

Material Regulation edition 2012, upcoming news/changes

The IFF Development Board, which consist of a number of Floorball Manufacturers have in their meeting in June discussed the different needs and wishes from the market to make changes in the IFF Material Regulation, edition 2012 (for 2012 – 2014). Based on this the IFF has together with SP made the following proposals for a change:

New clause

1.11 Rules for the transfer of a brand/s to other company

The reason for the transfer of brand/s to other companies can be e.g. due to takeovers, license withdrawal, bankruptcy, etc.

In a transfer of an existing brand/s, in addition to the general rules (see point 5.6), the new company must take responsibility for the brand/s outstanding debts related to the IFF-marking system (such as accounting reports, testing, certification), before the new certificates can be issued to the new brand license owner.

Changed clause

1.3.2.4 Embossed mark for blades and balls

The brand name of the blade has to be shown as an embossed marking on the blade. The font size has to be at least 5 mm in height. Companies have to adopted the new marking requirement not later than 1st of July 2012, see point 2.1.1. Make sure that all new molding tools manufactured after January 1st 2011 has the brand name engraved and all blades produced after July 1st 2012 is carrying the brand name.

Companies can apply for an exemption from the new marking for a period of maximum two years.

New clause

1.3.2.6 Uniformed stick measurement

The length of the stick has to be uniformed. The length to be communicated to the customers is the length of the stick measured as described in appendix 1 point 5.2.4. Companies have to adopted the new marking requirement not later than 1st of July 2012, see point 2.1.1. Make sure that all new sticks produced after July 1 2012 is carrying the new uniformed stick measurement.

Companies can apply for an exemption from the new marking for a period of maximum two years.

Changed clause

2.1.3 Stick Dimensions

- The stick length will be increased by 20 mm to a maximum of 1140 mm.
- The shaft's curve radius will be reduced by 3 mm to a minimum of 6 mm, except for the lower 30 mm of the shaft, which is to be minimum 9 mm in radius.
The shaft's diameter is to be maximum 35 mm, not including grip binding and the knob closing it.
- Length of grip line marking will remain the same 375± 20mm and will be measured to the centre of the line / design. The grip line / design marking is to be minimum 2 mm and maximum 40 mm wide. The grip line / design is to have a good contrast to the background colour.

a) stick length	max 1140 mm
b) the shaft's curve radius	min 6 mm
c) the shaft's diameter	max 35 mm
d) length to the grip line / design marking	375 +20/-20 mm
e) width of grip line / design marking	min 2 mm and max 40 mm

Changed clause

2.3.1 Goal, general design

The goal is to be designed without a metal bar for holding the drop-net.

The Goal cages produced before January 1st 2012 can for a transfusion period of a maximum of four years can be used with the middle bar. No goal cages produced after January 1st 2012 shall have the middle bar.

Changed clause

2.3.7 Goal, Drop Net Length

The drop net length is to be such that the bottom edge hangs between a min of -50 mm and a max of 50 mm from the playing surface.

The manufacturers have the possibility to comment upon the proposal of these changes to the SP/IFF until the 15th of September.

The IFF Central Board will make the decision of the changes for the Material Regulations, edition 2012 (for 2012 – 2014) in its meeting on the 1-2.10.2011.

SP will send out a preview on the 15th of October, which the manufacturers can still comment upon until the 31st of October, 2011.

The new rules are then adopted for 2012 – 2014 and start to be in force from the 1st of July 2012.

Changes in testing/certification of Floorball goggles

SP has revised system for testing and certification. The clause "Resistance to Fogging" (that caused problems for many companies) has been removed. SP have concluded that the test do not directly relate to the safety, it is more of comfort-related nature.

It will also be possible to collect all goggles (senior, junior, kid) of the same type in the same certificate. All in all, it will cause the total price to be reduced, especially at prolongation of certificates.

Changes in the certification system (sticks)

Certificates will be issued after approved type testing and be valid for 5 years as today.

The certificate will show the properties of the shaft e.g. straight tapered carbon shaft, flex 27 mm, diameter and length as well as drawing number and date. No brand or model name will be entered on the certificate.

All information about brand and model name connected to the certificate will only be recorded in the database. At any updates (new model name, etc.) during the validity of the certificate will, therefore, only be updated in the database.

When updating a certificate with an e.g. new model name, please send in the MS Excel list showing the model range, in the same way as is done today. IFF has highlighted that it is very important that all brands and models that are certified also are shown in the database, it also applies to any special models, limit edition models, etc.

With the new system, the cost associated with updating will approximately be the half of todays. The cost of new certificate, construction changes in the certificate and renewal of certificate persist at the current rate.

The new system will be implemented by January 1st 2012.

More detailed information about the changes in the certification system will be sent out during autumn 2011.

Timetable for the revision of Material Regulation edition 2014

- Last day to send in new ideas 28th of February 2013
- IFF/SP checking the proposals in March-April 2013
- Draft sent out to manufacturers end of April 2013
- IFF CB makes decision in May 2013
- Material Regulation published by 1st of July 2013
- It takes effect 1st of July 2014.