

The Scottish Ice Hockey Association Guidelines for Stewarding at Games

Due to the fact that within Scotland we have a variety of different designed arenas, it is important to take into consideration the distance between the dressing rooms and the ice surface.

PROTECTION OF PLAYERS / OFFICIALS

It is the responsibility of the home team / rink management to ensure that they have sufficient stewards available to provide the players and officials with a clear passageway between their dressing rooms and ice surface at all times.

It is recommended that the stewards wear a luminous coloured bib or jacket in order that they are easily recognised by the match officials, players and members of the public.

They must at all times ensure that the passageway both coming and going between the dressing room and the ice surface is kept clear either by a barrier or an alternative form of restricting the area.

No one other than the competing teams, their off-ice coaching staff or the match officials should be allowed anywhere near the dressing room areas.

In an arena which has plexi-glass installed, a steward must be available to open and close the door to the ice surface at all times in order that the door can be opened for an injured player or a player who has been ejected from the game.

The home club must work closely with their Arena / Rink management and its staff to ensure that the players / officials are fully protected at all times and that the current health and safety regulations are complied to.

DRESSING ROOMS

On arrival at the venue, the away team manager should contact the home team or arena management and observe the following recommendations.

- a. The dressing room being allocated should be inspected prior to the team entering it along with a member of the arena staff or home club to check for any damage. On being satisfied that everything is in order the away team manager should sign for the room key.
- b. Following this inspection any damage caused accidental or otherwise will be charged to either the individual or team who will be held accountable for their players' behaviour.
- c. The team manager will be responsible for opening and closing the dressing room during the course of the game including allowing access to any injured player or one who has been ejected from the game.
- d. Where a player has been ejected, the team manager (home or away) must meet him at the side of the arena and ensure that he goes directly to the dressing room **and remains there**.
- e. At the culmination of the game, the room should again be inspected by the same persons (where possible) and any damage noted in writing before the key is returned.

f. Willful, malicious damage to property will result in the guilty party being reported to the SIHA for disciplinary action and may result in them being banned by the arena management from their premises.

PLAYERS EJECTED FROM GAMES

When a player has been ejected from the game by the referee and escorted to the side of the arena by a lineman he must go directly to his dressing room and remain there.

Any player who does not go directly to the dressing room and becomes involved with members of the public or causes the game to be further delayed will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute and automatically suspended.

Any player who leaves the dressing room area and becomes involved in any way that causes either the game to be delayed or become involved with members of the public or arena staff will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute and be automatically suspended.