



RULES OF HOCKEY (Outdoor)

Changes to apply from 1st September 2010

These changes will be applied to **all outdoor 11 a-side hockey** in England on **1st September 2010**. They shall apply to all **international** outdoor competition with effect from 1 January 2011.

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

Rule 9.15:	“Players must not force an opponent into offending unintentionally”. This Rule is deleted.
Rule 13.1:	Location of a free hit. This former Mandatory Experimental Rule becomes a full Rule of Hockey.
Rule 13.1.d:	“A free hit awarded inside the circle to the defence is taken anywhere inside the circle or up to 15 metres from the back-line in line with the location of the offence, parallel to the side-line”. The option of taking the free hit “anywhere inside the circle” is deleted.
Rule 13.2:	Taking a free hit, centre pass and putting the ball back into play after it has been outside the field. This former Mandatory Experimental Rule becomes a full Rule of Hockey.
Rule 13.3.h:	“Taking a penalty corner ... until the ball has been played, no attacker other than the one taking the push or hit 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 hit 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.

Copies of the new Hockey Rules books (outdoor and indoor) will be available for purchase from the EHB in September 2010. An order form will be posted to the website www.englishockey.co.uk

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