CORRECTIONS TO THE RULE BOOK

Field Diagram:
The "long hit lines" marked 5 yards from the end line are not a required field marking as of 2016. These marks should not have been shown on the Field Hockey Field Diagram in the 2017 Rule Book.

Rule 11.1.c:
c. A single flagrant foul occurs should have been deleted with the rule change in Rule 8 that removes the awarding of a Penalty Stroke to players for a flagrant foul.

CLARIFICATIONS OF THE RULES

- **Rule 1.5.4 (page 16):** Rule allows for the wearing of “soft headgear.” The soft headgear cannot be attached to the required protective eyewear. The soft headgear be made of a soft material, i.e. no metal or plastic on the soft headgear. Attached are some examples of soft headgear that are permissible. **THERE IS NO NEED FOR PIAA APPROVAL TO WEAR THIS SOFT HEADGEAR PERMITTED BY RULE**

- **Rule 1.6.1 (page 17):** Rule 1.6.1 states…All field players shall wear mouth protectors. A tooth protector shall be of any readily visible color, and may not be completely white or completely clear. Officials should not be checking mouth protectors. The coach is responsible for verifying that the player/goalkeeper are legally equipped. Official’s should apply the Penalty Provisions of Rule 1.6 and 1.8 if a player and/or goalkeeper is wearing a mouth protector that is entirely white or clear or not wearing the required mouth protector.
### CLARIFICATIONS OF THE RULES CONTINUED

- **Rule 1.6.4 (page 17):** Rule 1.6.4 states....A player's stick shall have a curved end with a flat face on its left-hand side only. .....Sticks that are designed intentionally or unintentionally to cup, grasp or hold the ball other than the flat face curved end are prohibited.

Because of the current language in Rule 1.6.4 of the NFHS 2017 Rule Book the following sticks are not legal for play in Pennsylvania.

_TK-Synergy 1 Ultimate Spoon; Grays GX4000 and Grays GX6000_

There is a deviation in the toe that is concave-"spooned" that has created a stick that can potentially "cup, grasp or hold the ball."

- **Rule 10.2.2 (page 47) and Rule 1.4.1 (page 14):**
  - Rule 10.2.2 - A maximum of five defenders, including the goalkeeper, shall be behind the backline.
  - Rule 1.4.1 - A team may complete with a minimum of seven players. When a team plays with fewer than 11 players, a goalkeeper shall be one of the players.
  - In the regulation game, the defense is permitted five defenders, including the goalkeeper on a Penalty Corner if a team is playing with less than 11 players. The only time that a team may only have 4 defenders, including a goalkeeper, is during the PIAA Reduced Player Overtime.

### Procedure for Goalie Substitution

1. Official will call time-out at a natural break in the game when a Goalkeeper(s) enters the Substitution Area.
2. All players and goalkeeper(s) in the Substitution Area may enter the field of play after the signaling of the official’s time-out and the clock is stopped. There is no need for the Goalkeeper(s) and/or players in the Substitution Area to wait until the Goalkeeper(s) and/or players they are replacing come off the field through the Substitution Area.
3. The official will restart play after the Goalkeeper(s) are ready to play and all other replaced players are off the field.
   - Rule 4.5.5 states: If a substitution occurs during play, it must take place through the team Substitution Area, with the player coming off the field before her substitute may go onto the field. **If a substitution is being made during half time, during a team time-out or an injury time-out, the players must report to the scorer's table before entering the game through the Substitution Area.**
   - Since the Goalkeeper Substitution requires that the clock by stopped by an official’s time-out, the “during play” provision of the rule does not apply.
4. Player(s) not in the Substitution Area at the time of the signaling of the official’s time-out MAY NOT enter the game during the official’s time-out for Goalkeeper Substitution. These player(s) must follow the substitution rules that require the substitute player to wait until the player coming off the field enters the Substitution Area.

### PIAA MERCY RULE

Adopt Rule 4-2-2f NOTE, running clock after goals, at all levels (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition when one Team gains a 5-goal differential over its opponent; the running clock begins as soon as the center pass is initiated after the 5th goal is approved.
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