

Clarification on the Guidance Note of Rule 14.1d of Indoor Hockey

In order to make it clear for technical officials when to allow suspended players to re-enter the pitch, the following text (in bold and underlined) was added to R 14.1d guidance note:

*As time is stopped from the award of a penalty corner to the recommencement of play no offending player will be permitted to re-enter the pitch until play has restarted, **after the penalty corner is completed.***

This add-on wishes to make it clear that suspended players are not allowed to take part on a penalty corner (PC) unless their suspension time ends before the award of the PC.

If the awarding of a PC and the end of suspension time happen at the same time, the player cannot re-enter the match before the end of the PC.

The rational for this is as follows:

1. Players go behind the goal line to defend PC;
2. At PC players have to be level with far circle if they are not behind the goal line – hence players cannot re-enter the field legally between those points from the substitution/returning suspended players area;
3. In indoor the circle is much closer to the half way line than in outdoor, so returning players could interfere with the taking of a PC.