

INFRACTIONS AND FINES

Foreword

Refer to the “Infractions and Fines” that laid down in the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Tournament Regulations in 2019, the Hong Kong Baseball Association (HKBA) has determined certain Infractions and Fines as below.

1. Infraction of specific HKBA Competition Regulations will automatically incur a fine in HKD. The violator will have **two weeks** from the date of notification to pay the fine. Any appeal of a decision regarding a fine will be handled as per the **section 5** of these Regulations. While teams, players and clubs will be notified about fines during the competition by the Vice-chairman of Games and Director of Open League, the HKBA Secretariat will be responsible for ensuring that fines are paid in a timely fashion. It is ultimately the responsibility of the participating teams to ensure that these fines have been paid. Failure to do so will result in teams being unable to participate in the next season, as well as additional fines being incurred. No team will be permitted to play in HKBA official events if outstanding fines have not been paid to the HKBA Secretariat.
2. The following is the list of infraction levels and associated fines and suspensions.
 - A level fines: \$5,000 - \$6,000
 - B level fines: \$2,000 - \$4,000
 - C level fines: \$500 - \$1,500

3. LEVEL OF INFRACTIONS

3.1 A level infractions:

A level is infractions of rules that are considered crucial for competition success, those that cause serious negative effects on international baseball. The fine for an A level infraction is \$5,000 - \$6,000.

The following are examples of A level infractions:

- Foreign substance/doctored baseball
- Physically aggressive activities against HKBA official
- Physically aggressive activities against a fan
- Illegal/corked bat
- Throwing equipment in umpire's direction
- Intentional throwing at a batter in the head area

3.2 B level infractions:

B level is infractions of rules that are considered important for games operations and/or also is a behavior that is considered unsportsmanlike. The fine for a B level infraction is \$2,000 - \$4,000.

The following are examples of B level infractions:

- Not leaving dugout after ejection
- Contacting an umpire
- Fighting
- Team personnel ejection

3.3 C level infractions:

C level is infractions of logistical and/or routine rules in nature. The fine for a C level infraction is \$500 - \$1,500.

The following are examples of C level infractions:

- Delay or absence in manager's meeting without prior notice
- Failure to follow regulations concerning uniform color and related regulations
- Failure to follow guidelines on field use and maintenance
- Failure to notify HKBA regarding swapping a scheduled game with other teams
- Failure to meet the protection and security regulations of the players in the playing field
- When non-authorized personnel enters/does not leave the dugout, after being instructed by HKBA Official

3.4 In case any participants are charged with conduct that requires stronger sanctions than the above, the Vice-chairman of Games and Director of Open League may impose a penalty and/or suspension they find appropriate and justified. Any appeal of the decision will be taken up by the Jury of Appeal.

3.5 Conduct on or off the field:

Damages caused by any member of a team to the playing field, venue's facilities, or to any other area, will be the direct responsibility of the team/club they represent. HKBA and LCSD shall not be responsible for the financial situation of any team or club.

3.6 Examples of incidents and potential infractions and fines.

These incidents will serve as guidelines for the types of fines and/or suspensions that the Vice-chairman of Games and Director of Open League will use when rendering judgments:

Infraction Level	Action	Fine	Suspension
C	Delay or absence in manager's meeting or a game without prior notice	\$500	
C	Failure to follow regulations concerning uniform color and related regulations	\$1,000	
C	Failure to follow guidelines on field use and maintenance	\$1,000	
C	Failure to notify HKBA regarding swapping a scheduled game with other teams	\$1,000	
C	Failure to meet the protection and security regulations of the players in the playing field	\$1,500	
C	Failure to submit starting line ups in time	\$1,500	
C	Using unofficial game baseball in the competition	\$1,500	
C	Prolonged arguing	\$1,500	
C	Non-authorized personnel enters/does not leave the dugout after being instructed by HKBA Official	\$1,500	
B	Inappropriate comments directed at an umpire	\$2,000	
B	Use of non approved bat	\$2,000	
B	Violently throwing equipment	\$2,000	
B	Inappropriate gestures at an umpire/HKBA official	\$2,000	
B	Restrained from confronting umpire/player	\$2,000	
B	Actions causing benches to empty	\$2,500	
B	Team personnel ejection	\$2,500	
B	Actions during bench clearing (not physical violence)	\$2,500	0 to 3 games
B	Throwing equipment/debris onto field from dugout	\$2,500	0 to 5 games
B	Intentional throwing at a batter	\$2,500	1 to 4 games
B	Charging the mound	\$2,500	0 to 3 games
B	Not leaving dugout after ejection	\$3,000	1 to 3 games
B	Contacting an umpire/HKBA official	\$3,000	1 to 5 games
B	Fighting	\$4,000	3 to 5 games
A	Intentional throwing at a batter in the head area	\$5,000	4 to 5 games
A	Throwing equipment in umpire/HKBA official 's direction	\$5,000	1 to 5 games
A	Use of altered bat	\$5,000	4 to 5 games
A	Foreign substance/doctored baseball	\$5,000	10 games
A	Physically aggressive activity against a fan	\$6,000	5 to 15 games
A	Physically aggressive activity against HKBA official	\$6,000	0 to 6 games
A	Causing a forfeit game	\$6,000	0 to 6 games

Note 1: The Board of Directors of HKBA has its discretion to make additional Infractions and fines.

Note 2: The number of suspension games could cross a season.

4. JURY OF APPEAL

HKBA will appoint a Jury of Appeal comprising of the Chairman of HKBA or his authorized representative while his absent, and 2 other members

The Jury of Appeal will be the organ of appeal for fines, judgments, or suspensions dictated by the Technical Commission/Plate Umpire in the Competition. It will have no application in the judgments dictated by the Technical Commission/Plate Umpire in cases related to the *Official Baseball Rules*. Only the Technical Commission/Plate Umpire decisions that are not related to the Rules of the Game may be appealed in front of the Jury of Appeal.

5. APPEALS

- 5.1 The appeal brief shall be forwarded to the Jury of Appeal via HKBA Secretariat (email: hkbsa@hkolympic.org) accompanied by a copy of the judgment being appealed, together with a payment record of HKD1,500, quoting the rules that the appellant believes have been violated or have not been applied. Only the Technical Commission/Plate Umpire's decisions that are not related to the rules of the game may be appealed in front of the Jury of Appeal. Technical Commission/Plate Umpire's decisions related to the rules of the game are final and they can only appeal other items not related to game rules.
- 5.2 The time limit to present an appeal is 24 hours after having received the notification of the judgment to be appealed.
- 5.3 Once the appeal has been presented to Jury of Appeal, the Jury will meet in seven working days after receiving the appeal, and the decision will be made within fourteen working days of receiving appeal, knowing that the decision of the Jury could have a bearing on any subsequent games in the competition.

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違規和罰款

前言

參照世界棒球壘球聯總會（WBSC）2019 年競賽規則中訂定立的“違規和罰款”，香港棒球總會（HKBA）制定了以下違規和罰則。

1. 違反香港棒球總會的比賽規則將會罰款。違規者需於通知日起計**兩週**內支付罰款。如對罰款決定提出上訴將按照本規則**第 5 節**的程序處理。賽事組副主席兼董事會成員將在比賽期間通知球隊、球員和球會有關罰款，香港棒球總會秘書處將負責確保及時收取罰款。參賽球隊有責任確保已支付罰款，否則將導致球隊無法參加下一球季，並處以更高的罰款。如果未向香港棒球總會秘書處支付未清罰款，則不允許該球隊參加香港棒球總會舉辦之比賽。
2. 違規級別以及相關罰款詳列如下。
 - A 級罰款：\$5,000 - \$6,000
 - B 級罰款：\$2,000 - \$4,000
 - C 級罰款：\$500 - \$1,500

3. 違規等級

3.1 A 級違規

A 級違規的行為，對比賽順利完成很重要，那些行為會對比賽造成嚴重的負面影響。違反 A 級規定的罰款為\$ \$5,000 - \$6,000。

以下是 A 級違規的示例：

- 棒球上塗抹異物
- 對工作人員進行侵略性舉動
- 對觀眾進行身體攻擊
- 使用不合法球棒
- 向裁判員方向投擲裝備
- 有意向擊球手的頭部投球

3.2 B 級違規

B 級違規的行為，對比賽進行很重要，是一種被視為不守體育風格的行為。違反 B 級規定的罰款為\$2,000 - \$4,000。

以下是 B 級違規的示例：

- 被驅逐出場後不離開球員休息室
- 攻擊裁判員
- 打鬥
- 球隊人員被驅逐出場

3.3 C 級違規

C 級違規的行為，本質上是違反規則的行為。C 級違規行為的罰款為\$500 - \$1,500。

以下是 C 級違規的示例：

- 沒有通知下遲到或缺席經理會議
- 不遵守有關統一顏色的規定及相關規定
- 不遵守場地使用準則
- 沒有通知香港棒球總會關於與其他球隊交換預定比賽時間的信息
- 不符合比賽場地上球員的保護和安全規定
- 在未獲授權的人員進入/不離開球員休息室的情況下，應根據香港棒球總會工作人員的指示

3.4 如果任何參與者被控以需要對上述行為進行更嚴厲制裁的行為，則賽事組副主席兼董事會成員可對他們認為適當和合理的行為處以罰款和/或停賽。該決定的任何上訴將由上訴委員會處理。

3.5 在場上或場外進行：

任何球隊成員對運動場、場地設施或任何其他區域造成的損壞，將由其代表的球隊直接負責。香港棒球總會和康樂及文化事務署對任何球隊或球會的財務狀況概不負責。

3.6 違規事件和罰款的示例。

這些事件將作為罰款和/或停賽類型的指引，賽事組副主席和聯賽總監在做出判決時將使用以下罰則：

違規水平	行為	罰款	停賽
C	沒有通知下遲到或缺席經理會議	\$500	
C	不遵守有關統一顏色的規定及相關規定	\$1,000	
C	不遵守場地使用準則	\$1,000	
C	沒有通知香港棒球總會關於與其他球隊交換預定比賽時間的信息	\$1,000	
C	不符合比賽場地上球員的保護和安全規定	\$1,500	
C	不按時提交名單	\$1,500	
C	使用不合法棒球	\$1,500	
C	投訴裁判員判決	\$1,500	
C	在未獲授權的人員進入/不離開球員休息室的情況下，應根據香港棒球總會工作人員的指示	\$1,500	
B	比賽期間與觀眾交談	\$2,000	
B	言語攻擊裁判員	\$2,000	
B	使用未被批准之球棒	\$2,000	
B	投擲裝備	\$2,000	

B	使用不當動作	\$2,000	
B	避免面對裁判/球員	\$2,000	
B	導致清空板櫈	\$2,500	
B	被驅逐出場	\$2,500	
B	清空板櫈期間打鬥	\$2,500	0 to 3 場
B	由球員休息室擲裝備	\$2,500	0 to 5 場
B	有意向擊球手投球	\$2,500	1 to 4 場
B	擊球手故意衝向投手丘	\$2,500	0 to 3 場
B	被驅逐出場後不離開球員休息室	\$3,000	1 to 3 場
B	攻擊裁判員	\$3,000	1 to 5 場
B	打鬥	\$4,000	3 to 5 場
A	有意向擊球手的頭部投球	\$5,000	4 to 5 場
A	向裁判員方向投擲裝備	\$5,000	1 to 5 場
A	使用不合法球棒	\$5,000	4 to 5 場
A	棒球上塗抹異物	\$5,000	10 場
A	對觀眾進行身體攻擊	\$6,000	5 to 15 場
A	對工作人員進行侵略性舉動	\$6,000	0 to 6 場
A	導致無法完成比賽	\$6,000	0 to 6 場

註 1：董事會有權就違規事件和罰款作出額外罰款。

註 2：停賽判決可跨球季執行。

4. 陪審團

香港棒球總會將任命一個由上訴委員會主席或其缺席的授權代表以及另外 2 名成員組成的上訴委員會。

上訴委員會將是比賽中技術委員會/裁判員規定的罰款，判決或中止的上訴機構。在與《官方棒球規則》有關的情況下，技術委員會/裁判員規定的判決將不適用該規則。只有與比賽規則無關的技術委員會/裁判員決定才能在上訴委員會面前提出。

5. 上訴

5.1 提出上訴應通過香港棒球總會秘書處轉交至上訴陪審團（電郵：

hkbsa@hkolympic.org），並附上上訴判決書副本，並附上港幣 1,500 元的付款記錄，及引述上訴人認為的規則，已被違反或未被應用。只有與比賽規則無關的技術委員會/裁判員的決定才能在上訴委員會面前提出。技術委員會/裁判員關於比賽規則的決定是最終決定，並且只能對與比賽規則無關的其他項目提出上訴。

5.2 提出上訴的時限是在收到判決通知後 24 小時。

5.3 一旦將上訴提交給上訴委員會，委員會將在收到上訴起七個工作日內舉行會議，並且在知道委員會的決定可能會對上訴產生影響後，在收到上訴後的十四個工作日內做出決定。

以上所有規例和罰則以英文版為準

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