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## I.H.R.B. MEETING

# SUBSTITUTES - FOR ALL LEVELS OF HOCKEY

*New rule is permissive not mandatory*

by Patrick Rowley (Editor)

**S**UBSTITUTES will be permitted at all levels of hockey from August 1st. This new rule permits the substitution of up to two players for any reason during a game. The effect is that a team can now have 13 players, 11 of whom can be on the field at any one time.

A unique feature of this new rule is that it is the first ever introduced into hockey which is not mandatory. It will be up to associations at all levels of the game to decide whether they wish to allow substitution in their games or competitions. Opponents meeting in friendly games can agree beforehand whether or not to allow substitution.

Whilst the new rule, agreed by the International Hockey Rules Board at their March meeting in London, will alter the character of the game, it does bring hockey into line with most other sports where substitution is now commonly accepted.

The rule has been introduced following extensive trials under the direction of the International Hockey Federation, which showed conclusively that substitutes, in such events as the World Cup and Olympic Games, were being introduced for tactical reasons rather than for injured players.

When requested by the F.I.H. to give their views on substitution, only one country, Denmark, was against their introduction.

The F.I.H. introduced substitution for the first time at the European Cup in 1970 and permitted national teams competing in that competition to use them in prior matches. Their introduction was welcomed though the proviso that substitution of a field player could be made only up to the 50th minute, did not find favour. That condition has now been eliminated.

Stewart MacIldowie, a member of the I.H.R.B., said that the Board, in introducing a new rule, are always conscious that, however carefully it is worded, it is not foolproof. He stressed that the Board were doing their utmost to make sure new rules are simple and easy to interpret. Thus this rule states simply "two players during the game". There are no regulations, he said, about "in case of injury", nor separate qualifications about goalkeepers. (The only reference to goalkeepers in the new rule is the obvious one that a team may have only one goalkeeper on the field at one time).

The rule has been deliberately worded to include the phrase, "during the game", which naturally included injury time and any extra time needed to decide competitive matches.

However, should a game have to be decided by a penalty stroke competition, those strokes would have to be taken by representatives from the 11 players who were on the field at the end of the game.

Substitution may take place only during a stoppage and must be made with the permission of an umpire. Once a player has been replaced, he may not take part in the game again. Although this rule does not take effect until August 1, special dispensation has been granted to international teams preparing for the World Cup to adopt the new rule immediately in order that they have experience of the rule before that major competition (which takes place towards the end of August).

Welcoming this new rule, René G. Frank, President of the F.I.H., said: "The experimental use of substitutes at international tournaments has proved a great success."

### More penalty corners ?

The penalty for a deliberate offence inside one's 25 is now indisputably a penalty corner. This is the effect of changes in the wording of Rule 10. Penalties.

Previously, that rule stated that an umpire 'may' award a penalty corner, now the operative word is 'shall' award a penalty corner.

There are other minor changes to this rule to clarify the wording.

### Depth to goals

There are several other minor amendments to the rules. One relates to the goal. Rule 4 (b) has been amended so that there is a minimum depth for the goal ... not less than 4 feet (1.20 metres).

Olympic goalkeepers will, no doubt, welcome this since, at Munich, it was almost impossible to step back into one's goal, so near to the goal-line were the back board and netting. The Munich goal-keepers will also be pleased to learn that the Rules Board is to consider other aspects of the goal, in consultation with manufactu-

### Rule changes - continued

rers. They are concerned at the use of metal uprights and tightly stretched netting that acts almost as a catapult, returning the ball into play at great speed. For the time being, the Rules Board have merely altered one of the Notes to the Rules. They now "recommend" that wood be used for goalposts and cross bars.

### Dangerous play

Another change sees the deletion of the word "undercut" from Rule 10 c. which now reads, "The ball shall not be played in such a way as is either dangerous in itself, or likely to lead to dangerous play."

The previous rule stated: "The ball shall not be undercut; nor played in such a way..." etc. The reference to "undercut" has been deleted because the Board feel it is quite incorrect to highlight one way of lifting the ball dangerously. The object of the rule is to avoid dangerous play. It should be noted that the Notes on the Rules specifically state: "This Rule is intended to prevent injury to players and umpires, should be very firm in penalising undercutting..." etc.

In formulating the new rule, Rule 1, the Board have also deleted the words: "The usual constitution of a team is five forwards, three half backs, two backs and a goalkeeper."

This recognises that there are now many variations to the old pyramid (2-3-5) formation.

### Amsterdam meeting

In reply to a question at the Press Conference about the two man off-side rule which was changed a year ago, Mr. Cowlshaw said it was too early to tell whether it was a success or not.

Cowlshaw revealed at the Conference that there had been some pressure to define what constitutes a push. He said he thought it would be quite wrong for the Board to define one stroke just because of the push-in rule. He told the meeting that the Board have decided not to define the strokes of hockey for the moment.

Looking ahead, Mr. Cowlshaw said that, at the next meeting which is to be held in Amsterdam during the World Cup, the Board would probably be discussing the penalty corner, which he called "That very curious object in modern hockey", had become "an over loaded situation in the game". He confirmed that the F.I.H. had appointed a research committee to look into all aspects of the corner. He talked of too many penalty corners being obtained by "manufactured" fouls, of making the penalty corner "less vital", of not putting players in a dangerous situation and of "putting far too much on the umpire who has 26 things to look for at a penalty corner". He expressed the view that the set piece of a penalty corner is now out of date.



JUBILATION. — The joy of team sports. Kampong of Netherlands celebrate a victory goal in the Dutch National Championships. This photograph was "Com-mended" in the F.I.H.'s 1972 Photograph of the Year Competition (see page 67). L.-to-R.: Andre Bolhuis, Wido Weidema, Paul Litjens and Rob Westdijk.

Photo. Ger Dijkstra (Amsterdam)

Other topics to be discussed at Amsterdam will be the privileges of the goalkeeper, with special regard to when is the ball dead.

The Board had also received, he said, a proposal to delete the words: "to prevent a goal being scored" in the penalty stroke rule.

## REVISED RULES

Note: Certain changes have been under-lined for emphasis only).

### Rule 1. TEAMS AND DURATION OF GAME

- (a) A game shall be played by not more than 11 players in each team on the field at the same time. At no time shall there be on the field more than one goalkeeper in each team.
- (b) Each team is permitted to substitute up to two players during the game.
- (c) No player once substituted shall be permitted on the field again, and no substitute shall be permitted for a suspended player during his suspension.
- (d) Substitution of players may take place only during any stoppage of play and with the prior permission of an umpire. No time shall be added for such substitution.
- (e) As previous Rule 1 (b).

### Rule 4. GOALS, POSTS, etc.

- (b) Goal-boards, not exceeding eighteen inches high, shall be placed at the foot of and inside the goal nets, the side-boards, being at right angles to the goal-lines and of a minimum length of four feet. The side-boards etc....

### Rule 10. GENERAL DETAILS

- (c) The ball shall not be played in such a way as is either dangerous in itself, or likely to lead to dangerous play. The scoop stroke... etc.

### Penalties.

1. For any breach of this Rule: (i.e. Rule 10)

- (i) Outside the circle. A free hit shall be awarded to the opposing team. If the umpire is satisfied that an offence committed by any defender inside his own twenty-five yards area was deliberate, he shall award a penalty corner.

### 12. OFF-SIDE.

- (a) (ii) For the purpose of this Rule, a player of either team shall be deemed to be on the field of play even though he be outside the side-line or behind the goal-line.

### 17. PENALTY CORNER.

- (a) A player of the attacking team shall have a free hit from a spot on the defenders' goal-line on either side of the goal, but not within ten yards of a goal-post.
- (b) as per Rule 16 (b)
- (c) as for Rule 16 (c) but delete "or centre line".
- (d) as per Rule 16 (d)

### Penalties.

For persistent intentional breaches of paragraph (c) of this rule by the defending team. A penalty stroke may be awarded. For any breach of paragraph (d) of this rule. A free hit shall be awarded to the opposing team.

## REVISED NOTES ON THE RULES

### 3 and 8. GROUND AND EQUIPMENT

Final paragraph now reads: "The Board recommends the use of wood for the making of goal-posts and cross-bars."

### 10. GENERAL DETAILS

- (c) paragraph 2 commences: "The player should be penalised... etc (deleting the opening words, "Where possible".)

### 12. OFF-SIDE.

- (1) The point to note is not where the player is when he plays the ball, but where he WAS at the moment it was hit, or pushed-in, by a player of the same team — consequently, it is immaterial whether the ball subsequently touch the stick or person of an opponent, or a goal-post, or a cross-bar:".