

Rules Changes 2015 - Survey Results

	Previous Rule	New Rule	Are you in favour of this Rule being introduced in:					
			Adult hockey		11-a-side junior hockey		Small sided junior hockey	
BREAKING AT A PENALTY CORNER	A penalty stroke can be awarded for defenders persistently crossing the back-line before permitted during the taking of penalty corners.	A penalty stroke can no longer be awarded. Instead, a defending player breaking early will be sent to the half way line, meaning that a retaken penalty corner will be defended by fewer defenders.	Yes	5410 90%	Yes	4881; 81%	Yes	3337; 55%
			No	606; 10%	No	1135; 19%	No	2679; 45%
TWO MINUTE GREEN CARD	The green card is used only as a warning to an offending player. The offending player is allowed to remain on the field of play.	When an offending player is awarded a green card, he/she will be required to leave the field of play for a period of two minutes.	Yes	3952; 67%	Yes	3098; 52%	Yes	1857; 31%
			No	1969; 33%	No	2823; 48%	No	4064; 69%
USE OF THE STICK ABOVE THE SHOULDER	A player cannot play the ball with any part of the stick when the ball is above shoulder height (except that defenders are allowed to use the stick to stop or deflect a shot at goal at any height).	Players can play the ball with any part of the stick when the ball is above shoulder height, provided that they do so in a controlled manner and in a way that does not create or lead to danger.	Yes	4458 76%	Yes	2415 41%	Yes	1214 21%
			No	1410 24%	No	3453 59%	No	4654 79%
FREE HITS AWARDED WITHIN 5 METRES OF THE EDGE OF THE CIRCLE	If a free hit is awarded within 5 metres of the edge of the circle, the free hit must be taken from the 5 metre dotted line.	A free hit awarded within 5 metres of the edge of the circle can be taken from the point of the offence. The ball still has to travel at least 5 metres before it can be played into the circle, or alternatively has to be touched by another player of either team, other than the player taking the free hit.	Yes	4626 80%	Yes	4459 77%	Yes	4064 70%
			No	1185 20%	No	1352 23%	No	1747 30%
RE-START AFTER THE BALL HAS BEEN UNINTENTIONALLY PLAYED OVER THE BACK LINE BY A DEFENDER (AND NO GOAL IS SCORED)	When the ball is unintentionally played over the backline by a defender and no goal is scored, play is re-started by the attacking team with the ball on the mark 5 metres from the corner of the field on the side-line nearest to where the ball crossed the back-line.	Play will be re-started by the attacking team with the ball on the 23 metres line and in line with where it crossed the back-line.	Yes	4330 75%	Yes	4273 74%	Yes	3992 69%
			No	1429 25%	No	1486 26%	No	1767 31%