

EHL 2011/12 - Regulation Changes

Changes in Regulations and Format Variations

The following changes to EHL Regulations (including format variations) were approved by EHF Executive Board on 18 August 2011 for incorporation into the EHL Regulations 2011/12.

1. **Penalty Corner Penalties (Breaking the Line)**

To change the regulations (format variations) regarding replacement players when defenders break the line at a penalty corner in be consistent with FIH regulations.

Any defending player breaking the line at a penalty corner will be removed to the centre line and will not be replaced. The defending team will therefore defend the PC with one player less.

The FIH regulations also require that an attacking player who enters the circle before the ball is played should also be removed to beyond the centre line.

If an attacking player enters the circle before the ball is played, the offending player(s) shall be required to go beyond the centre line and can be replaced by another attacker.

2. **Temporary Player Suspensions**

To clarify that the umpire shall immediately restart the game after the issuing of a green or yellow card (unless there is another reason to stop time, such as for attention to an injury).

3. **Playing the Ball above the Shoulder (Rules of Hockey)**

To introduce a rule variation allowing players to receive and stop the ball above their shoulder on any part of the pitch, subject only to the normal rules regarding dangerous play.

4. **Video Umpire Procedure**

To clarify the procedure if the video umpire cannot give a decision (no decision possible).

If the video umpire is unable to make a decision (no decision possible) on a video referral, the referring team will not lose that referral or any future referrals (assuming they have any remaining).

5. **Penalty Shoot Out**

To increase the number of Penalty Shoot-outs from 3 to 5 in line with FIH regulations.

Note: the penalty for a goalkeeper infringement at EHL penalty shoot-out remains unchanged from 2010/11 season.

6. **Semi-Final Draw**

To amend EHL regulations A6(c) so that teams play in the semi-finals as stated in the draw for Rounds 2-5, unless there are commercial or television requirements to change this.

Revised EHL Regulations 2011/12, including Format Variations are available on the EHF and EHL websites. A revised Guidelines on Format Variations is also available.