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HOCKEY

# Working with Match Officials

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# Pre-match Actions

1 Arrive in good time before the start of the match

2 Make yourself known to the umpires and team managers (TM)

3 Working with the umpires

Ask the umpires what the agreed start time is

Agree who is timing half time.

Agree procedure for how you will communicate a '10 minute yellow'

In the event of poorly behaved benches/suspended players the MO will attract your attention to stop time for you to discuss and then manage.



#### 4 Regulation 6.1.3

It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that pitch facilities, including markings, goals and goal nets are satisfactory and that all other requirements in this Regulation are met prior to a match. Immediately prior to the commencement of a match, or once a match has started, the decision on whether it should be postponed or abandoned is determined by the umpires in consultation with the team captains. Safety of players shall be a key factor in any decision making

Where possible check position of goals, nets, team benches, and suspension chairs.



5 Regulation 6.1.5

Home League teams must provide a designated bench area on the side of the pitch (preferably away from any spectator area) either side of the centre line and extending no further than the 23 metre lines. Each team shall be allocated a section of the area, i.e. from Centre line to one of the 23 metre lines. Substitutes and officials on the team sheet must remain in the vicinity of their section of the designated bench area (unless warming up/down) and no other persons are allowed in the designated bench area.



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6	Ensure pitch surrounds/run-off are clear from obstructions
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7	Be ready to start the game
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# During the Match Actions

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The MO will be aiming to ensure that only those listed on the GMS team sheets are present in the technical area.

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The MO will primarily communicate with the TM's (if present) to resolve 'bench' issues that arise. In the case of a poorly behaved TM the MO will request your support

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The MO will expect a signal from the near side umpire when ready to start each half.  
The MO should expect an acknowledgment signal prior to any time restart from the Umpires.



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The MO will record all goals including minute, player name, number and how scored and all cards with player number and team.

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The MO will time and manage suspended players and allow them back onto the pitch at the appropriate time.

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The MO will ensure that all player substitutions are undertaken correctly and liaise with TMs if any are not. In the event of a GK the umpire will be asked to stop time.

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The MO's will liaise with the players to avoid blood injuries entering the pitch.

# Post Match Actions

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## Regulation 9.4.2

The home team and away team must both confirm the score (or if the match is postponed or abandoned inform ALDS) as soon as possible but no later than 20.00 hours on the day of the match

## Regulation 9.4.4

Both teams must confirm full details of goals, cards and injuries by 20.00 hours on the day after the match  
- Goal scorers, Yellow & Red Cards, Injury report



# Post Match Actions

16	<p>At the end of the match, both umpires need to agree the final score and the playing numbers of those carded.</p> <p>The MO will make the match information available to both teams.</p>
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General advice to umpires working with MO's

- Ensure that time stopped/time on signals are clear and have been seen by the MO
- Ensure that cards shown can be seen by the MO. If giving a 10 minute yellow – give a clear signal with both hands, so there can be no doubt
- **If you are an umpire assessor/coach, please make yourself known to the MO so that they know who you are and can walk around the pitch, including being near to dugouts**



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Any Questions?