

## ***Definition of International Cap***

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### **Introduction**

Currently each National Association sets its own rules to determine what it considers an official international match for the purpose of recording caps for players. In addition, certain criteria are currently used to determine what is an official international 'cap' for an umpire.

### **Definition**

For the purpose of consistency it is recommended that all National Associations use the following criteria to establish whether or not a match is an official match for the purpose of caps (for players and umpires):

- (a) Outdoor and Indoor Internationals should be maintained and counted separately.
- (b) An International match be defined as:
  - an official match between national Senior A teams played in an approved FIH or Continental Federation tournament
  - an official match between two Senior A teams that is registered with the FIH (ie Test Match series)
- (c) For a Test match to be counted as an International it must be played in accordance with the FIH Tournament Regulations (ie maximum 16 players, normal time, formal Match Sheet, match controlled by Technical Official, etc.)
- (d) For a Test match to be counted as an official International it must be registered with the FIH (ie A-Teams Inter-Nations Match Result Form, together with Match Report Form to be lodged with FIH).

Similar criteria to be used for number of internationals recorded for umpires, as well as for umpire upgrading purposes.

The same criteria to be used for Junior matches (U21), but any such matches should not be included in the Senior records of a player or an umpire.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Cohen'.

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