) = 1 further match suspension;
 - 4.4.1.4 For each further yellow card thereafter in the same season = 1 further match suspension.
 - 4.4.2 Any suspension imposed as a consequence of this Regulation shall take effect on the next EHL match following the match in which the qualifying yellow card was issued.
 - 4.4.3 If a player is issued with a red card as defined in Regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations, the red card shall be counted as 2 yellow cards for the purposes of Regulation 4.4.
 - 4.4.4 In the event that a player is issued with a red card which is not a red card as defined in Regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations, any yellow card(s) issued to the same player in that match shall still be counted for the purposes of Regulation 4.4.
 - 4.4.5 Regulation 4.4 and any penalties imposed hereunder relating to incremental match suspensions for yellow cards shall not apply to matches in the EHL Promotion tournament or Play-offs.
 - 4.4.6 Yellow cards received, and suspensions incurred under Regulation 4.4 shall only be applicable for the current season and will not carry through to the succeeding season.
 - 4.4.7 Any player who is suspended from a match in line with Regulation 4.4 may not be listed as an official on the team-sheet for that match or participate in any way in that match. This shall include any warm-up or cool down period before, during or after a match.

5. THE COMPETITION

5.1 The Divisions

- 5.1.1 Each gender of the EHL will consist of six Divisions: Premier, Division One North & South (collectively referred to as 'Division One'), Conference East, Conference North and Conference West (collectively referred to as the 'Conferences'). Each Division shall consist of ten teams except that the Premier Division shall, for the 2020/21 season only, consist of 11 teams.
- 5.1.2 Each team in Division One North & Division One South and each of the Conferences will play all other teams in its respective Division on a home and away basis on the dates specified by EH.
- 5.1.3 The formation of Division One and the Conferences shall be decided annually by EHCD.

5.1.4 The Premier Division will be played in two Phases - Phase 1 and Phase 2 as follows:

5.1.4.1 Phase 1:

5.1.4.1.1 Each team will play each other once on the dates specified by EH; each team will play five home and five away matches as determined by EH and will accrue points as per 5.2 below.

5.1.4.2 Phase 2:

5.1.4.2.1 All points, deductions, goals scored and goal differences from Phase 1 will carry forward to Phase 2 as per 5.2 below;

5.1.4.2.2 Teams ranked 1-6 (referred to as Tier 1) at the end of Phase 1 shall play each other once on the dates specified by EH; the teams placed 1-3 in Phase 1 will have three home matches and teams placed 4-6 in Phase 1 will have two home matches;

5.1.4.2.3 Teams ranked 7-11 (referred to as Tier 2) at the end of Phase 1 shall play each other twice on a home and away basis on the dates specified by EH;

5.1.4.3 Final ranking after Phase 2:

5.1.4.3.1 Tier 1: the team finishing top of Tier 1 shall be champions and the other teams shall be ranked second to sixth respectively;

5.1.4.3.2 Tier 2: the team finishing top of Tier 2 shall be ranked seventh and the other teams shall be ranked eighth to eleventh respectively.

5.2 Scoring Systems

5.2.1 Teams shall be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.

5.2.2 In the event of equality of points at the end of the season, places within a Division or a promotion/relegation/play-off issue between teams from parallel Divisions, shall be determined by each of the following, in order:

5.2.2.1 Highest number of matches won. If still equal Regulation 5.2.2.2 applies.

5.2.2.2 Highest goal difference. If still equal Regulation 5.2.2.3 applies.

5.2.2.3 Highest number of goals scored. If still equal Regulation 5.2.2.4 applies.

5.2.2.4 Aggregate result of the matches between the teams concerned (if applicable and, if equal, away goals taking precedence over home goals). If still equal Regulation 5.2.4 applies.

5.2.3 When applying 5.2.2 above, in the event that teams have played an unequal number of games their respective positions shall be determined by comparing each criteria in the order specified in 5.2.2 above as a percentage of that criteria against matches played.

5.2.4 If teams are still equal, they will share the position except when it is a Championship, promotion, European qualification or relegation issue, in which case a play-off will be arranged. Such arrangements will be made by the EHCD.

5.3 Promotion and Relegation for 2020-21

EH intends that the Premier Division shall revert to 10 teams for the season 2021/22 as follows:

5.3.1 Premier and Division One

5.3.1.1 The teams finishing 10th and 11th in the Premier Division will be relegated to Division One for the following season.

5.3.1.2 The team finishing 9th in the Premier Division will participate in the EHL Promotion Tournaments.

5.3.1.3 The teams finishing 1st in Division One North & Division One South will participate in the EHL Promotion Tournaments.

5.3.1.4 The EHL Promotion Tournaments will be run as follows:

Match 1 - The Division One North & Division One South winners will play off at the home venue of the team with the best record in line with Reg 5.2.2 The winner of that match will be promoted to the Premier Division for the following season;

Match 2 - The loser of Match 1 will play the 9th placed team in the Premier Division at the home venue of the Premier Division team. The winner of Match 2 match will play in the Premier Division for the following season. The loser of Match 2 will play in Division One in the following season.

Separate regulations for these tournaments will be issued by EH, and EHL clubs must abide by these regulations.

5.3.2 Division One and the Conferences

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5.3.2.1 The two 9th placed teams and two 10th placed teams in Division One North & Division One South shall be relegated to the Conferences for the following season.

5.3.2.2 The teams finishing 1st in the Conferences will be promoted to Division One for the following season.

5.3.3 The Conferences & Regional Leagues

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5.3.3.1 The three 9th placed teams and three 10th placed EHL teams in the Conferences shall be relegated to the Regional Leagues for the following season.

5.3.3.2 The 5 Regional Premier Division winners will be promoted to the Conferences for the following season.

5.4 Promotion and Relegation involving clubs with additional teams participating in or having the opportunity to participate in the same gender League.

5.4.1 No club may have more than one team playing in the same Division. When final league standings have been determined and two teams from one club qualify to play in the same Division or for a play-off that leads to promotion to play in the same Division, the following will apply.

5.4.2 *1st team in Premier Division, 2nd team qualify for the Promotion Tournament as winners of Division One North or South.* The next highest ranked 1st team in the Division that the relevant 2nd team won shall play in the Promotion Tournament

5.4.3 *1st team in Division One, 2nd team win one of the Conferences.* The next highest ranked 1st team in the Division that the relevant 2nd team won shall be promoted

5.4.4 *2nd team in Conferences, 3rd team win or eligible for promotion from Regional/Area League.* The next highest ranked 1st team in the Division that the relevant 3rd team won (or eligible for promotion from) shall be promoted

5.4.5 *1st team relegated from Premier Division, 2nd team in Division One, ranked 1-8.* 2nd team to be relegated to Conference in place of the 9th ranked team in their Division who are reprieved.

5.4.5.1 *If two 1st teams are relegated and both their respective 2nd teams are in Division One, ranked 1-8.* Both 2nd teams are relegated and in addition to the reprieve in 5.4.5 the other 9th ranked team are also reprieved

5.4.6. *1st team relegated from Division One, 2nd team in Conference, placed 1-8.* 2nd team to be relegated in place of 9th ranked team in their Division who are reprieved

5.4.6.1 *If two 1st teams are relegated and both their respective 2nd teams are in Conference, placed 1-9.* Both 2nd teams are relegated and in addition to the reprieve in 5.4.6 the remaining 9th placed team with the best playing record in line with Reg 5.2.2. is also reprieved.

5.5 EHF European Club Competitions Qualification

5.5.1 EH will have a designated number of places in the EHF European Club Competitions (EHFECC) and the ranking of teams for participation in EHFECC for the following season will be as per Regulation 5.1.4.3.1, with 1, 2 or 3 teams qualifying as per EHF's designation

5.6 Trophies

Any EHL club that wins a perpetual trophy must arrange for it to be engraved and returned to the EHCD, at the EHL club's cost, 28 days prior to the final date of the subsequent season's competition, unless otherwise agreed by the EHCD. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

6. **MATCH OFFICIALS**

6.1 A Match Official will be appointed by the EH Technical Appointments Panel to each Premier and Division One match, and as many matches in the Conferences as possible.

- 6.2 If there is a need for a protest to be made, it shall be made in writing to the Match Official by the captain or Team Manager of the EHL team that wishes to protest within fifteen minutes of the final whistle. No protest will be heard outside this time limit. The Match Official and the appropriate team official will agree the deadline when the latter indicates that a protest is to be lodged.
- 6.2.1 The Match Official shall be entitled to request such video, written or oral evidence as they consider necessary and is empowered to interpret these Regulations at their discretion in order to make a decision on the protest.
- 6.2.2 Once a protest has been lodged the captain and Team Manager of **both** EHL teams shall remain at the venue until the Match Official has delivered their decision. If the captain and/or Team Manager is unable to remain then the EHL team will nominate another representative to remain at the venue until the protest has been determined.
- 6.2.3 The Match Official should communicate the decision on such protest to the representatives of both EHL teams involved within one hour of receipt of such a protest. A written summary of the outcome of the protest should be provided to both EHL teams.
- 6.2.4 The Match Official shall provide a written report of the protest (to include the nature of the protest, the outcome and reasons for the decision made) to EHCD within 36 hours of the end of the match under protest.
- 6.2.5 If an EHL team involved in a protest wishes to contest the decision of the Match Official resulting from a protest the team's manager must give written notice of the intention to do so to the EHCD within 36 hours of the end of the match under protest. EHCD will call for such information as it thinks fit to determine the issue and will publish its decision as soon as reasonably practical. The decision of EHCD may be subject to an appeal in line with Regulation 14.
- 6.2.6 For the avoidance of doubt, a protest regarding an umpiring decision cannot be made to, and will not be considered by, the Match Official.
- 6.3 Match official's powers of suspension
- 6.3.1 The Match Official may direct any player or official to be removed from a team bench for indiscipline. This will involve the person concerned leaving the playing area, as directed by the Match Official, for the remainder of the match. Any serious instances involving either an individual or affiliated body MAY be reported as a Disrepute Offence under the Disrepute Offence Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt such action by the Match Official does not require the EHL team concerned to withdraw a player from the pitch for the remainder of the match.
- 6.4 The Match Official may draw the attention of the Umpires to any incident of indiscipline by any player or official from a team bench. The Umpires may then impose such personal penalty as they think fit. If the Umpires permanently (red card) or temporarily (green or yellow card) suspend a player or official from the team bench, this will require the relevant EHL team to withdraw a player from the pitch for the duration of the suspension.
- 6.5 Any person permanently suspended from the match under Regulation 6.3 or 6.4 may not enter the field of play or the technical facility areas (including the team benches, any coaches' boxes and any video area) until completion of the match, which shall include any period of cool down on the field of play after the match.
- 6.6 Each match result, with half-time score and details of red cards, red cards issued under Regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations, yellow cards issued and goals (scorer, time and type of goal (field goal, penalty corner, penalty stroke)) or postponement/abandonment must be communicated by the Match Official to the Results Co-ordinator immediately after the end of the match.
- 6.7 The completed match report form, along with the team-sheets, must be scanned and sent by the Match Official to the EHCD to arrive by 5 pm on the Monday following the fixture. If a Match Official is unable to scan the match report form and team-sheets they should post them to EHCD. The result section shall be signed by both Team Managers, both Umpires and the Match Official. The home and away Team Managers must be given the opportunity to take a copy of the report. Within 24 hours of the game and prior to sending the form to EHCD the Match Official must check the match details on the CMS including teams' squads, numbering, goals, cards and timings and advise EHCD of any discrepancies with the match report form. Unless posted to EHCD the Match Official is asked to retain the original match report form, team-sheets and any programme for the duration of the season. The Match Official should also provide a written report to EHCD of any

removal of a player or official directed under Regulation 6.3 or other issues. The sending of an email constitutes a written report for these purposes.

- 6.8 The Match Official shall time the suspension applicable for the issue of any green or yellow cards by the Umpire. The period of suspension shall commence when the player is seated at the technical table area. For the avoidance of doubt a player or team official who is temporarily suspended from play must sit calmly and quietly throughout the period of suspension and may not be involved in the match in any way. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to work with the Match Official to ensure that this is done.
- 6.9 If no Match Official is present it is the responsibility of the home team to undertake the duties set out in Regulations 6.6, 6.7 & 6.8.

7. MATCHDAY ADMINISTRATION

- 7.1 All matches shall be arranged in line with Regulation 7.2 below and shall be played on the dates set by EH unless both EHL teams and the EHCD agree that the date of the match may be changed to another date on the same weekend. If a match is moved to a designated slip date under this regulation, EH retain the right to change the match back to the original date if the slip date is subsequently required.
- 7.2 All matches must start at the advertised time, which should (except when Regulation 7.5 or Appendix 5 provisions apply) be no earlier than 12.00 noon and no later than 2.30pm provided that:
- 7.2.1 The home EHL team may set a start time in a window between 2.30pm to 6.00pm on a Saturday without the agreement of the away EHL team, provided that:
- 7.2.1.1 The home EHL club's floodlights exceed an average maintained output of 500 lux in line with the EHL procedure for fixtures under floodlights (save for fixtures in weeks 1 and 2 which may have a start time of 2.30 - 4.30pm in natural light); and,
- 7.2.1.2 The distance the away EHL team is travelling is less than 100 miles one way; and/or,
- 7.2.1.3 The away EHL team is not involved in an EHL or EH T1 Championship game, or has players participating in an EH Performance Centre, the following day.
- 7.2.2 The start time may be varied outside the window in Regulation 7.2 above if mutually agreed by the teams, the home EHL team's floodlights comply with the requirements of Regulation 7.2.1.1 above (if the game is to be played with a start time of later than 2.30pm). A revised start time has to be approved by the EHCD who may, in exceptional circumstances, do so when floodlights do not meet the requirements in Regulation 7.2.1.1. Home EHL teams are asked to consider the distance that their opposition has to travel and reflect this in their start times.
- 7.3 All matches must start at the advertised time. Unless the Match Official, in their absolute discretion, has allowed the start to be delayed, if one EHL team is ready to start but the other is not, the Umpire concerned shall blow the whistle for the game to start and the match shall be awarded to the EHL team which is ready to begin.
- 7.4 Home EHL teams must provide a sufficient quantity of good quality hockey match balls, which must be of the same type and colour and suitable for the surface on which the match is to be played. The colour of the match ball(s) shall be white. If a home EHL team wishes to play with any other colour ball then it must apply to EHCD for approval to do this. Any application must be made at least 10 days in advance of the first match where this shall apply. If the match ball is approved to be a colour other than white then the home EHL team must notify all teams in their Division of this fact (including the colour of the ball) once approval has been granted. If EHCD approval has not been given to the use of a non-white ball and there is any dispute as to colour, the rules of hockey shall apply.
- 7.5 On the last scheduled round of matches in Phase 1 and Phase 2, Tier 1 and Tier 2, of the Premier Division and all Divisions of the EHL the start time of all matches shall be 2,00pm, as determined by the EHCD.
- 7.6 Pitches

Appendix 5. Regulation 2 England Hockey Getting Back on the Pitch - Step 4 & Step 5 Guidance applies to equipment, cleaning and dugout area. Home clubs are reminded that they, not umpires or match officials are responsible for ensuring all equipment and facilities are satisfactory and provided in line with this regulation and also to the set up and any cleaning of it

- 7.6.1 All matches are to be played on artificial turf pitches, which are subject to the prior approval of the EHCD. A pitch that has not been approved by the EHCD may be used with the approval of the Umpires and the Match Official under Regulation 7.6.3.
- 7.6.2 EHL clubs are recommended to use facilities that meet the FIH guidance for run-offs. Where a pitch does not meet this guidance, the home EHL club should inform visiting EHL teams, the Umpires and the Match Official when contacting them pursuant to Regulation 3.4.
- 7.6.3 It is the responsibility of the home EHL club to ensure that pitch facilities, including markings, corner flags, goals and goal nets are satisfactory and that all the requirements laid down in Regulation 7 are met. If the pitch facilities are inadequate, the Match Official, in consultation with the Umpires, may direct that the match will be postponed or the venue changed.
- 7.6.3.1 For all EHL matches, a broken line must be marked 5 metres from the outside edge of the circle. Each line is to be 30 cm in length with a gap between each line of 3 metres starting with a solid line at the centre of the top of the circle.
- 7.6.4 Every effort must be made to find a suitable replacement pitch if a team's regular venue is unfit.
- 7.6.5 All pitch bookings must be for a minimum of two hours to enable teams to have sufficient familiarisation and warm up time unless both teams agree to a one hour 45 minute booking.
- 7.6.5.1 On the last weekend of matches, pitch bookings must be for 2½ hours. The additional 30 minutes must be scheduled before the pre-match familiarisation time to ensure any previous game that over-runs does not impact on the start time of the match.
- 7.6.6 Home EHL teams must provide sufficient seating for each team bench and these should be placed on the side of the pitch (preferably away from any spectator area) at a point between the centre and 23 metre lines. Substitutes and officials on the team-sheet must remain in the vicinity of their bench (within approximately 5 metres of it unless warming up) and no other persons are allowed on the team bench. In addition, separate seating must be provided for suspended players and also a seat and table for the Match Official at the centre line.
- 7.6.7 Spectator viewing areas must be separated from the pitch either by a fence or by roping off a specific section of the ground.
- 7.6.8 Home EHL teams must provide stewards, or have an official responsible for spectator control, for all home games.
- 7.6.9 Home EHL teams must ensure a separate supply of ice pitch side at each bench; a further small supply of ice will be available for the separate use of the umpires. The home team will also provide and, if required, utilise the means to clean any blood spillage, or bodily secretions from spitting/nose-blowing on the pitch.
- 7.6.10 All equipment that is not required for the match should be moved outside of the pitch and run-off area, or if this is not possible then to the safest position available as agreed by the Umpires and the Match Official.
- 7.6.11 EHL clubs must display, when requested, any banner specified by the EHL that is supplied by either the EHL or sponsor.
- 7.7 Home EHL teams must produce a programme for each match. This can be on-line or hard copy. Adverts supplied by EHCD must be included in the programme. The programme must also include accurate team lists.

7.8 Hospitality and changing facilities

This regulation is currently advisory only. This may change during the season and clubs will be advised of this. Home teams should confirm with visiting teams what facilities and provision are available when confirming a fixture. Where facilities are limited priority should be given to away teams and every effort made to host them as well as circumstances permit.

- 7.8.1 Home EHL teams must provide pre-match and post-match hospitality to visiting teams and officials and appoint suitable liaison officer(s) to ensure that guests are met on arrival and looked after for the duration of their visit. Home EHL teams must provide a hot post-match

meal for their opposition and officials. If the home EHL team is unable to provide a hot post-match meal they must submit their intended provision for a post-match meal in writing to the EHCD for approval. Visiting EHL teams should notify home EHL teams in advance if they do not require pre or post-match hospitality.

7.8.2 Home EHL teams must provide the away EHL team with changing facilities which are accessible for pre-match and half-time meetings by the away team's players and coaching and support staff of whatever gender.

7.8.3 Home EHL teams must provide appropriate gender specific changing facilities for umpires.

7.9 Team-sheets

7.9.1 Each club must send an electronic copy of its current CMS generated photo list of all EHL registered players to the Match Official 24 hours prior to the match. Each club must also take a laminated printed copy of the list to each match for use if required

7.9.2 Not less than 45 minutes before the start of a League Match, each EHL team must submit the CMS generated team-sheet listing its squad for the match to the Match Official. This should ideally be done electronically. An EHL team must advise the Match Official of any late changes after the form has been submitted. Changes must be annotated on the form and the CMS updated with relevant information prior to submission.

7.9.3 Players

An EHL team shall be entitled to nominate up to 16 players in its squad for each match and only those listed may sit on the team bench. The team-sheet must be signed by the Team Manager, who, in so signing, will be deemed to vouch for and confirm that each player listed is eligible to play. A player whose name appears on any team-sheet listing those players eligible to play in a match will be deemed to have played in that match.

7.9.4 Team Officials

All Divisions

7.9.5.1 Each EHL team must have a Team Manager. No player named on the team-sheet for a match may act as a Team Manager for that match. If the team does not have a named physiotherapist, they must also designate one of their permitted bench officials as the "designated first aider" (for the avoidance of doubt this can be the coach or assistant coach).

7.9.5.2 In addition the following personnel, whose names and the capacity in which they are operating must be recorded on the team-sheet, may also occupy the team bench:

- two further officials which may include, but are not restricted to, a coach, assistant coach, physiotherapist, or first aider; and,
- a qualified medical doctor.

Premier Division only

In addition to the two officials entitled to occupy the team bench under Regulation 7.9.5.2 above, an Assistant Coach may also be on the team bench under the following conditions:

7.9.5.3 One of the two further officials listed in line with Regulation 7.9.4.1.2 above must be a qualified physiotherapist (and EHCD have approved the qualification of the club physiotherapist); and,

7.9.5.4 The Assistant Coach is a qualified coach under the England Hockey Coaching Award scheme, minimum Level 1 UKCC Coaching Assistant Award; and,

7.9.5.5 They are registered with EHCD by 1.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the game (registration requires submission of name, contact details and England Hockey Coaching Award details, and only needs to be done once during the season); and,

7.9.5.6 An EHL team may register a maximum of two Assistant Coaches during any one season in line with this regulation.

7.9.6 Not less than 10 minutes before the start of a League Match, each EHL team must notify the Match Official of its starting line-up.

7.10 Conduct

The Team Manager is responsible for the proper conduct of all players and officials named on the team-sheet. A Coach or Assistant Coach on the team bench, unless the designated first aider, may not enter the field of play during playing time, except to assist with a serious injury. They may do so during a shoot-out competition. If the coach/assistant coach enters the field of play as designated first aider they must not offer any coaching advice whilst on the field of play. Vocal communication by team officials and/or players on the team bench must not in any way be directed at the players of the opposing team, the Umpires and/or the Match Official.

7.11 Blood Borne Diseases

A player who is injured or bleeding must leave the field of play unless medical reasons prevent this and must not return until wound(s) have been covered. Players must not wear blood stained clothing.

7.12 On field Injuries

If any person from the team bench and/or doctor or other medically qualified person attending the match is required to enter the field of play to attend to a player, other than a goalkeeper, that player must leave the field of play and return to the team bench area for a minimum of two minutes. The two-minute period will be managed by the Match Official on duty. The player required to leave the field may be substituted, subject to the provisions of the Rules of Hockey.

7.13 Permanently Suspended Players

Any player or team official permanently suspended from further participation in a match (any red card or permanent suspension by the Match Official under Regulation 6.3 above) must leave the playing area and surrounds and cannot take any further part in the match whether as a player, official or spectator.

7.14 First Aider

It is strongly recommended that a qualified first aider be available for all EHL matches throughout the match, whether provided by the home EHL team or by the venue.

7.15 Ball Patrol

This regulation is currently suspended and no ball patrol will be provided. This may change during the season and clubs will be advised of this.

7.15.1 For matches in the Premier Division, home EHL teams must provide a ball patrol of a minimum of four people.

7.15.2 It is recommended that Division One and Conference Division teams provide a ball patrol of a minimum of four people. If a home EHL team wishes to provide a ball patrol, they may do so without the permission of the away EHL team provided that they have advised the away EHL team of their intention to do so when contacting them with match details under Regulation 3.4 above.

7.16 Video Analysis for the purposes of performance analysis

7.16.1 All home EHL teams must either allow their opposition access to the same videoing facilities as the home side, or, if they are unable to provide access to the same videoing facilities, and if requested, provide a copy of their footage to the opposition. **(NB. Due consideration should be given to Covid19-related issues when sharing, or considering the sharing of, videoing facilities.)**

7.16.2 Any third-party team must request permission, in writing, from the home EHL club to video a game, for the purposes of performance analysis, no less than 9 days prior to the date on which the fixture is to be played.

7.16.3 Any EHL team videoing a game for the purposes of performance analysis should, by written request from the NPUA umpires appointed to the game, make a copy of the footage obtained available for the purposes of the umpire's performance analysis. For the avoidance of doubt, 'written request' also includes a request made by email.

7.17 Minimum number of players on the pitch to start a match

7.17.1 Each team must have a minimum number of 7 players on the pitch to start a match. Once a match has started, there is no minimum number of players required for a match to continue.

7.17.2 If players are available at the venue there must be no undue delay in their getting ready to play.

8. RIGHT TO RE-ARRANGE

8.1 EHL teams participating in EHF club competitions (whether outdoor or indoor), on the same scheduled date as an EHL fixture, shall be entitled to claim a postponement to participate in that event.

8.2 Re-arrangements of fixtures will be made by EHCD.

9. DRESS

9.1 Field players must wear uniform shirts and knee length socks.

9.1.1 Field players shall wear uniform shorts or, for the Womens EHL only, skirts or skorts.

9.1.2 Any additional clothing (e.g. cycle shorts or long-sleeved t-shirts) must be of the same colour as the corresponding item of clothing shown on the team-sheet, or the same colour for all players listed on the team-sheet provided it does not clash with the opposition.

9.2 The second named (away) EHL team shall always take alternative colour shirts and socks to a match and shall wear them if required by the Umpires or the Match Official to do so.

9.3 Goalkeepers must wear shirts contrasting with those of both teams and must wear protective equipment as specified in the current Rules of Hockey.

9.4 Players shall wear on the back of their shirts the numbers allocated on the team-sheet. For matches in the Premier Division and Division One this must not exceed the number 99.

9.5 All numbers shall be no less than 8" (20cm) in height and shall contrast with the colour of the shirt. Taped numbers may only be used in an emergency.

9.6 It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure that players adhere to **all** dress requirements under this regulation and co-operate with requests from the Match Official for players so to do. If a player or Team Manager fails to comply with a request by the Match Official to comply with this regulation such failure shall be reported to EHCD who may impose a penalty in accordance with Regulation 13.

10. UMPIRES

10.1 The NPUA is responsible for the appointment of Umpires to EHL matches.

10.2 If an Umpire fails to fulfil an appointment, the Match Official shall endeavour to find another Umpire to enable the match to be played. Any replacement Umpire must be at least an active Level 2 Registered Umpire. If no replacement can be found the fixture must be postponed and re-arranged.

10.3 No person shall umpire and be registered to play in the same division of the EHL during the same season.

10.4 Suspensions

10.4.1 Umpires shall have the authority temporarily (green or yellow card) or permanently (red card) to suspend any player or official from the team bench for indiscipline. This will require the relevant team to withdraw a player from the pitch for the duration of the suspension.

10.4.2 If a field player receives a green or yellow card, the Umpires stop the match (but not necessarily the time) to issue the card. If time has been stopped, the Umpires re-start it immediately after issuing the card.

10.4.3 If a goalkeeper receives a green card, the Umpires stop the time and re-start it immediately after that player has left the field of play.

10.4.4 The offending player leaves the field immediately. If they interfere with play on their way to the designated suspension area the Umpire may further penalise the player in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.

10.4.5 The timing of the temporary suspension starts when the player is seated in the designated area. Timing of the suspension is controlled by the Match Official on duty (see Regulation 6.8 for further detail).

- 10.4.6 The offending player is permitted to resume play when the Match Official on duty indicates that the period of suspension has been completed, unless this occurs during the taking of a penalty corner in which case the player cannot return until the penalty corner has been completed or another penalty corner is awarded.
 - 10.4.7 If the offending player is a goalkeeper, the Match Official on duty notifies the Umpires when the period of suspension has been completed. The Umpires stop the time at the next stoppage of play to enable that player to resume play.
- 10.5 In the case of the issue of a red card under sanction of Regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations, the following shall apply to all matches in the EHL:
- 10.5.1 Where an umpire issues a red card that they decide should be subject to sanction under regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations (i.e. a red card shown for a second "separate, but the same" minor offence), the umpire should inform the offender of this at the time that the red card is issued.
 - 10.5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, an umpire who has awarded a red card under sanction of Regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations may, in the event of further misconduct by the player, upgrade the penalty to a red card carrying sanction under Regulation 6.2 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations. If the Umpire decides to do this they should inform the offender (or, if that is not possible, the Team Manager of the player concerned) that this has been done.
- 10.6 EHL teams must complete and return to the relevant contact the weekly report form for Umpires and Match Officials by 5.00pm on the Tuesday following a match as required by the NPUA/ EH Technical Appointments Panel.

11. POSTPONEMENT OR ABANDONMENT

- 11.1 Subject to Regulation 11.5, and in particular Regulations 11.5.4 and 11.5.5, prior to the commencement of a match, or once a game has started, the decision on whether it should be postponed or abandoned rests with the Umpires.
- 11.2 In the event of a match having to be abandoned, the EHCD will decide on the action to be taken after receiving a report from the Match Official (or Umpires where no Match Official has been appointed). Such a decision may necessitate a replay of the fixture, dependent on the circumstances at the time of abandonment.
- 11.3 In the event of a postponement and/or replay of an abandoned match:
 - 11.3.1 In the first half of the season - the match must be replayed on the designated slip date, unless otherwise agreed by both teams and the EHCD (see *Appendix 4* for slip dates for the current season).
 - 11.3.2 In the second half of the season - the match must be replayed on the designated slip date, or may be played prior to the slip date if agreed by both teams (see *Appendix 4* for slip dates for the current season).
 - 11.3.3 If a match rearranged under 11.3.1 or 11.3.2 above is itself postponed or abandoned it must be played on the next available slip date.
- 11.4 The agreement of the away EHL team is required before a match can be postponed. In the event of the home EHL team wishing to postpone a match the away EHL team shall, at its own cost, have the right to inspect the ground prior to a decision regarding postponement being reached.
- 11.5 Bad Weather Procedure
 - 11.5.1 Venue
 - 11.5.1.1 The home EHL team should follow the following procedures.
 - 11.5.1.2 The home EHL team Liaison Officer should ascertain from the visiting EHL team the latest time of notification of cancellation, i.e. when they intend to depart for the pitch venue. If an overnight stay prior to the game is expected, this time should be adjusted accordingly. If it is clear that the pitch will be unfit due to weather earlier than the above time, the visiting EHL team should be informed immediately.
 - 11.5.1.3 It is the responsibility of the home EHL team to inspect the pitch prior to the above-mentioned departure time. The Liaison Officer and/or a member of the team's management should do this, and a realistic view must be taken at this stage. Enquiries should be made of the Met Office (www.metoffice.gov.uk) to confirm

weather conditions for the next 24/48 hours. All teams should use the Met Office as a standardised reference for weather conditions. If the pitch is unfit and is likely to remain so, the game should be postponed (subject to Regulation 11.4 above) and the following action taken:

- notify the visiting EHL team;
- notify the Umpires and Match Official;
- notify the EHCD (or Results Co-ordinator at weekends).

11.5.1.4 Once the Match Official, Umpires and teams have arrived, Regulation 11.1 shall apply.

11.5.1.5 The above procedures clarify the regulations in so far as they relate to a period when the Match Official cannot be expected to have made a visit to the venue to undertake an inspection. If, however, the Match Official is willing to carry out an inspection that would accord with the timescales outlined in Regulation 11.5.1.2, they should do so and the final decision to postpone or not is then that of the Match Official.

11.5.1.6 If an EHL team fails to follow the above procedures and, when all parties arrive, it is clear that the pitch was, and patently has been, unfit prior to the times outlined above, the Match Official, or Umpires, will be asked to submit a report for the consideration of the EHCD who may take action as it deems appropriate.

11.5.2 Travel conditions for away teams

11.5.2.1 In the event that the away team has genuine concerns about the safety of travel to a venue the following procedure should be followed:

11.5.2.2 The away EHL team Liaison Officer should ascertain from the home EHL team the latest time of notification of cancellation. If an overnight stay prior to the game is expected, the away team may take this into account when making a decision to postpone because of unsafe travel conditions.

11.5.1.3 Enquiries should be made of the Met Office (www.metoffice.gov.uk) to confirm weather conditions for the next 24/48 hours. All teams should use the Met Office as a standardised reference for weather conditions and <http://www.trafficengland.com> and/or <https://traffic.wales> travel warnings. If severe weather-related travel warnings are in place the game may be postponed and the following action taken:

- notify the both EHL teams;
- notify the Umpires and Match Official;
- notify the EHCD (or Results Co-ordinator at weekends).

11.5.1.4 It is acknowledged that not all team members travel from the same vicinity or necessarily from near the club's home base, however this regulation is not to be used to postpone matches because of difficult travel conditions for a small minority of players; if travel conditions for the majority of players are safe then the team should travel and fulfil the fixture.

11.5.1.5 Any dispute about a decision by the away team not to travel shall be referred to EHCD for determination under Regulations 12 & 13 below.

(NOTE: Whilst it is accepted that no system of match postponement can be perfect, teams are requested to try and ensure that games are postponed in sufficient time for teams and officials to be saved the time and expense of wasted journeys. The above procedures do not detract in any way from the responsibilities of the Match Official outlined in the EHL Regulations - they should be seen as complimentary to the Regulations because the Match Official may live some miles from a pitch and can give no view on conditions until they have arrived at the pitch).

12. FAILURE TO HONOUR A FIXTURE OR FORFEITURE OF A GAME

If an EHL team fails to honour a fixture, or forfeits a game, it shall be deemed to have lost 0-3 and the opposing team shall be awarded three points and be deemed to have won the game 3-0. This is subject to any remission or further penalty that the EHCD may impose in line with Regulation 13.1.

13. BREACH OF REGULATIONS & PENALTIES

13.1 The provisions contained in these Regulations are without prejudice to anything contained in the EH Code of Ethics, but any EHL club or EHL team or individual found to be in breach of these Regulations may be subject to further penalties, as detailed below, in addition to any penalty imposed by any Disciplinary Body authorised by EH.

- 13.1.1 For breaches of any or all of these Regulations, the Player Code of Conduct, the Club Code of Conduct and/or the EH Code of Ethics, the EHCD shall, at its absolute discretion, have the right to impose any penalty, including, but not exclusively, the deduction of points, fines and suspension of players, and has power to make EHL teams play matches away from their home venue. These may be applied within the current and/or subsequent season.
- 13.1.2 When imposing any penalty the EHCD shall have regard to any recommendation that may have been made by any relevant Disciplinary Body under the provisions of any regulation included in the EH Code of Ethics.
- 13.1.3 The EHCD shall, at its absolute discretion, have the right to require that EHL clubs reimburse opposing EHL clubs, officials or EH for any expenses incurred as a consequence of any breach of these Regulations.

13.2 Penalties

Any EHL club, team, or player, found to be in breach of Regulations 1.4 and/or 4.2 will be subject to the following penalties:

- 13.2.1 a fine, and,
- 13.2.2 the deduction of all points gained in any and each EHL match in which an ineligible or de-registered player has played.

In addition, the following penalties may be applied:

- 13.2.3 the deduction of 1 point for each EHL match in which an ineligible or de-registered player has played, and/or,
- 13.2.4 suspension of players, and/or,
- 13.2.5 such other penalties as the EHCD consider appropriate.

Any EHL club or team found to be in breach of Regulation 4.1.2.1 will be subject to the following penalty:

- 13.2.6 a fine for the failure to pay the EH affiliation fees in full by the deadline unless dispensation has been granted by England Hockey;
- 13.2.7 a 1 point deduction for the failure to pay the EH affiliation fees in full by fourteen days from the deadline unless dispensation has been granted by England Hockey;

14. **APPEAL PROCEDURE**

- 14.1 EHL clubs and teams have the right to appeal against a decision of the EHCD as set out in this Regulation.
- 14.2 In any case where the EHCD has made a decision in respect of any matter that is or has been the subject of a decision by a relevant Disciplinary Body pursuant to the provisions of the Red Card & MMO Regulations or the Disrepute Offence Regulations, an EHL club affected by the decision has the right to appeal the decision of the EHCD to the EH Appeal Panel.
 - 14.2.1 The Appeal to the EH Appeal Panel must be commenced by an Appeal Notice marked for the attention of the EH Appeal Panel sent to and received by the NDO not later than 7 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against. There must be annexed to the Appeal Notice copies of all documents, including the written statements of any witnesses upon which the Appellant intends to rely in the Appeal.
 - 14.2.2 Regulations 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 7.3.3, 7.3.7, 7.4(b) [deposit of £150] and 7.5 of the Red Card & MMO Regulations shall apply for the purposes of the Appeal to the EH Appeal Panel and, as soon as reasonably practical after receipt of the Appeal Notice, the Chairman of the EH Appeal Panel shall give directions for the further conduct of the Appeal.
 - 14.2.3 The decision of the EH Appeal Panel shall be final.
- 14.3 In any case not covered by the provisions in Regulation 14.2 an EHL club affected by the decision of the EHCD has a right to appeal to the EH Appeal Panel in the manner set out below.
 - 14.3.1 The Appeal to the EH Appeal Panel must be commenced by an Appeal Notice marked for the attention of the EH Appeal Panel sent to and received by the EHCD not later than 3 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against. There must be annexed to the Appeal Notice copies of all documents, including the written statements of any witnesses upon which the Appellant intends to rely in the Appeal.
 - 14.3.2 The Appeal Notice should be sent by ordinary first class post, fax, email or recorded delivery or hand delivered to the EHCD at the EH Offices. A deposit of £150 must be sent within 7 days of the date of the sending of the Appeal Notice. This will be returned,

all or in part, if the Appeal is successful. As soon as reasonably practical after receipt of the Appeal Notice, the Chair of the EH Appeal Panel shall give directions for the further conduct of the Appeal.

- 14.3.3 The Chair of the EH Appeal Panel may, upon the application in writing made by or on behalf of the Appellant, stay, suspend or vary any penalty that is the subject of an Appeal pending determination of the Appeal, and, in exceptional circumstances, may extend the time for appealing upon such terms, if any, as the Chair may think fit. The decision of the Chair shall be final.
- 14.3.4 Save where the Chair of the EH Appeal Panel directs otherwise, all Appeals will be dealt with in writing by email unless the Appellant requests an oral hearing, in which case the Chair of the EH Appeal Panel may direct an oral hearing.
- 14.3.5 As soon as reasonably practical after the receipt of the Appeal Notice, the Chair of the EH Appeal Panel shall give directions for the further conduct of the Appeal.
- 14.3.6 Any other EHL club that may be directly affected by an Appeal shall, as soon as reasonably possible, be notified of the Appeal and subsequently the outcome of the Appeal.
- 14.3.7 Where there has been an oral hearing of an Appeal the decision of the EH Appeal Panel may include a direction that the Appellant shall pay all or part of the costs of the Appeal to be summarily assessed by the EH Appeal Panel.
- 14.3.8 If an Appeal is not allowed in full, the EH Appeal Panel may impose any sanction that the EHCD could have imposed.
- 14.3.9 The decision of the EH Appeal Panel shall be final.

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ENGLAND HOCKEY LEAGUE REGULATIONS 2019-20

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

VARIATIONS TO THE RULES OF HOCKEY FOR THE EHL SEASON 2020/21

The Rules of Hockey 2019 including all experimental rules shall apply with the exception of Rules 5.1 and 13.3 which shall be varied as follows (further regulations may apply for the Premier Division Championships Play-offs under Regulation 5.4):

Rule 1.9

Flag-posts between 1.20 and 1.50 metres in height are placed at each corner of the field. (these are not required)

Rule 5.1

A match consists of four quarters of **17 minutes 30 seconds**, with an interval of 2 minutes between quarter 1 and 2 and between quarter 3 and 4, and a half-time interval of 5-10 minutes (to be agreed before the match starts) between quarter 2 and 3.

Rule 13.3

Time is **not** stopped after a penalty corner is awarded (unless stopped by the umpire). Note that this may affect the return to the pitch of a suspended player - see Regulation 10.4.6. (nb time will be stopped to allow protective equipment to be sanitised.)

APPENDIX 2

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

This is a mandatory Code of Conduct, which applies to the following situations:

- (1) when a player intends to join an EHL club;
- (2) when a player intends to transfer from one EHL club to another EHL club;
- (3) when a player intends to play Regional League hockey having registered as an EHL player.

While players must always remain free to transfer from one club to another the Code of Conduct must be observed at all times.

1. All players should consider it their duty if they intend to change clubs, regardless of the time of the season, to advise their present club immediately of their intention and must do so in writing.
2. Players must ensure that all subscriptions, penalties and dues owing to their existing club are paid in full and all items of club property returned before a transfer can be considered.
3. The club to which a player intends to move must ensure that the player has given notice to their former club of their intention to move, that the player is not under ban or suspension and that all subscriptions, penalties and dues have been paid in full and all items of club property returned.
4. Where a ban or suspension has been imposed on any player by a Disciplinary Body authorised by EH and/or the EHL, such ban or suspension shall remain in full force and effect regardless of the player's change of club.
5. In the event of there being any dispute between clubs with regard to any ban or suspension of any player, until any agreement is made, the ban or suspension shall continue in full force and effect.
6. A registered EHL player may NOT play outdoor league hockey for another club unless they have been officially de-registered.
7. Any dispute arising over the application of the provisions of this Player Code of Conduct may be referred by any club or individual affected by the dispute to the EHCD. The EHCD may adopt whatever procedure it thinks appropriate for the purpose of reaching a decision on the dispute. The decision of the EHCD may be the subject of an Appeal in accordance with Regulation 14.

APPENDIX 3

CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

1. It is the primary responsibility of EHL Clubs to regulate the behaviour of their players, officials, members and spectators. Participating clubs are required to confirm on entering the EHL that they have established an internal disciplinary procedure to deal with SERIOUS DISORDERLY, ABUSIVE, OFFENSIVE OR IMPROPER behaviour by players, officials, members and spectators prior to, during and after any EHL match. This extends to behaviour toward members of EH staff or representatives.
2. It shall be presumed by the EHCD that each participating club has such an internal procedure as referred to above.
3. Any behaviour, as shown in 1 above, that is reported to EH may be the subject of a Disrepute Complaint and dealt with pursuant to the Disrepute Offence Regulations and/or will be dealt with by the EHCD.
4. Any decision of the EHCD may be the subject of an Appeal in accordance with Regulation 14.

APPENDIX 4

LEAGUE SLIP DATES 2020/21 SEASON

Note:

Note: If either team is involved in the following on the relevant slip date then the next available slip date shall be used

- i. EHF club activity on the same weekend
- ii. Existing scheduled League match (subject to Regulation 7.1)

If a match on a slip date is postponed it shall be rearranged on the next available slip date

Original Date	Activity	Slip Date	Activity	Slip Date	Activity	Slip Date	Activity
Sat 19-Sep	W Prem	Sun 04-Oct	W Prem				
Sun 20-Sep	M Prem	Sat 03-Oct	M Prem				
Sat 26-Sep	W Prem, W D1&C	Sun 11-Oct	W Prem				
Sun 27-Sep	M Prem, M D1&C	Sat 10-Oct	M Prem				
Sat 03-Oct	W Prem, W D1&C	Sun 18-Oct	W Prem, W D1&C				
Sun 04-Oct	M Prem, M D1&C	Sat 17-Oct	M Prem, M D1&C				
Sat 10-Oct	W Prem, W D1&C	Sun 18-Oct	W Prem	Sat 24-Oct	W D1&C		
Sun 11-Oct	M Prem, M D1&C	Sat 17-Oct	M Prem	Sun 25-Oct	M D1&C		
Sat 17-Oct	W Prem, W D1&C	Sun 01-Nov	W D1&C	Sun 22-Nov	W Prem		
Sun 18-Oct	M Prem, M D1&C	Sat 31-Oct	M D1&C	Sat 21-Nov	M Prem		
Sat 24-Oct	W Prem	Sat 07-Nov	M D1&C	Sat 21-Nov	M Prem	Sun 22-Nov	W Prem
Sun 25-Oct	W D1&C	Sun 08-Nov	W D1&C				
Sat 31-Oct	W D1&C	Sun 15-Nov	W D1&C				
Sun 01-Nov	M D1&C	Sat 14-Nov	M D1&C				
Sat 07-Nov	W Prem, W D1&C	Sun 22-Nov	W Prem, W D1&C				
Sun 08-Nov	M Prem, M D1&C	Sat 21-Nov	M Prem, M D1&C				
Sat 14-Nov	W D1&C	Sun 29-Nov	W D1&C				
Sun 15-Nov	M D1&C	Sat 28-Nov	M D1&C				
Sat 21-Nov	W Prem, W D1&C	Sun 06-Dec	W Prem, W D1&C				
Sun 22-Nov	M Prem, M D1&C	Sat 05-Dec	M Prem, M D1&C				
Sat 28-Nov	W Prem, W D1&C	Sun 13-Dec	W Prem, W D1&C				

Sun	29-Nov	M Prem, M D1&C		Sat	12-Dec	M Prem, M D1&C	
Sat	05-Dec	W Prem		Sun	13-Dec	W Prem	
Sun	06-Dec	M Prem		Sat	12-Dec	M Prem	
Sat	12-Dec	W Prem		Sat	19-Dec	W Prem	
Sun	13-Dec	M Prem		Sat	19-Dec	M Prem	
Sat	06-Feb	W PremT2, W D1&C		Sun	21-Feb	W PremT2, W D1&C	
Sun	07-Feb	M PremT2, M D1&C		Sat	20-Feb	M PremT2, M D1&C	
Sat	13-Feb	W PremT2, W D1&C		Sun	28-Feb	W PremT2, W D1&C	
Sun	14-Feb	M PremT2, M D1&C		Sun	28-Feb	M PremT2, M D1&C	
Sat	20-Feb	W PremT1&T2, W D1&C		Sun	07-Mar	W PremT1&T2, W D1&C	
Sun	21-Feb	M PremT1&T2, M D1&C		Sat	06-Mar	M PremT1&T2, M D1&C	
Sat	27-Feb	W PremT1&T2, W D1&C	M PremT1&T2, M D1&C	Sun	14-Mar	W PremT1&T2, W D1&C	Sat 13-Mar M PremT1&T2, M D1&C
Sun	28-Feb	-		Sat	13-Mar	-	
Sat	06-Mar	W PremT2, W D1&C		Sun	21-Mar	W PremT2, W D1&C	
Sun	07-Mar	M PremT2, M D1&C		Sat	20-Mar	M PremT2, M D1&C	
Sat	13-Mar	W PremT1&T2, W D1&C		Sun	21-Mar	W PremT1, W D1&C	Sun 28-Mar W PremT2
Sun	14-Mar	M PremT1&T2, M D1&C		Sat	20-Mar	M PremT1, M D1&C	Sat 27-Mar M PremT2
Sat	20-Mar	W PremT1&T2, W D1&C		Sun	28-Mar	W PremT1, W D1&C	Sun 11-Apr M PremT2
Sun	21-Mar	M PremT1&T2, M D1&C		Sat	27-Mar	M PremT1, M D1&C	Sat 10-Apr W PremT2
Sat	27-Mar	W PremT1&T2, W D1&C		Sun	11-Apr	W PremT1&T2, W D1&C	
Sun	28-Mar	M PremT1&T2, M D1&C		Sat	10-Apr	M PremT1&T2, M D1&C	
Sat	10-Apr	W PremT2		Sun	18-Apr	W PremT2	
Sun	11-Apr	M PremT2		Sat	17-Apr	M PremT2	
Sat	17-Apr	W PremT2		Sun	25-Apr	W PremT2	
Sun	18-Apr	M PremT2		Sat	24-Apr	M PremT2	

W - Womens

M - Mens

Prem - Premier Division Phase 1

PremT1 - Premier Division Phase 2 Tier1

PremT2 - Premier Division Phase 2 Tier 2

D1&C - Division 1 & Conference

APPENDIX 5

Standard League Regulations regarding Covid-19. 2020-21

1. Introduction

a. These proposed regulations are issued by England Hockey as guidance for all leagues for the variance of existing league rules to endeavour to offer a consistent framework for the management of issues relating to Covid-19 that may impact on league hockey. They may be updated during the course of the season. England Hockey strongly recommends the adoption of the proposed regulations.

The Regions Consultative Committee met in July 2020 and endorse the approach to a consistent set of league rules and regulations for the return to play. The RCC strongly recommended that all leagues follow EH guidance and only seek to vary them with the consent of their participating clubs.

b. The EHCD shall be responsible for managing any issues that arise in relation to these regulations, any issue not covered by these regulations, any issue that may arise from non-compliance with these regulations, any issue arising from the spirit of the regulations not being applied.

2. England Hockey Getting Back on the Pitch - Step 4 & Step 5 Guidance

a. *England Hockey Getting Back on the Pitch – Step 4 & Step 5 Guidance (the Guidance)* is available here <http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=2633§ionTitle=Covid%2D19+Club+Support>

This details the conditions under which hockey may be played in the 2020-21 season. It supersedes all existing league regulations where relevant. The Guidance is updated as and when required and will be posted on the England Hockey website and social media platforms. It is important that all clubs take steps to ensure that they are aware of the most up to date version of the Guidance prior to any fixture. England Hockey will take every step to ensure that any changes to the Guidance are made available in good time prior to fixtures. However as this is often in response to Government guidance, this may not always be practical.

b. The Guidance shall be applied to all fixtures

c. Where there is a major breach of the Guidance a fixture should not go ahead or continue. A major breach is one that clearly contravenes 'the Guidance' and as a result causes significant risk to a participant or participants.

d. The breach should be reported to the EHCD by the team(s) and / or appointed umpires and match official and the league will adjudicate on the matter in line with these regulations.

3. Withdrawal of Teams

a. Any club that wishes to withdraw a team or teams from a League must do so in order of their League ranking, starting with the lowest ranked team.

b. In exceptional circumstances a club may apply to the EHL to withdraw a EHL team. If the EHCD approve it, any teams ranked lower than the withdrawn team will not be eligible for promotion at the end of the season.

c. Any team that withdraws from the EHL shall be deemed to have filled the lowest place in the Division it was due to play in or has played in. The playing record of any team that withdraws once the season has started shall be expunged.

d. the EHCD shall have the authority to revise any teams' Division and fixtures therein prior to the start of the season or after a maximum of four rounds of fixtures have been played in order to facilitate the smooth running of the League.

4. Scheduling of Fixtures

In variance to the relevant EHL regulation the EHCD shall have the authority to determine at any time if any individual Division, group of Divisions or the whole EHL shall be reformatted and fixtures rescheduled in line with one of the following formats.

i. Division One & Conferences

a. Delayed season. Each team shall play all other teams in its Division on a home and away basis on revised dates specified by EHCD.

b. Revised season. Each team shall play all other teams in its Division once, on a home or away basis, on revised dates specified by EHCD. This shall form Phase 1 of the Division. The Division will then be divided into two sections, top and bottom, based on placings at this time and each team will play all other teams in its section on a home or away basis on revised dates specified by the league. This shall form Phase 2. . This will be played in line with EHL regulation 5.1.4 save that the teams will be split 1-5 and 6-10.

c. Shortened season. Each team shall play all other teams in its Division once, on a home or away basis, on revised dates specified by the EHCD.

d. EHCD may reformat an individual Division, group of Divisions or the whole EHL more than once during the season, e.g. its status may change from Normal to Delayed, Delayed to Revised, Revised to Shortened.

e. If any of the above formats are used but it is not possible to complete all fixtures the season will be designated as Curtailed and any outcomes will be in line with Regulation 7 below. If a season is curtailed, EHCD reserves the right to vary any fixture list and/or order specific fixtures to be played or rescheduled in order to ensure that promotion or relegation issues may be resolved.

ii. Premier Division

a. Delayed season.

1. Phase 1. Each team shall play all other teams in the Division on a home or away basis on revised dates specified by the league.

2. Phase 2. Tier 1 - Each team shall play all other teams in Tier 1 on a home or away basis on revised dates specified by the league. Tier 2 - Each team shall play all other teams in Tier 2 on a home and away basis on revised dates specified by the league

b. Revised season.

The Division shall operate in line with league regulations save that in Phase 2, Tier 2 each team shall play all other teams in Tier 2 on a home or away basis. All matches in both Phases may be on revised dates specified by the league

c. Shortened season.

Each team shall play all other teams in its Division once, on a home or away basis, on revised dates specified by the league.

d. A league may reformat an individual Division, group of Divisions or the whole league more than once during the season, e.g. its status may change from Normal to Delayed, Delayed to Revised, Revised to Shortened.

e. If any of the above formats are used but it is not possible to complete all fixtures the season will be designated as Curtailed and any outcomes will be in line with Regulation 7 below. If a season is curtailed, EHCD league reserves the right to vary any fixture list and/or order specific fixtures to be played or rescheduled in order to ensure that promotion or relegation issues may be resolved.

5. Final League Positions

a. When all scheduled fixtures have been completed in whichever format used or it is designated a Curtailed season, the final tables for a Division shall be calculated. EHF Club competition qualification, Promotion Play-offs, Promotion and Relegation will apply in line with Regs 6. to 8. below.

6. EHF Club competition qualification, Promotion Play-offs Promotion and Relegation

a. Existing league regulations shall apply where any of the formats, as shown above, are used and all fixtures concluded.

b. If the formats shown above are used but not all fixtures in a Division are concluded the season shall be designated Curtailed and Regulation 7 shall apply.

7. Curtailed Season

a. If all teams in the Division have played each other once and all teams have played 80% or more of their scheduled matches then the final table will be decided on a PPG basis when PPG represents the number of points gained by teams in all league fixtures divided by the number of fixtures played. If teams are level on points the existing EHL regulations for determining final positions shall apply.

b. If all teams in the Division have played each other once but some teams have played less than 80% of their scheduled matches then the final table will be decided by the number of points gained by teams when each team had played each other once. i.e. only the results of these matches shall count to the final table, i.e. not the result of any reverse fixtures or if a Revised format used, fixtures in Phase 2. If teams are level on points the existing EHL regulations for determining final positions shall apply.

c. Where the final tables have been determined in line with Reg 7.a or 7.b existing EHL regulations shall apply for EHF Club competition qualification, Promotion Play-offs Promotion and Relegation

d. If all teams in the Division have not played each other once then there shall be no promotion or relegation save in line with Regulation 7.d below for Shortened format.

d. EHF Club competition qualification, Promotion Play-offs, Promotion and Relegation in Curtailed Shortened format.

i. any team who has secured a EHF Club competition qualification place (ie at the time a season was determined Curtailed their standing could not be overhauled) shall qualify for the relevant EHF Club competition in the following season.

ii. any team who has secured a promotion place (ie at the time a season was determined Curtailed their standing could not be overhauled) shall be promoted if a place is available in the relevant higher Division subject to EHL Reg 5.4. This will either be by a team in that Division being eligible for relegation in line with 7.d.ii below, or a place being available due to a promotion in line with this regulation or withdrawal or league restructure. Where more than one team has secured a promotion place the team with the highest PPG (or placing as determined by existing EHL regulations) shall be promoted if only one place is available.

iii. any team who cannot avoid ending in a relegation place (ie at the time a season was determined Curtailed it was in a relegation place and could overhaul another team) shall be relegated if a place is available in the relevant lower Division. This will either be by a team in that Division being eligible for promotion in line with 7.d.i above or a place being available due to a relegation in line with this regulation or withdrawal or league restructure. Where more than one team cannot avoid ending in a relegation place the team with the lowest PPG (or placing as determined by existing EHL regulations) shall be relegated if only one place is available.

iv. As the season is Curtailed it will not be possible for the EHL Promotion Tournament to be held.

8. Request to Reprive

a. If a team withdraws from EHL in line with Regulation 3.c above but the season is curtailed with no promotion or relegation that team will retain its place within the Division for the subsequent season.

b. At the end of the season where a team occupies a relegation place within a Division a club may apply to EHCD for it to be reprived. A reprive may be granted if feasible, for example due to the number of teams being eligible for promotion or relegated to/from the relevant Division means that for the subsequent season there is fewer than the standard number of teams otherwise eligible to play in that Division or its successor. Priority for any reprive will be for a team who has completed a league season, in order of any ranking or equivalent playing record if from different Divisions, over any team who has withdrawn.

9. Start times and scheduling of fixtures

Where possible existing league regulations should apply in respect of start times. In variance to these and in order to facilitate fixtures being fulfilled the following shall apply.

a. Fixtures must start between 1100 hrs and 1530 hrs* (*1430 hrs from 25 Oct to 21 Feb unless the venue has floodlights with an average lux level of 350 lux, with current valid certification or dating from 1 Jan 2019 if it has not been possible to arrange a test.)

b. Where both teams and EHCD agree fixtures can be played outside of these time windows including on a different date within three days of the original date, (e.g. For a Saturday fixture the preceding Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening or following Sunday or Monday or Tuesday evening).

10. Venue availability

a. If the home team is unable to provide a venue for a fixture the away team shall be given the opportunity to host the fixture at a venue and time in line with these regulations (see Regulation 9 above). In these circumstances the away team may agree to reverse a subsequent fixture between the teams or retain home advantage for the subsequent fixture.

b. At any time within 16 days of the fixture if a venue becomes unavailable after it has been confirmed, the home team must immediately advise the away team of a change of venue/time. If no alternative venue is available, the home team must advise the away team immediately who shall be given the opportunity to host the fixture in line with 10.c above.

c. Any change of start time by the home team must be within 90 minutes of the original start time or approved by the away team otherwise the away team shall be given the opportunity to host the fixture in line with 10.c above.

d. If it is not possible to arrange the fixture on the scheduled date the home team may request to postpone it or choose to forfeit a fixture at no penalty other than the fixture being recorded as a 3-0 loss subject to any further remission or penalty as imposed by the league.

11. Player availability

Standard EHL regulations shall apply save the following regulations shall apply where a club is unable to field sufficient players for its teams to fulfil all its fixtures on any one day.

b. A team may choose to forfeit a fixture, it being recorded as a 3-0 loss, subject to any further remission or penalty as imposed by EHCD in line with Reg 13, or request to postpone it.

c. Where both teams are unable to field a team they may choose to postpone the fixture, it being as a 0-0 draw with one point awarded to each team, subject to any further remission or penalty as imposed by EHCD in line with Reg 13

d. The club should postpone/forfeit any fixtures for teams in their ranking order starting with the lowest ranked first.

12. Local lockdown

a. Where a team is subject to local restrictions due to the impact of Covid 19 that mean it is unable to fulfil a fixture it being recorded as a 3-0 loss, subject to any further remission or penalty as imposed by EHCD in line with Reg 13, or request to postpone it.

b. Where both teams are subject to local restrictions due to the impact of Covid 19 they may choose to postpone the fixture, it being as a 0-0 draw with one point awarded to each team, subject to any further remission or penalty as imposed by EHCD in line with Reg 13

13. Postponed and forfeited matches and slip dates

a. EHCD will consider any evidence in relation to a request to postpone a fixture and may approve this or decline this and determine the fixture forfeited. If a request to postpone a fixture is approved, it shall be rearranged in line with slip date regulations.

b. A team will be entitled to postpone a maximum of 20% of scheduled and postponed fixtures due to unavailability of a home venue or players or a local lockdown. If they are unable to fulfil further fixtures these

fixtures will have to be forfeited in line with the relevant regulation. This is in addition to any postponements due to a venue being unfit for play due to the weather.

c. Any postponed match must be replayed in line with existing EHL regulations

d. EHCD retains the right to impose further remissions or penalties on teams forfeiting matches where, but not exclusively - a team forfeits multiple fixtures, where it is determined that Covid-19 was not a factor in the decision, where the outcome of a Division may be impacted by such a decision.