



APPENDIX 8

THE GAME RULE INTERPRETATION APPLICATION

To the IFF Central Board

The Finnish Floorball Federation applies for the right to test a new Game Rule interpretation of the Rules 608, 610, 613 in the Finnish Men's League for Season 2007 -2008

During the last years there has been growing a need to be able to calm the players in Elite matches, by having a possibility to give them personal penalties, which would not affect the team strength on the field.

The Finnish League teams and the referees have discussed this idea and found it to be a good one. The basis for the rule interpretation change is that it would make it possible to reduce a number of unnecessary verbal insults between players and towards referees as well, if the referees would have the possibility to give a player a personal 10 minute penalty, without the bench penalty affecting the number of players on the field. Since this, of course, would then accumulate the tension between the teams and the referees, if also bench penalties are given.

The applied Game rule interpretation is in order to reduce the growing amount of unsportsmanlike behaviour on the field, especially in tight situations and in the end of the periods, where the referees' barrier is higher to give such 2+10 penalties to these players.

Due to these reasons Finnish Floorball Federation wishes the CB to admit the right to test the following changes:

Affected Rule 608

608 Personal penalty

A personal penalty can be imposed to a player without a bench penalty or in connection with a bench penalty and the personal penalty shall not be measured until the bench penalty expires or terminates. An unlimited number of personal penalties may be measured simultaneously.

Comments:

- 10 min personal penalty can only be given to a player, not to an official, which still can receive a 2+10 min penalty.
- the personal penalty is only effecting the players participation in the game, unless the player receive an other or an additional 10 min penalty.
- the referee is to interpreted which is a 10 min penalty and which is a 2+10 minute penalty



Affected Rule 610

610 Offences leading to a 10 minute personal penalty or to a 2 minute bench penalty + 10 minute personal penalty

Comments:

- the reasons for penalties given for unsportsmanlike behaviour are the same as before (2+10) and there is no need to change these. The only need is to change the wording in the title.

Affected Rule 613

613 Offences leading to a match penalty 1

4) When a player is guilty of continued or repeated unsportsmanlike behaviour (295) The match penalty 1 replaces the second 10 minute personal penalty, but shall still be followed by 5 minute bench penalty. Continued implies in the same sequence and repeated for the second time in the same match.

Comments:

- the rule book must be built on the assumption that the a penalty for unsportsmanlike behaviour can be cumulated and this principle has to be included in the rules test . Then it doesn't make any difference what kind of penalty the player receive during the game, but that he receives again a 10 min or a 2+10 min penalty.

Example 1: the player receives first a 2 + 10 min penalty and later just a 10 min penalty. The effect of this second penalty is that the player receives a Match penalty 1 and the team a 5 minute bench penalty.

Example 2: The player receives just a 10 minute penalty and later an other 10 min penalty, then the later penalty changes into a Match penalty and the team receives a 5 minute bench penalty.

In to the Match Report the 10 minute penalty is marked only on one line. In all the other 10 minutes penalties the procedure stays the same.

With best regards,

the Central Board
Finnish Floorball Federation