

FIH RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

2021-2022

The overall aim of the Rules Committee (RC) is to assist FIH in the following ways in relation to all sanctioned forms of hockey to manage the current rules (interpretation, application, development), to make the game more easier to understand and enjoyable, to co-ordinate the collection of match and tournament statistics related to Rules and to contribute to the development of the game (equipment, player welfare).

Since the last Congress, the RC focused his attention firstly on implementing the feedback on rules interpretations coming from the Tokyo Olympics, leading to the end of the rules cycle and the release of the new Rules of Hockey at the end of 2021 and the Umpiring Briefing at the start of 2022. This was the result of a close and constant collaboration with the Umpire Managers appointed for FIH World Cups, and of continuing discussion and collaboration with the national team coaches involved at FIH top competition. This triparty collaboration process is now one of the pillars of the RC work.

The second point of attention for the RC was to start aligning the rules across the different Hockey variants so that our sport is seen as one independently of where and how it is played. The first part of this work started with the alignment between Indoor and Outdoor rules.

Along these last 18 months the RC worked on several rules matters of which we highlight the following:

- Hockey iD rules
- Aerial Balls interpretation and management
- Removal of Protection Equipment at Penalty Corners
- Penalty corner safety
- Rules simplification, and clarity

Committee members:

Chair: Steve Horgan (NED)

Members: Ahmed Youssef (EGY), Elena Norman (IND), Margaret Hunnaball (ENG), Katrina Powell (AUS), Soledad Iparaguirre (ARG), Carla Rebecchi (ARG)

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