

2025 Intercity Officials Quick Reference Points

- We expect all officials to officiate in accordance with the FIH Rules of Hockey 2022 and current interpretations. There are no experimental rules being introduced and likewise protective equipment at penalty corners is encouraged but not mandated.
- We also expect you to maintain safe matches where good skill is rewarded and dangerous play and un-sportsman like behaviour is appropriately dealt with.
- Matches are to be **4 x 15 min quarters** with **40 second stoppages at penalty corners** unless this cannot be managed and then matches revert to 17 min quarters with no stoppages. Breaks will be 2min quarter time and 5min half time.
We encourage where possible the allocation of appropriate duties to technical officials.
- **Conversations (Shootouts)** will take place after the scoring of a field goal and a penalty stroke that isn't awarded during a penalty corner. Time is stopped after a goal for these to occur.
- Players are allowed to change their stick to either take or defend a conversion. However we don't want to see delays in the immediacy of the shootout taking place due to a stick change. Practically a goalkeeper should be permitted to have their shootout stick by the goal and an attacker shouldn't have to do more than a quick run to the sideline to collect a stick already on standby.
- **Match sheets** will be provided to host associations for all matches at their venues to be completed where PlayHQ livescoring cannot be facilitated. Plans are in progress to enable all hosts to utilise this from week 2 onwards.
This year's competition is being hosted on Hockey Manawatu's PlayHQ.
Please ensure you have a completed match sheet at the end of each match or have the correct details before submitting a livescored match.
- **Cards** issued and **Penalty Points** allocated by umpires are to be submitted via the QR code provided to each host venue. It will be the same code at each venue and the data will feed into a shared spreadsheet. It is important that these are completed as associations have different process for dealing with penalty points accumulated.
- The **Hockey NZ Code of Conduct** has been agreed to and all matches will be played in accordance with this. An Intercity Judicial Panel will deal with any matters arising during Intercity Matches.
- **Match balls** are to be provided by teams.
- **Playing strip colour clashes** are expected to be resolved by teams proactively prior to scheduled matches. The second listed team is required to change where this hasn't sufficiently been resolved prior to the match.