

2009 New or Revised Situations and Rulings

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1.9.1 Situation F: Team A purchased new shoulder pads for the team. Parts of the shoulder pads came from the manufacturer with parts attached with Velcro. In addition to the parts attached with Velcro, there were two additional parts in the box that could be added to the pads with Velcro. Is it a requirement that all parts of the pad be worn to be in compliance with the rules? **Ruling:** Players are not required to wear pieces of the pads and other protective equipment that the manufacturer intended to be optional. Thus, pieces that came with the pads that are attached with Velcro or loose in the box and could be added with Velcro attachment are considered optional and players are not required to wear them.

1.9.2 SITUATION D: During the game, A1 is discovered to be wearing a helmet eye shield which is clear and eye glasses which are (a) tinted or (b) clear. **RULING:** In (a), A1 is assessed a one-minute non-releasable foul for illegal equipment. In (b), no penalty. Wearing a clear, molded and non-rigid helmet eye shield and clear eyeglasses is legal.

4.5 SITUATION: A1 makes a pass to A2. While the ball is in flight, B1 commits a (a) technical foul or (b) personal foul. **RULING:** In (a), the official will signal play-on. If the pass is completed, the penalty flag is thrown and a slow-whistle situation begins. If the pass is not completed, the whistle is blown immediately and team A is awarded the ball. In (b), it is a flag-down, slow-whistle situation.

4.24 SITUATION: During a special substitution (during play), player A1 exits the field and A2 delays his entry onto the field. **RULING:** Illegal procedure on A2. If it was deliberate, this could be an unsportsmanlike conduct with a one-minute releasable penalty.

4.24.2 SITUATION: Play has been suspended for an official's timeout. A2 substitutes for A1 through the box. **RULING:** Legal. Special substitution may take place during an official's timeout.

4.29 SITUATION: (a) The ball goes out-of-bounds on the end line. (b) The ball goes out-of-bounds on the end line following a violation. Either team calls a timeout. **RULING:** In (a), the ball should be re-started at the spot where the ball crossed the end line. In (b), the ball should be re-started laterally outside the goal area.

5.4 SITUATION E: A1 scores a goal. The official sees him adjust the strings before the official is able to ask him for his stick. The equipment check will continue. **RULING:** a one-minute non-releasable unsportsmanlike conduct penalty shall be served and the goal will be disallowed.

5.5 SITUATION C: B1's crosse is too short and he is not wearing arm pads. **RULING:** A player with both an illegal crosse and an equipment violation will only be penalized for the most severe of the violations. B1 will serve a 3-minute non-releasable penalty.

6.5 SITUATION: During the course of play, goalie B1's stick becomes broken or any other required equipment becomes broken or dislodged. **RULING:** The officials will stop play as soon as they notice the problem, regardless of whether the goalie is in or out of the crease. However, if a shot is already in flight when the equipment becomes broken or dislodged, the shot will be allowed to come to its normal conclusion before the whistle blows to stop play.

6.7 SITUATION E: A1 drops his crosse with the ball in it. (a) A1 tries to retrieve his crosse. (b) A2 or B1 kicks the crosse on the ground to try to gain access to the ball. (c) A2 or B1 uses his crosse to try to gain access to the ball. **RULING:** If the ball is stuck in the crosse, immediate whistle and award the ball to team B. Otherwise, (a) Illegal procedure for participating in the play without a crosse. (b) No foul. (c) Interference on B1.

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