

CARRY FORWARD SUSPENSIONS

POLICY ON CARRY FORWARD SUSPENSIONS

1. In the first instance the relevant Federation will be requested to deal with the Carry Forward Suspension outstanding against a Player by imposing a comparable suspension on the Player either in domestic competition or by making a decision on a Player's involvement in non-domestic competition (such as suspensions for future EuroHockey tournaments). Provided that the relevant Federation deals with the Carry Forward Suspension appropriately then that will be sufficient to discharge any outstanding Carry Forward Suspension and bring an end to that particular matter.
2. If the relevant Federation declines or fails to impose a suspension as set out in 1) above or does not apply the suspension in an appropriate way (for instance, by suspending the Player in too low a level of competition) then the Disciplinary Commissioner of the EuroHockey in accordance with the powers entrusted in him can take additional or separate steps to both deal with any outstanding Carry Forward Suspension and/or impose sanctions on the relevant Federation for its omission or failure.
3. It should be noted that this is a Guidance Policy to assist Players and Federations and to further consistency in dealing with Carry Forward Suspensions but:-
 - a) the EuroHockey recognises that it is unlikely that any two situations will be the same and there will inevitably be an element of discretion in how a Federation and/or the Disciplinary Commissioner will deal with these matters; and
 - b) it will not always be possible for a Federation to impose a "like for like" (eg, national for national, outdoor for outdoor, etc, equivalent) suspension on a Player;
 - c) the Disciplinary Commissioner has a wide range of powers to monitor decisions made by Federations, review the effect of decisions, and to make further investigations, and/or impose separate sanctions (depending on what steps a Federation takes), on a Player and/or a Federation.
 - d) Carry Forward Suspensions dealt with by Federations in accordance with this Guidance Policy must be "real" suspensions namely that, to be effective, the Player concerned must be listed appropriately on team sheets for the relevant competition or tournament and then suspended from playing in that competition or tournament in accordance with the Carry Forward Suspension decision reached by a Federation or the Disciplinary Commissioner

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