



## **National Guidance for Umpires and Teams re Temporary Suspended Players**

The Irish Hockey Umpires Association (IHUA) and the Provincial Umpiring Associations have released this guidance to ensure uniformity and a standard approach to players who receive a temporary suspension during matches.

Players who receive a **green card** should be positioned behind the umpire (between 23 metre and end line) who issued the card.

Players who receive a **yellow card** should be positioned on their respective team bench.

After the completion of the suspension period, the following should apply:

- *There does not have to be stoppage in play.*
- *The player does not have to return to the pitch exactly the minute the suspension period has been completed. In most circumstances, this will be delayed for a few seconds following a natural breakage in play (or as below\*).*
- *The player should return to the pitch (once indicated by the umpire) at the quickest point and without delay. \*Players should not be returned to the pitch during a clear attacking situation involving their team.*

At matches where there is an 'Official Table' all temporary suspended players should be positioned at the chairs provided as per normal tournament rules.

Temporary suspended players CANNOT be returned during Penalty Corners and should only be returned after the Penalty Corner has been completed (including a re-award of the same corner).

**Teams and players are requested to act responsibly, at all times, to assist the umpires in their management of the game.**

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