

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 an official international 'cap' is 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 a sanctioned FIH or Continental Federation tournament
 - an official match between two Senior A teams that is sanctioned by the FIH or Continental Federation as appropriate (ie a Test Match)
- (c) For a Test match to be counted as an International it must be played in accordance with the FIH Tournament Regulations ie maximum 18 players (providing 2 are fully kitted goalkeepers), 4 periods of 15 minutes, formal Match Sheet and match controlled by registered umpires overseen by at least one Technical Official).
- (d) For a Test match to be counted as an official International it must be sanctioned by the FIH or Continental Federation as appropriate and the Match Report Form 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 are to be used for Junior matches (U21), but any such matches are not be included in the senior records of a player or an umpire.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McCracken', written in a cursive style.

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