The FIL has approved a large number of rules changes effective as of the 2011 season. The intent of this bulletin is to summarize those changes, and direct officials to the location of the change within the rule book. This document is intended as a guide, rather than a replacement of a thorough reading of the rules.

2011 FIL RULES CHANGES

15.2 The head of the crosse at its widest point must measure between 6 and 10 inches, inside measurement.

18.7 Jewelry is now prohibited for players and substitutes.

-Medic Alert and religious items may be worn, but must be taped to the player.

-Body piercings are considered jewelry and are therefore prohibited.

24.3 CBO now has the authority to penalize "flagrant misconduct" away from the play that the other officials were unlikely to have seen.

33.3 Teams must warm in the half of the field closest to their bench

34.2 At the face off, both of feet of the drawman must be on the ground, in his defensive half of the field (not touching the line). The handle of the crosse cannot touch the drawman's attacking half of the field.

35.1 All clocks must be stopped for a face off away from centre.

47.4 "Nominated Defender" added to FIL Rules:

-The Nominated Defender will serve all goaltender penalties except "foul outs" and expulsions.

-The Nominated Defender will not be used if both teams have two goaltenders dressed, otherwise, both teams have the option to use this rule.

-The Nominated Defender must be a starting longstick

-If the Nominated Defender is not on the field of play when a goaltender is penalized, a longstick player on the field will serve the penalty.

62.7 Stall Warning ends when (and only when):

- Defensive team gains possession
- Goal scored
- Period ends resulting in faceoff

78 Any player leaving the bench during an altercation (benches frozen) and pushing past an official in order to join in a fight now MUST be expelled.

2011 FIL EDITORIAL CHANGES

2.4 Clarified the construction of the goals.

15.4 Clarified appropriate cover of Butt-end:

- solid with no sharp edges

- hollow with the edges covered with plastic, rubber or tape, so that no sharp edges are exposed

- metal caps are prohibited.

16.5 Clarified that ALL hanging strings from the head of the stick must be no longer than 2".

22/84 Clarified that a second penalty against unknown bench personnel will be served by any playing member of the team.

- If two or more penalties are inflicted against bench personnel prior to the whistle to restart play, they will both be served by the In-home (or substitute), if play has restarted prior to the additional penalties, a different player will serve the penalty time.

28.1 Added Approved Rulings to Mistakes by Bench Officials.

29.1 Clarified language in rule 29.

34/81 Clarified that if a faceoff is necessary as a result of simultaneous fouls before the "possession" or "free ball," the faceoff will be at centre with the normal restrictions.

45.5 Clarified that a stick determined to be illegal for any reason after a goal is scored by any manner including for example by way of kicking the ball, the goal does NOT count.

46.2 Clarified that a substitute may only enter the Special Substitution Area when substitution for a teammate is imminent. *Nothing in Rule 46.2 prevents a player from delaying their re-entry to the field of play as per AR 46.3*

77.3 Clarified that the In-home shall serve the penalty time resulting from an expulsion foul as well as any other penalty time assessed to the expelled player.

AR 79.3 Clarified that the technical foul for leaving the penalty box early is also wiped out by a goal scored on the offending team.

83.2 Clarified "Play On" procedure.