



## DIRECTIVE-RULE ADJUSTMENT 2017-2018

Also this year a new rule book has been drawn up. The changes in the text of the new rulebook is marked with a line in the margin. Not all changes in the text is new rules. It also can be better text of the same rule as before.

### **In general:**

#### **Page 4:**

Drawing on the rink.

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Figures showing the referee signs.

### **Rule 1:**

#### **The rink**

The length shall not be less than 100 m or more than 110 m. The width shall not be less than 60 m or more than 65 m.

*Comments:*

*This is an adaptation to reality and not a new rule.*

Of the offensive team only the player who executes the corner-stroke is allowed to be at the end-line. Other offensive player must be at least 5 meter up from end-line.

*Comments:*

*Earlier we had a text that said: "5 m from the end-line and parallel with this is drawn a line 50 cm long mark from the penalty line in direction of the end line". This drawn line is not marked on all international rinks and it seems also not necessary. Also an adaption to reality.*

### **Rule 2:**

#### **The stick**

The sticks may have a maximum length of 127.0 cm. The length is measured along the outer side of the stick's bend. Maximum thickness of the blade is 1.2 cm. The stick's blade should over the entire blade have a minimum width of 5.3 cm and a maximum width of 7.0 cm including winding. The blade radius should have a maximum outer radius of 575 mm (57.5 cm). The stick's blade may NOT be straight anywhere, maximum radius is thus 575 mm (57.5 cm). The tip of the blade should 1.0 cm into the blade have a width of at least 5.3 cm.

*Comments:*

*This is a text from FIB TC decisions about equipment and also an adaption to reality*

#### **The skate**

The blade must have a minimum thickness of 2.9 mm.

*Comments:*

*This is a text from FIB TC decisions about equipment and also an adaption to reality*

### **Protection equipment**

From season 2017-2018, the provision is that field players going from junior to senior shall

continue using face protection throughout the career as follows:  
It is obligatory to wear half face protection / visor and teeth guard/mouth guard alternatively full-face protection.

Junior age is 19 years and younger.

*Comments :*

*Decision from last season but introduced this season.*

### **Duties of the organizer**

It have to be a sufficient number of balls ( at least 20 balls )

*Comments:*

*Earlier the rule said at least 6 balls ! An adaption to reality.*

### **Rule 3**

#### **Number of participants**

The roster of the team can be filled up until the end of playing time and also in overtime but not in penalty shot competition.

*Comments:*

*An adaption to reality and a mistake that this was not in the rulebook.*

#### **Substitutions of players during the game**

If a player in either of two teams gets injured in connection with the corner, the injured player may be replaced after approval by the referee.

*Comments:*

*This is a reasonable and humanitarian issue. Also mentioned in rule 10.3*

#### **Insufficient number of players at match start.**

Players who come to the match after the match started will be set up on players roster and the match report must be signed again by the responsible leader.

*Comments:*

*An adaption to reality and a mistake that this was not in the rulebook.*

### **Rule 4**

#### ***Playing time in classes defined by age***

Players Y21 and Y19: 2 halves of 45 minutes

Players men Y17: 2 halves of 45 minutes

Players women Y17: 2 halves of 35 minutes.

Players Y15: 2 halves of 35 minutes

Players Y13 years or younger : 2 halves of 25 minutes

*Comments:*

*An adaption to rules in FIB Conditions for different tournaments. It has thus been wrong in the previous rule book.*

#### **Heavy snowfall**

If because of heavy snowfall, the rink should become unplayable; the referee can decide to divide the match in three periods to allow time for snow-clearance.

*Comments:*

*Earlier we said that referee **should** decide three periods. An adaption to reality.*

## **Timeout**

The referee announces the extra time for all the time spent on the timeout. Player with time penalty may not participate in the timeout.

*Comments:*

*Earlier text in rulebook: "Additional time shall normally be one and a half minute"= adaption to reality.  
Also the text about player with time penalty is an adaption to reality.*

## **Players who incidentally are outside the rink**

~~A player, who incidentally in a game situation has passed the end-line, can re-enter the rink on the place where he went out of it.~~

*Comments:*

*We have taken this text away from rulebook. An adaption to reality.*

## **Rule 6**

### **The goalkeeper's equipment**

Face mask (full face protection ) for goalkeepers.

Face protection is compulsory for goalkeepers (CE approved). Changes to the facial protection is prohibited. Test blade (6 x 53 mm) shall not be possible to get through the protection.

*Comments:*

*This is a text from FIB TC decisions about goalkeepers equipment and also an adaption to reality.*

### **Intentional play to own goalkeeper**

Back Games to own goalkeeper will result in penalty shot and time penalty when the pass is intentionally to the goalkeeper.

*Comments:*

*It will always be penalty shot and time penalty when the home pass is **intentionally** !*

## **Rule 7**

### **High stick**

If a player play high stick but fail to hit the ball, this should not be penalized with free stroke/penalty stroke unless the offense is considered dangerous game and the risk of other players is compromised.

*Comments:*

*An adaption to reality and a mistake that this was not in the rulebook.*

## **Rule 8.**

### **Shadowing an opponent**

It is not allowed intentionally to shadow a player when your own team are in possession of the ball. Such behavior shall be considered as shadowing, and the referee shall give warning to the shadowing player, and he shall blow for a free-stroke. If shadow is repeated, by the same player or by a team-mate, the referee shall blow for a free-stroke and send the shadowing player off the rink (5 min). You may only shadow a player when your own team has not possession of the ball.

*Comments:*

*We now use the word "shadow" instead of the word "obstruction" . It means that if you touch the opponent player it will be an Interference and then 10 minutes time penalty. Also Rule 17- warning ( yellow card ) and rule 17 -10 minutes penalty .*

## **Rule 10.**

### **Goal-throw and free-stroke inside the penalty area**

All the opponents shall be outside the penalty area, when the free-stroke or goal-throw is made.

*Comments:*

*Even when it is a free-stroke the opponents will stay outside penalty area.*

## **Rule 13**

### **Execution of the free-stroke at over-time “last shot “.**

This rule also applies to **stroke off** and **face off**.

*Comments :*

*An adaption to reality.*

## **Rule 16**

### **Players entitled to participate in penalty shot competition.**

Only players and substitutes who were on the **team roster** at the game's finish are entitled to participate.

*Comments:*

*In earlier rulebook it was “only players and substitutes who were on the **field**”-. =Adaption to reality.*

## **Rule 17**

### **5 minutes penalty**

Shadowing an opponent when your own team are in possession of the ball. It should be a time penalty if a player from the same team has already been warned.

*Comments:*

*“Shadowing” instead of “obstruction” and also text about “your own team are in possession of the ball” .*

### **10 minutes penalty**

Intentionally hindering an opponent who is not playing the ball (interference) and win a favor of this.

*Comments:*

*FIB RRC wants to add extra focus on this and also introduces a new penalty sign (crossbones over the chest)*

### **Exclusion for the rest of the match. Rough reported penalty.**

If a player in connection with a 10 minute time penalty for misconduct is guilty of further time penalty.

*Comments:*

*Adaption to reality. This is an interpretation we always had but it has not been enrolled in the rulebook*

## **Rule 18**

### **Match report**

The head referee should control and sign the match protocol after the match.

*Comments :*

*Adaption to reality.*

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