



RULES OF HOCKEY (Indoor)

Changes to apply from 1st September 2010

These changes will be applied to **all indoor hockey** played in England on **1st September 2010**. They shall apply to all **international** indoor competition with effect from 1 January 2011

With reference to the numbered Rules in the 2009 edition of the Indoor Hockey Rules the **changes** are:

Rules 5.2:	Time-out. This former Mandatory Experimental Rule becomes a full Rule of Indoor Hockey.
Rule 13.1:	Location of a free push. This former Mandatory Experimental Rule becomes a full Rule of Indoor Hockey.
Rule 13.2.h:	A free push awarded to the attack within the half of the pitch they are attacking. The ball may enter the circle directly after touching the side-board outside the circle i.e. the ball is no longer required to be deflected or pushed by another player after touching the side-board before entering the circle.
Rule 13.2:	Taking a free push, centre pass and putting the ball back into play after it has been outside the pitch. After including the change referred to above, this former Mandatory Experimental Rule becomes a full Rule of Indoor Hockey.
Rule 13.3.h:	“Taking a penalty corner ... until the ball has been played, no attacker other than the one taking the push from the back-line is permitted to enter the circle”. When an attacker enters the circle before permitted, the penalty corner is taken again except that when attackers persistently enter the circle before permitted, a free push is awarded to the defence. In the full printed set of Rules, the penalties which apply for an offence during the taking of a penalty corner will listed in detail.
Rule 13.9.a:	“For an offence during the taking of a penalty stroke”. If the stroke is taken before the whistle has been blown and a goal is scored, it is taken again.
Rule 13.9.c:	“For an offence during the taking of a penalty stroke ... for any other offence by the player defending the stroke which prevents a goal being scored”. Instead of a goal being awarded, the penalty stroke is taken again. This means that Rules 13.9.c and 13.9.d both now lead to the penalty stroke being taken again.

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