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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Hockey India is fully compliance with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports National Code on Prevention of Age Fraud.

Additionally, Hockey India views intentional cases of age fraud as a serious offence that violates the spirit and code of our sport in India. As such, strong penalties will be imposed of those players that are found to be intentionally committing age fraud.

Players are encouraged to provide details on the Players Registration Application Form that are true and correct.

2.0 NATIONAL CODE ON PREVENTION OF AGE FRAUD

As part of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports National Code Against Age Fraud in Sports (NCAAFS) on Prevention of Age Fraud, all National Sports Federations, including Hockey India are required to ensure that ALL age category athletes undergo medical examination to verify their age prior to participation in tournaments, competitions or joining any training camps.

3.0 PENALTIES FOR AGE FRAUD INFRINGEMENTS

Hockey India imposes harsh penalties on players and Member Units that are found to have intentionally committed an age fraud offence.

A player found guilty of an age fraud offence could be banned from playing any State / National / International events under Hockey India (or its Member Units) for a period of up to 2 seasons / 2 years.

4.0 AGE TESTING

All players participating in any age level Hockey India tournament, competition or attending a national camp needs to their age verified by way of a medical test prior to participation.

Copies of the medical reports confirming the players age is within the specific 'age category' for the tournament and competition will need to be sent to Hockey India by State Units and Members along with the team entry form.

5.0 HOCKEY INDIA DUE DILIGENCE

To ensure that Hockey India has performed its due diligence with regards to players with an age that falls within the junior and sub-junior category, an additional medical test will be conducted.