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## CSHC Senior Red and Yellow Card Policy 2017

Two of the stated aims of CSHC are to develop sportsmanship and to understand the importance of teamwork and team commitment.

The club therefore has the responsibility of ensuring all senior players understand that playing behaviour that regularly receives cards from umpires shall not be accepted by CSHC.

Regularly being sent off during a game is behaviour that lets fellow teammates, coaches, the club and the player themselves, down. Perhaps more importantly, the club takes the responsibility of developing high-quality players very seriously and considers instances of consistently being sent off the field as inhibiting a player's development.

The aim of this policy is to encourage serious and repeat offenders to change their hockey playing behaviour and become better individual and team players.

The below policy outlines the approach to be taken by CSHC when dealing with repeat yellow and red card offenders.

1. A senior player receiving a red card from an umpire in a match and who is not reported by HV, an umpire or another club, will automatically receive a minimum one match suspension and will not be eligible for a best and fairest award. Magnitude of the suspension penalty will be decided by the Committee.
2. A red card leading to an official report of the senior player by HV, the umpire or another club will be dealt with by the Senior executive committee and/or HV. A range of penalties may apply.
3. A senior player receiving four yellow cards from umpires in one winter season will automatically receive a one match suspension and will not be eligible for a best and fairest award.

4. A yellow card leading to an official report of the player by HV, the umpire or another club will be dealt with by the Committee and/or HV. A range of penalties may apply.
5. For every two yellow cards not reported by HV, an umpire or another club (after the first suspension) in the same season by the same player – a one match suspension will apply.
6. A senior player receiving two yellow cards from an umpire in one match not reported by HV, an umpire or another club will be counted as two yellows – not a red card.

Automatic suspension will apply irrespective of the type of match – home and away or finals. Automatic suspension may take place the match immediately after the red/fourth yellow card was awarded or the following game. The precise timing (within limits outlined above) of the suspension will be left to the discretion of the coach except in the following circumstance: If the red /or fourth yellow card was awarded in a semifinal the player suspension must occur in next match (e.g. grand final). If the offence occurred in the grand final the suspension will occur in first round of new senior winter season.

Card count does not carry from season to season.

A player may have the opportunity to appeal against a non-reported yellow or red card decision by writing (letter or email) to the Club Secretary. The letter/email must arrive within 3 working days after the match in question. The matter of whether the card counts against the player will be resolved by a decision from a tribunal consisting of at least 3 senior committee executive members who must be independent from the case. The appeal will be heard within 5 working days of the match in question. Failure to appeal, means the player has accepted that the card was warranted and will be counted against them for that season. All officially reported red and yellow card offences will be dealt with by the Committee and / or HV.

Team managers will be required to report all yellow and red cards in senior matches on the sportingpulse system and to the senior section chairperson as soon as possible after the match. The player, coach and team manager will be informed of any player suspension resulting from this policy