

National Game Panel Minutes

12 Sept 2023



Meeting name	National Game Panel				
Venue	Teams				
Date	12 Sept 2023	Start Time	17.00	End Time	18.30
Lead	Keith Carder (Chair) KC				
Attendance	Stephen Barlow (EH) SB, Jo Thomas-Ellis (EH) JTE, Nick Kendall (TBB) NK, Mike Kefford (Guildford) MK, Donna Mills (Ipswich) DM, Leigh Maasdorp (Old Georgians) LM, Annie Hairsine (TAP) AH, Sean Edwards (NPUA) SE, Jo Pennycook (Disciplinary) JP, Christine Crossley (Sevenoaks) CC, Tony Jones (Surbiton) TJ.				
Apologies	None				
1. Introductions:	KC opened the meeting and welcomed the group and round the table introductions were given.				
2. Terms Of Reference:	KC highlighted that this was an advisory group & outlined the focus being the aim of the group are to bring together all those bodies responsible for delivering the national game to ensure that the rules and regulations of England Hockey (EH) are implemented and updated regularly, to provide insight and advice in order to address operational issues affecting the national game and to facilitate consistent implementation of EH Board strategic direction in operational delivery.				
3. Ways of working:	KC outlined that the group would meet twice yearly plus any other meetings required as cases arise. At times there will possibly be the need to jump onto an urgent meeting. Meetings will take place predominantly via teams. All members outside of EH staff will need to sign confidentiality and conflict of interest forms JTE will circulate.				Completed
4. Scope & Governance	SB discussed the history of EH governance and how the introduction of the 8 Area Leagues has led to a standard set of regulations. SB to set up a shared filed with all up-to-date regulations in.				
5. Previous Examples:	SB took the group through some examples of rent issues for EHCD which would in future be shared with NGP for their feedback prior to any final decision.				

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6. Current Issues:

i. Super 6s & qualification to Europe

Repton have notified EH on 31st Aug 2023 that they will be withdrawing from representing England at the Euro Women's Indoor Championships to be held in Turkey Feb 2024. The implications of this were discussed and any possible penalties. It was agreed that JTE would circulate a summary to all members for them to consider and give feedback on their thoughts as to whether they feel any penalty is appropriate for Repton's withdrawal. It was requested that all feedback need to be submitted by Monday 18th Sept 2023.

ii. Super 6s player eligibility

A brief discussion was held about the status of NCAA (USA) players in respect of our indoor and outdoor regulations and Euro Hockey indoor tournament regulations relating to player eligibility.

It was agreed that this will need to be addressed prior to the 2023-24 Indoor season.

iii. Master Championships

Player eligibility regulations - to be added back to the next meeting's agenda.

iv. Adult Tier 1 Championships

Status and format - to be added back to the next meeting's agenda.

7. AOB

Slides from meeting to be shared with the group together with a shared list of email addresses.

