# Updates and reminders from our Referee in Chief regarding National Championships 2024

# **Pants**

Player pants cannot have rips or tears that expose girdles or shin guards. Small tears that can be covered with tape are acceptable but any rip or tear that exposes protective equipment is not allowed and the pants need to be replaced. Pants need to be either the same colour pattern as their team or of a neutral colour (i.e. black). Pants that, in the opinion of the referee, are significantly different than the rest of the team or could be considered confusing to the opposition are not allowed.

# **Jerseys**

Jerseys must be of the same colour and similar design. Slightly different designs are allowed (i.e. if both designs are for the same club). Players cannot wear a jersey that shows the jersey of another club.

Jersey sleeves must be pulled down to cover elbow pads.

### **Numbers**

Each player must wear an individual number – two players on the same team cannot share the same number.

#### Captains

Every team needs to have a captain allocated on their team list, who should have a "C" clearly shown on their jersey. Teams can also name up to 3 alternate captains, who should have an "A" clearly shown on their jersey.

#### Referee Abuse

The 2024 National Championship is a zero tolerance event for referee abuse, and we are encouraging all referees to manage any verbal abuse accordingly.



## **Expressions of interest for Nationals Disciplinary Panel**

In the event of a Game Misconduct or Match penalty issued in any game, a Disciplinary Panel will need to review the penalty/penalties. If you are interested in being a member of the Disciplinary Panel for Nationals, please email <a href="mailto:brendon@inlinehockeynz.org.nz">brendon@inlinehockeynz.org.nz</a>. You do not have to be attending the full event, as we will create a pool of people to choose from depending on the teams involved in any incident requiring discipline.

The board have approved a new Minimum Suspension Guideline for both players and coaches that can be found here on the <u>policy page of the Inline Hockey New Zealand</u> website.

