

# Minutes of last meeting

23rd July 2024



<b>Meeting name</b>	National Game Panel				
<b>Venue</b>	Teams				
<b>Date</b>	23rd July 2024	<b>Start Time</b>	17.30	<b>End Time</b>	19.00
<b>Lead</b>	Keith Carder (Chair) KC				
<b>Attendance</b>	Stephen Barlow (EH) SB, Nick Kendall (TBB) NK, Donna Mills (Ipswich) DM, David Ellcock (NPUA) DE, Jo Pennycook (Disciplinary) JP, Christine Crossley (Sevenoaks) CC, Tony Jones (Surbiton) TJ. Annie Hairsine (TAP) AH				
<b>Apologies</b>					
<b>Regulations</b>	<p>1. <b>Area leagues</b> – SB explained that the 8 Area leagues own their regulations, and all adopt the same regulations now making for consistency across Country but EH does have an input into the area regulations.</p> <p>2. The Area regulations have now all been signed off &amp; will be published shortly</p> <p>3. NK stated he felt that there is a variation on fines within Areas, SB said we have regular meetings with the area to discuss these types of issues and it is hoped in time that there will be greater consistency.</p> <p>4. <b>EHL</b> – SB outlined the small differences with the EHL Regulations especially around the need for No Objection Certificates (NOC) and we discussed the impact on our league regulations with the Indian Premier League starting back up in January 2025 and other non-European Countries' leagues running prior to this. SB will be looking at the details for this so we can distribute all updates to EHL teams in early August.</p> <p>5. <b>Code Of Conduct &amp; Discipline</b> – KC – updated the group on the work that has been undertaken to review &amp; update our code of conduct which will now be called – Spirit of Hockey, this is now in the second phase of consultation to be launched within the get season ready plans. JP- Outlined the work that had been happening with the Discipline Regulations to now create a single set of Discipline Regulations which provide greater clarity and will become effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024 An MMO will now be replaced with a straight Red Card for any offence committed within 30 minutes of the end of a match. New documentation is being produced for NPUA, TAP &amp; Clubs plus access to drop in sessions.</p>				
<b>EH Adult Tiered &amp; Masters Championships</b>	<p>1. SB provided a full update on this season's Adult Tier Championships &amp; Tier 1 will only run if we get 32 or more teams enter. New for season 24-25 teams who lose in round 1 will have the opportunity to participate in a parallel Plate competition to provide more playing opportunities and the chance to progress to a national Plate final.</p> <p>SB shared the results of the Master's survey and advised on the proposal to revise age groups to both Mens &amp; Womens competitions to align them to Over 35s, Over 45s, Over 55s, &amp; Over 65s being for County teams.</p> <p>There will be Tier 3, Shield competition in any of the Championships with 32 or more entrants. This will be for early round losers in the Tier 2 Plate to increase playing opportunities and most teams will have a minimum of three games.</p>				

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2. SB outlined the proposed changes to limit the amount of “guest” players playing in Masters championship competitions.

The NGP group supported these changes.

## Match Duration – ie 4 x 15 mins

1. SB updated the group on the data that we obtained on match timings from this year’s Pro league and advised of Premier team’s negative feedback, despite the 4 x 15 minutes being successfully used at the EHL Finals weekend.
2. More work needs to be done with the data around match duration and playing times to increase understanding for teams & it was suggested we collect more data via a volunteer MO over 2 weekends of the EHL Premier division 24-25
3. In general the group felt that the Premier teams in EHL should be playing FIH rules of hockey 4 x 15 minutes which NPUA would also support, especially around PC management & would be keen for this to be implemented for season 25-26.

## AOB

1. NK asked if there were any changes being made to Junior Tiered Championships SB advised that there is nothing planned for this season.
2. KC thanked the group for all their support during this season and asked if they would be happy to continue for season 24-25. Should anyone wish not to continue then could they email JTE direct.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

End September / Early Oct – exact date tba

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