

GUIDELINES FOR JUDICIAL COMMITTEES AND JURIES OF APPEAL

At all Hockey New Zealand Tournaments, excluding the National Hockey League, the Tournament Director, in consultation with Hockey NZ has the right to make decisions on the running of the tournament not otherwise allowed for in the Rules.

The Judicial Committee, consisting of the Match Referee and two co-opted people (with two reserves) deals with players, team officials and tournament officials who receive a red card or accumulate 12 points or more at the tournament (refer Hockey NZ Code of Conduct).

The Judicial Committee will also deal with written protests, lodged according to the tournament rules, by team managers relating to a match.

The Jury of Appeal, consisting of the Tournament Administrator, Tournament Director's appointee (not the TD) and an elected Team Managers' representative shall deal with written appeals only. These appeals will refer to decisions or outcomes from the Judicial Committee.

Grounds for appeal will be:

That the Judicial Committee made a finding contrary to the evidence presented at the Judicial Committee meeting/s. No new evidence may be presented.

That the Judicial Committee gave a sentence manifestly inconsistent with the precedent set by other sentences or by Hockey NZ's Code of Conduct.

Although not a member of the Jury of Appeal, the Tournament Director is to be available to the Jury to consult on matters involving Hockey NZ Rules for Tournaments, FIH Rules of Hockey or precedents that may apply to the Appeal under discussion.

General guidance:

1. No protests should be heard regarding umpiring decisions – these decisions are made to the best of an umpire's ability and must be taken as final.
2. Legitimate protests must be of a technical nature, e.g.
 - More than 11 players on the field
 - A suspended player interfering with play
 - A physical assault not seen by or not dealt with by the umpires or Tournament Director
 - A Penalty Stroke competition taken incorrectly
 - Playing a non registered player
 - Playing a suspended player

Decisions of Judicial Committees and the Juries of Appeal are to be majority decisions