



Comments to the final draft of the Rules Of The Game 2009:

1.10

NEW: Rule to cover smoking in and at venues. This was not covered by the rule book before.

1.11

NEW: Rule to adopt current practice when music is played at a venue. This was not covered by the rule book before.

3.1.5

NEW: No rule covered the appointment of timekeepers.

3.1.10

DELETED: It's a duplicate of 3.1.9

3.3.17

CHANGED: Added the game misconduct penalty and changed the wording, as red and black card is not used as a penalty designator any more - they are just referee signals.

3.6.1 c)

CHANGED: The word "penalty" is plainly wrong in this context.

4.1.10

CHANGED: The correct reference is 4.1.1 to 4.1.9.

4.2.1 and 4.2.2

CHANGED: The current rule allows for two edge cases in team composition: a team can play with 4 outfield players and 14 goalkeepers or with 18 outfield players. The desired team composition should be 1 or 2 goalkeepers and 4 to 16 outfield players. That is the team composition our match report was designed for.

4.2.3

CHANGED: As "old-boys" is an official age-group it must be mentioned here.

4.2.6, 4.3.2, 4.3.3

CHANGED: The correct wording in hockey terms for the shirt worn by hockey players is "Jersey".

4.2.13

In fact that is what the bench penalty is designed for.

4.3.1

CHANGED: Infringement reformatted as it was hidden in the rules text.

4.3.6

CHANGED: No substantial change, just rewritten and reformatted.

5.1 - 5.9

DELETED: The whole chapter 5 will be deleted in favor of a completely rewritten equipment chapter. The main reason was to remove the dependency on the IIHF rule book regarding equipment regulations. The IIHF changes its equipment regulations (e.g. goalkeeper equipment measures are reduced now and then which would have our goalkeepers buy new equipment every two years) regularly and strictly spoken we'd have to follow those changes. The new chapter just copies current equipment measures from the IISHF rule book so all current equipment is legal for our sport. We also tried to bring in more structure into this chapter by moving items to headings under which they belong, by introducing new headings for all major parts of the protective equipment and so on.

5.10

NEW: This rule makes general assumptions about the equipment used. It's an introduction into the equipment chapter.

5.10.7

NEW: A referee will have to issue a verbal warning to a player and rule him off the pitch if the player enters the pitch with missing or illegal equipment. After the first verbal warning a misconduct penalty can be assessed. This removes the possibility that a referee just simply waits until a player with missing or illegal equipment enters the pitch just to assess a misconduct penalty.

5.12.3

NEW: "Tape-on-stick"-rule. Strictly spoken currently no tape is allowed on a player's or goalkeeper's stick as the equipment has been modified.

5.12.4

NEW: Copy of the current ice-hockey stick dimensions.

5.13.1

NEW: Please see 5.15.2 for details

5.14

NEW: Details on how to use and wear a helmet.

5.15.1

NEW: Recommendation that all players should wear at least a half visor when playing.

5.15.2

NEW: All players born after December 31st 1992 should have to wear their full face mask even after they left the junior age-group. This rule is a compromise that includes all arguments regarding the obligation to use full face masks or half visors. First of all this rule won't touch any of the old players who are accustomed to play without visors or face masks for years. The rule also won't force anyone to buy new equipment as junior players just cannot remove their face mask any more. The timeframe gives the players the ability to become acquainted to this new rule as the first generation of players to be hit by this rule will be this year's oldest youth players. It will only be a matter of time until all players wear full face masks when playing inline-skaterhockey. This rule adopts the same principle which the NHL used to introduce the obligation to wear helmets.

5.18.2

NEW: Clarification of the Mission Thorax problem.

5.20.1

NEW: Copy of IIHF rules for goalkeeper equipment.

5.21.2

NEW: Explicitly allow for the use of special goalkeeper skates.

5.22.4

NEW: Copy of the current ice-hockey stick dimensions.

5.24.2 - 5.24.4

NEW: Procedure for referees in case a goalkeeper's mask or helmet comes off while play is in progress.

5.24.5

NEW: A hard shot to the head of a goalkeeper can be potentially dangerous. A referee must have the ability to stop play and check the status of the goalkeeper.

5.25.1, 5.25.2

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NEW: Copy of IIHF leg guards dimensions.

5.26.1

NEW: Copy of IISHF blocker dimensions.

5.27.1, 5.27.2

NEW: Copy of IISHF catching glove dimensions.

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CHANGED: The sentence "Some rules state that the captain , manager or coach shall..." is wrong as a player serving a penalty will always be selected by the captain.

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CHANGED: This proposal would simplify the selection process for a player to serve a penalty if the captain is somehow uncooperative. It also removes the burden from a referee to pick a player by himself which could lead to unnecessary discussions ("Why did he choose this player?")

7.3.1

Not precise enough. The new text defines the way a bench penalty is handled.

7.6.3

CHANGED: Just a rephrasing.

7.7.2

CHANGED: Just a specification.

7.7.3

CHANGED: All non-playing managers or non-playing coaches in fact are team bench officials.

7.8.2

CHANGED: Just a specification.

7.8.3

CHANGED: This was plainly an error in the current rule book.

7.9

CHANGED: The complete goalkeeper's penalty procedure has been changed. The new procedure will ensure that no goalkeeper will have to sit in the penalty box and therefore all rules related to how these situations will have to be handled are obsolete now. This greatly simplifies the procedure and removes the possibility for such funny situations where a goalkeeper with all its equipment has to climb over the boards to get into and out of the penalty box. This will also decrease the situations where goalkeeper equipment has to be changed as this will only happen if a team has no backup goalkeeper and the goalkeeper was ruled off the pitch by a game misconduct, match or gross match penalty.

7.11.6

NEW: Introduce the obligation that all players in the penalty box will have to keep their jerseys on for easier identification. Players must also keep their helmets on for safety reasons.

7.12.10

CHANGED: Just a rephrasing.

7.12.11

CHANGED: Just a specification.

7.12.14

CHANGED: Just a specification.

7.13.1

CHANGED: Just a specification (added game misconduct penalty).

8.6.3

CHANGED: The current wording just tries to say that the referee will have to assess a bench penalty.

8.12.15 a)

CHANGED: There is no choice.

8.12.17 a)

CHANGED: There is no choice.

8.12.19

NEW: New rule to cover diving which until now could only be handled as a misconduct prejudicial to the spirit of good sportsmanship (8.20.6).

8.15.8

CHANGED: This changes is a consequence of the new goalkeeper's penalty procedure.

8.20.12

CHANGED/NEW: The text for this rule was hidden in the rule's text of 8.20.11. Also changed 5'+GM to GM.

Second Paragraph: NEW! To allow for punishment of unidentified players.

8.21.1

CHANGED: Just a rephrasing.

Infringement: In fact that is what the bench penalty is designed for.

8.23.2

CHANGED: Just a specification.

8.26.3

CHANGED: to match the current tournament rules.

8.28.1

NEW: The nominal playing time for full games of inline-skaterhockey has not been covered by the rule book yet.

8.28.3

CHANGED: No C-events any more.

8.28.4

CHANGED: Specification as the old rule book covered only A-events.

8.28.5, 8.28.6, 8.30.1

CHANGED: See 8.30.2 for details.

8.28.9

Illogical – must be removed.

8.30.2

NEW: No whistle on face-offs (to spare players' ears from a high, shrill tone directly into their ears). The whistle is used to stop play everywhere else in the rulebook (except penalty shots and free hits). Possibility to allow for using the whistle at the face-off when the rink infrastructure calls for it.

8.31.1, 8.31.2



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CHANGED: It's not necessary that a team has to play a five minute shorthanded situation just because one of their players couldn't stop the bleeding.

9.1.2

CHANGED: The new referee signals will be inserted here.

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