

## **Part 1** **Introduction of Suggestion Umpire**

### **<< What is Suggestion Umpire? >>**

Usually, Hockey has 2 main umpires and 1 reserved umpire in a game.

Inside a circle of the game, one more umpire can standby for giving their opinions if they are asked.

We call them Suggestion Umpire.

### **<<Background to Suggestion Umpire>>**

(1) In world main competitions such as the World Cup and the Olympics, the machine called Video Umpire is used.

In this case, 4-5 video cameras are set in a circle, and monitoring rooms are also prepared according to the number of video cameras. As the cost issue, it is very difficult to practice this umpiring in Japan

\* Basically, suggestion umpire is not introduced as an alternative to Video Umpire

(2) Some sports such as baseball and Sumo have already introduced video, but there still has umpiring mistake.

It is natural for humans to make mistakes, but we need to preserve their dignity in games.

Basketball has not introduced video judgment from a view of it's specificity, but sometimes 3 umpiring system can be seen.

(3) Appealing System currently conducted

After a game, players and team can object to umpire's judgments.

However, this system is difficult to conduct from the side of the domestic operation.

(4) At last, in order to make better hockey games, we take suggestion umpire in games hosted by Japan Hockey Association.

### **<< Role of Suggestion Umpire >>**

(1) Wearing a different uniform from other umpires' without a whistle

(2) No chances to have actions including words unless they are asked to have their opinions by main and reserved umpires.

- (3) Range of umpiring is only inside the circle, but regarding scores, the range might be out of the circle.
- (4) Moving Range is outside the circle back-line and umpiring as far as possible from the line.
- (5) Players are not permitted to argue with the suggestion umpire.
- (6) Taking part in a meeting before a game and say opinions and assist other umpires as necessary.

## **Part 2**

### **Foul out for 2 minutes by Green Card**

- 1) Originally, a green card gives players only an attention, but now players have to leave the game for 2 minutes.
- 2) The details of a green card system and timetable are below.
  - (1) A green card is shown by umpires after the stop of the time as usual.
  - (2) A game might be restarted before the player enters the penalty box.
  - (3) 2 minutes count for the players are started when the players take seats in a penalty box, not when the game restarted.
  - (4) The 2 minutes above is managed by the official table and the re-entry of the players are indicated by a game TO.
  - (5) When a game is interrupted, the clock for 2 minutes is also stopped.
  - (6) In a half time, players can return their bench as is the case in a yellow card.
  - (7) After a game, players can take part in a penalty stroke.
- 3) Measuring the time in an official table
  - (1) The 2 minutes are measured by a professional personnel, not TOs or umpires.
  - (2) This personnel does not need a qualification for an official table if TDs permitted.

## **Part 3**

### **A penalty for flying start in a penalty corner**

- 1) Originally, umpires give players just a warning in a flying start, and even in worse, a yellow card or a penalty corner are given.

This time, this penalty itself has not been changed, but the penalties below are added.
- 2) Players who cause false-starts, they have to move to the center line.

- (1) When players enter a circle before an opponent touches a ball to push it into the circle, they are judged as a flying start.
  - (2) Team is not permitted to find a replacement member after flying start.
  - (3) When a goalkeeper causes a flying start, an alternative player can move to the center line.
- 3) Players who got a flying start, have to wait before the center line until a penalty corner is over.
- (1) When a penalty corner changes into corner or free-hit, including a ball going out of 5m from a circle, the penalty corner can end. It means that players have to go back to the center until the penalty corner is over. Therefore, if players who are back to the center line in an extra time, they cannot play in a penalty corner till a game ends.
- 4) Players who returns to the center line, can go into a circle as well as other players once a ball is pushed by an opponent player.