

EHL CHANGES FOR THE NEW SEASON

- **Injuries**

- No change to the regulation, so this will be new to teams and umpires;
- Change to the practice for managing injuries on the pitch;
- “If a physio, nominated first aider, doctor (or in the absence of one of these team manager) reasonably believes a player requires urgent medical attention s/he may enter the field of play without permission”;
- This is to deal with serious injuries/ life threatening conditions (for example, but not limited to, head injuries/ cardiac arrest);
- Umpire will stop play, if necessary, at the first opportunity;
- Field Player must leave field of play for minimum of two minutes (except fully equipped GK);
- This is not intended to derogate from the principal responsibility of the umpires for management of injuries on the pitch and admission to the field of play.



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- Guidelines:

- Use your pre match talk to speak to your team managers and umpires about this will work;
- Know who is the physio/ nominated first aider for each team;
- Manage this – it is not for “unexceptional” hockey injuries – umpires deal with these;
 - be alert to possible abuse to disrupt play;
 - but do not take risks, especially with head injuries, collapsed players;
- Communicate with near side umpire as soon as possible, if needed;
- Ensure that player comes off the field of play whether treatment was required or not;
- Be strict! If an official goes onto the pitch, the player comes off.

