

National Game Panel Minutes

19 February 2024



ENGLAND
HOCKEY

Meeting name	National Game Panel				
Venue	Teams				
Date	19 th Feb 2024	Start Time	16.30	End Time	18.00
Lead	Keith Carder (Chair) KC				
Attendance	Stephen Barlow (EH) SB, Nick Kendall (TBB) NK, Donna Mills (Ipswich) DM, Leigh Maasdorp (Old Georgians) LM, David Ellcock (NPUA) DE, Jo Pennycook (Disciplinary) JP, Christine Crossley (Sevenoaks) CC, Tony Jones (Surbiton) TJ.				
Apologies	Jo Thomas-Ellis (EH) JTE, Annie Hairsine (TAP) AH				
1. Change of Date: SB thanked the group for agreeing to move the date.					
2. Terms Of Reference: KC reaffirmed the group's Terms of Reference. To date it has been to consider regulatory issues. SB it is important to share issues requiring decisions even if they appear clearcut to show good governance, to check they are clearcut and for wider knowledge of issues. As the group becomes established it will look at wider issues in the game within its scope.					
3. Issues to Date: Repton ruling and appeal Beeston/Reading ruling nb RHC appeal was deemed out of time by EH Appeal Panel JTE will circulate EHAP rulings Recent player eligibility cases – Old Georgians and Surbiton, Both rulings are subject appeal.					
4. Penalty for Breach of player Eligibility regulations This issue was highlighted by the impact of the Beeston issue. There was consensus that the regulation is appropriate for the outdoor game but for indoors, where games are played over a short period, then consideration should be given to a points deduction for the offending team only. SB to draft					
5. Adult Tiered Championships: SB confirmed numbers for the Tier 1 Championships. Down from Women – 44, Mens - 39 in 2018-19 to 16 and 14 in 2023-24. It is not viable to run with these numbers. Various reasons for the decline of “the cup” are noted. NK believes a minimum viable entry number should be in place. SB suggested 32. Will implement for next season					

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6. Match Timing

Noted that domestic hockey is played in variance to FIH Rules of Hockey of 4 x 15 minute periods. EHL played 4 x 17.5 min quarters. Otherwise 2 x 35 min halves.

Agreed we would support a trial playing the rule in 2024-25 in EH KO Championships at all levels – Adults, Masters, Juniors and EHL Premier Division. SB to progress (also to get data for matches in 2023-24 for comparisons). Also request teams' view for EHL Finals weekend this season.

7. AOB

i. Drafting of regulations. NGP to input into Area League regulation drafting process to ensure consistency within game. KC to progress.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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