



2020 Field Hockey Waivers due to COVID-19

Due to challenges resulting from COVID-19, PROP approved rules changes and expressed support for waivers for several fall sports for the 2020 fall season. The rules changes and waivers are consistent with the guidance included in the NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition document. In this regard, PROP will continue to monitor any additional developments and make adjustments as appropriate.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Rule Waiver and Rationale</u>
FIH Rule 6.1	No coin toss occur and the visiting team will make choice of side of the field or starting with the ball. Rationale: To reduce the risk of spreading germs.
Mod. 2.a	Extend the substitution box from 3 meters to 5 meters. Rationale: To enhance the opportunity for physical distancing.
Mod. 5.1.h.10	Only shooters in the shoot-out and one coach per team may be on the field and must remain beyond the center line and socially distanced at all times when it is not their turn to shoot. Rationale: To enhance the opportunity for physical distancing.
Mod. 6.10	Extend the team area beyond the 23-meter line to the goal line to give more space in the team area for participants. The team coaching staff must remain between the center line and the 23-meter line (the current team bench area). Rationale: To enhance the opportunity for physical distancing.
Mod. 9.c	Require verbal confirmation between the score table and the umpire regarding goals and cards issued during the game. Rationale: To reduce the risk of spreading germs.