

2022 Rule Change Summary

Floorball

Change From	Change To
Old Formatting	See date change at footer to reflect October 2022
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4.6.1.3.6 New Rule	ADD: If running time is used, time stops when goals are scored, when minor and major penalty occur. Depending on playing time, the last 2-3 min of last period will be efficient.
4.6.3.3 New Rule	ADD: The team first to score will win the match.
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6.3.5 Personal Equipment 6.3.5.3 For any player requiring the use of prescription googles or protective headgear; this must be constructed of soft material	ADD: For any player requiring the use of prescription googles, then the goggles must be IFF approved or protective headgear; this must be constructed of soft material.



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7.1.1.3.1 A goalkeeper incurring a 5-minute bench penalty or a personal penalty shall serve the penalty.	Delete
7.1.1.3.2 – Will be 7.1.1.3 due to removing the above rule	
If a goalkeeper incurs one or several 2-minute bench penalties when serving penalties in connection with a 5-minute bench penalty or a personal penalty, they shall serve these penalties.	CHANGE: If a goalkeeper incurs one or several 2-minute minor bench penalties, the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to serve the penalty. A goalkeeper incurring bench penalty, or a personal penalty shall serve the penalty themself.
7.1.4.4.3 When a player is guilty of dangerous pay with the stick.	CHANGE: When a player is guilt of careless dangerous play with the stick.



7.1.4.4.5 When a player tackles or trips an opponent.	CHANGE: When a player is guilt of careless dangerous play with the stick.
7.1.4.4.13 When a field player stops or plays the ball when lying or sitting down. This also includes stopping or playing the ball with both knees or one hand on the floor, stick holding hand excluded.	CHANGE: When a field player, to gain a considerable advantage, lies or sits down and stops or plays the ball, or in another way affects the situation stops or plays the ball when lying or sitting down. This also includes stopping or playing the ball with both knees or one hand on the floor, stick holding hand excluded.
7.1.5 5-Minute Bench Penalty	CHANGE: Major 5-minute bench penalty
7.1.5.1 New Rule	ADD: A major bench penalty consists of two bench penalties served consecutively by the player committing the offence.
7.1.5.2 If a 5-minute bench penalty is imposed in connection with a penalty shot or a delayed penalty shot, the rules concerning penalties in connection with a penalty shot shall also be applied.	CHANGE: If a major 5-minute bench penalty is imposed in connection with a penalty shot or a delayed penalty shot, the rules concerning penalties in connection with a penalty shot shall also be applied.
7.1.5.3 Offenses leading to a 5-minute bench penalty	CHANGE: Offenses leading to a major 5-minute bench penalty
7.1.5.3.1 When a field player, performs violent or dangerous strikes with his stick. This includes when a field player raises his stick over an opponent's head and the opponent is hit.	CHANGE: When a field player is guilty of reckless play with the stick When a field player, performs violent or dangerous strikes with his stick. This includes when a field player raises his stick over an opponent's head and the opponent is hit.
7.1.5.3.4 When a player throws himself towards an opponent or otherwise attacks an opponent violently.	CHANGE: When a field player is guilty of reckless play with the stick When a player throws himself towards an opponent or otherwise attacks an opponent violently.
7.1.5.3.5 When a player tackles, throws or trips an opponent against the board or the goal cage.	DELETE
7.1.5.3.6 When a player commits repeated offenses, each leading to a 2-minute bench penalty.	DELETE



Note: The 5-minute bench penalty replaces the last 2-minute bench penalty. The offenses shall be similar.	
7.1.8.4	
A match penalty shall always be followed by a 5-minute bench penalty.	CHANGE: A technical match penalty can only be imposed in connection with a major bench penalty.
7.1.8.5 New Rule	ADD: Technical match penalty shall lead to suspension for the rest of the match and shall not lead to any further punishment for the player
7.1.9 – 7.1.11.2.3 Match Penalty 1 -3	CHANGE/DELETE: Technical Match Penalty Reformatting 7.1.9.1 A technical match penalty can only be imposed in connection with a major bench penalty
	7.1.9.2 Technical match penalty shall lead to suspension for the rest of the match and shall not lead to any further punishment for the player.
	7.1.9.3 Offences leading to a technical match penalty
	7.1.9.3.1 When a field player uses a non-approved stick or a stick with a hook which is too wide. When a goalkeeper uses a non-approved face mask
	7.1.9.3.2 When a player or member of the team staff, not noted in the match record, participates in the match
	7.1.9.3.3 When a player is guilty of continued or repeated unsportsmanlike behavior. The match penalty replaces the second minor bench penalty as well as the 10-minute personal penalty but shall still be followed by a major bench penalty. Continued implies in the same sequence and repeated for the second time in the same match.
	7.1.9.3.4 When a player, breaks a stick or other equipment in a reckless or violent
	7.1.9.3.5 When a player is guilty of violent physical play.



7.1.9.3.6

When a player or a member of the team staff participates in a scuffle

7.1.9.3.7

When a player commits an offence leading to a major bench penalty, for the second time in the same match

7.1.9.3.8

When a member of the team staff, is quilty of continued unsportsmanlike behavior

7.1.9.3.9

When a player, whose equipment is about to be controlled, tries to correct or exchange the equipment before the control of the equipment

7.1.9.3.10

When a player or a member of the team staff commits an offence clearly intending to sabotage play

7.1.9.3.11

When a field player continues to use a defective stick or uses a strengthened or lengthened shaft.

7.1.9.3.12

When a player or a member of the team staff leaves the substitution bench or the penalty bench to engage in an altercation

When a player or a member of the team staff is involved in a fight

7.1.9.3.14

When a player or a member of the team staff commits or tries to commit a brutal offence

7.1.9.3.15

When a player or a member of the team staff is guilty of rude conduct

7.1.9.3.16

When a player or a member of the team staff is guilty of threatening conduct



7.1.12 – 7.1.12.2	
Penalties in connection with a penalty shot	DELETE
7.1.12.1 If a penalty shot, caused by an offense leading to a penalty, results in a goal, only the penalty causing the penalty shot can be affected. This includes a delayed penalty shot. If the penalty shot is caused by an offense leading to a 2-minute bench penalty, the penalty shall be cancelled if the penalty shot results in a goal, but all other types of penalties shall be carried out. If during a delayed penalty shot, the offending team commits another offense leading to a penalty shot, the second offense shall be considered the offense causing the penalty shot. If a penalty shot is interrupted due to an offense caused by the goalkeeper, the goalkeeper's offense shall be considered the cause of the new penalty shot.	
7.1.12.2 If a penalty shot, caused by an offense not leading to a penalty results in a goal, no other penalty shall be affected. 7.2.7.1	
When a player hits, blocks, lefts, kicks or holds an opponent or opponent's stick. Note: If the referees consider the player to have played the ball before hitting the opponent's stick, no action shall be taken.	CHANGE: When a player hits, blocks, lifts, kicks an opponent's stick or hits the opponent's body with the possibility of reaching the ball. Note: If the referees consider the player to have played the ball before hitting the opponent's stick, no action shall be taken.
7.2.2 Face-Off	
7.2.2.1 At the start of a new period and to confirm a correctly scored goal, a face-off shall be taken at the center spot.	ADD: At the start of a new period and to confirm a correctly scored goal, a face-off shall be taken at the center spot with the stick
7.2.7 Offenses leading to a free-hit	
7.2.7.1 When a player hits, blocks, lefts, kicks or holds an opponent or opponent's stick. Note: If the referees consider the player to have played the ball before hitting the opponent's stick, no action shall be taken.	CHANGE: 7.2.7.1 When a player hits, blocks, lefts, kicks or holds an opponent's stick, or hits the opponent's body with the possibility of reaching the ball. Note: If the referees consider the player to have played the ball before hitting the opponent's stick, no action shall be taken.
7.2.7.7 When a field player kicks the ball twice, unless in between it has touched the player's stick, another player or another player's equipment. This shall be considered an offense only if the	DELETE



player, in the referees' opinion, both times kicks the ball intentionally.	
7.2.7 Offenses leading to a free-hit	ADD: When a delayed penalty is carried out because the offending team plays or takes control of the ball
7.2.7.24 New Rule	
7.2.8 Penalty Shot	
7.2.8.3 All players except the player taking the penalty shot and the defending goalkeeper shall be in their substitution zones during the entire penalty shot. The goalkeeper shall be on the goal line when the penalty shot starts.	CHANGE: All players except the player taking the penalty shot and the defending goalkeeper shall be in their substitution zones during the entire penalty shot. The goalkeeper shall be in the goalkeeper area on when the penalty shot starts.
7.2.8 Penalty Shot	ADD: A player who has incurred bench penalty shall be on the penalty bench during the penalty shot
7.2.8.3.3 New Rule	
7.2.8 Penalty Shot	
7.2.8.4 The player taking the penalty shot may play the ball an unlimited number of times As soon as the goalkeeper has touched the ball, the player taking the penalty shot must not touch the ball again during the penalty shot.	CHANGE: The player taking the penalty shot may play the ball an unlimited number of times and shall follow a continuous movement towards the goal cage. Continuous implies that the player and the ball are not allowed to come to a full stop or change direction away from the goal cage simultaneously