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MARSHALLS

Vital To Enjoyment of the Sport

OVERVIEW

The Board has for some time been concerned about spectator and supporter behaviour, having regard to the Good Sports code that applies to officials, players, managers, administrators etc.

Off field bad behaviour and unsportsmanlike conduct has been contributing to Umpire attrition and diminishing enjoyment of umpires and all involved in Hockey.

The other unfortunate outcome if this is not addressed early before it escalates the consequences can be serious. For example, it could become a Police matter as a result of assault etc.

The Board has researched what was happening in other codes and in particular soccer in the conduct of their sport and the introduction of club based Marshalls.

IMPLEMENTATION

In March 2017 the Marshalls were introduced by Hockey Albury Wodonga and in May 2017 vests were made available either in the Canteen or the dugout. A Circular was sent to clubs as to their role in the oversight of the game. The role is as firstly one of supervision and observation rather than necessarily intervention where harm or risk of some other impact could occur to the Marshall.

The vests initiative has been largely embraced and its adoption has led, overall, to a better outcome for all concerned.

A memo about the need for clubs need to look "after their own" was issued in May and has been raised at Presidents and Secretaries meetings on a number of occasions.

ADMINISTRATION

The behaviour of spectators is outside of the Disciplinary Structure of the Association and Hockey Victoria which applies to officials, players, managers, administrators etc.

POLICY

The Board has adopted the following position:

Where there is high probability of an incident/event based on substantive evidence, the club who is identified as associated with the perpetrators will be issued with a fine as is appropriate as follows:

Failure to supply a Marshall	\$50
Each incident	\$50

The fine will be issued by HAW on the basis that the club may elect to "show cause" as to why the fine should be suspended or not apply. In the event of a show cause request, a Board subcommittee of no less than a quorum will convene and consider the grounds given and respond.

If there is a further appeal by a club it will be heard by a minimum of three club nominees selected by the HAW Tribunal Secretary from clubs not involved with any party. The decision of this committee is final.