

Guidance to Umpires

Management of Captains v Coach/Manager

FIH Rule 3.4 states, “**Captains are responsible for the behaviour of all players on their team and for ensuring that substitutions of players on their team are carried out correctly. A personal penalty is awarded if a captain does not exercise these responsibilities**”.

Captains are responsible for their team which includes all players on and off the pitch. Captains are NOT responsible for the misbehaviour of the coach / manager.

If umpires are having problems with behaviour or conduct of a coach / manager they should stop play and give a firm verbal caution, where appropriate. Temporary suspension cards (green or yellow) CANNOT be used. The coach / manager must be advised that unless they behave, only a permanent suspension card (red) can be issued to them. It would be mainly the responsibility of the umpire on the bench side to control a coach /manager however that does not exclude the umpire on the non-bench side from taking appropriate action, if the circumstances permit.

Note: In matches with a technical table, the Technical Officer or the MTA is responsible for the benches (coach / manager and bench players). A Technical Officer or MTA can therefore issue temporary suspension cards to bench players but only a permanent suspension card to a coach / manager. Should an umpire need to have any direct contact with team benches, this should be taken following consultation with Technical Officer or MTA.