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**To: Continental Federations
National Associations**

Hockey Rules and Regulations

This statement is issued by the FIH Rules Committee and the FIH Competitions Committee to clarify the application of the Rules of Hockey and of FIH Tournament Regulations.

The Rules of Hockey as published in booklet form and on the FIH website apply to all hockey played throughout the world. This ensures that the game is played in a consistent way.

FIH Tournament Regulations deal with the management and presentation of FIH world-level competitions. To enhance the profile of these competitions, Regulations are sometimes introduced which vary the Rules of Hockey. An example is that a Regulation currently specifies a green card indicates a two minute suspension whereas the Rules of Hockey specify a green card indicates a warning.

To encourage consistency in international hockey, such Regulations should be applied to all senior and under-21 international matches. However, the application of such Regulations to any other level of hockey is not endorsed by FIH. All other hockey should be played solely in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.

If Continental Federations or National Associations wish to implement Regulations for competitions within their jurisdiction which include a Rules related matter, they should seek approval from the FIH a minimum of eight weeks prior to intended implementation. Requests for approval should be addressed to info@fih.ch.

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