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NOTE: *Unintentionally striking an opponent who is moving into the range of the follow through of a shot or pass should not be penalized.*

SITUATION 1

? Does a player have to hit an opponent to be penalized for slashing?

A NO. Any player who swings the stick at an opponent whether in or out of range shall be penalized for slashing.

SITUATION 2

? Can a slash be called a Match Penalty?

A Any slash or swing with intent to injure shall be called an Attempt to Injure.

SITUATION 3

? Can a player slash a non-ball-carrier?

A No. Non-ball carrying offensive players cannot be slashed in any way at any time.

SITUATION 4

? When is a follow through slash not called?

A Any player unintentionally striking an opponent who is moving into the range of the follow through of a shot or pass shall not be penalized.

EMPHASIS SLASHING:

This is a safety issue and must be enforced.

A minor, major or match penalty at the discretion of the Referee shall be assessed to any player who slashes an opponent with the stick.

A player/goalkeeper may not strike an opponent with that portion of the stick not held between the hands. Stick-to-stick contact is allowed but hands (gloves) are considered part of the body and may not be touched.

SLASHING: The following are slashing fouls that must be called when they occur:

- 1. Swing of the stick intended to intimidate opponent, with or without contact.**
- 2. Swing of the stick towards an opponent involving any significant degree of force, with or without contact.**
- 3. Swing of the stick towards an opponent involving a baseball or golf type grip, with or without contact.**
- 4. Swing of the stick that results in contact to vulnerable or unprotected areas (gloves/ hands, arms, wrist, knee, hamstring, calve, ankle, foot, back, ribs,) of an opponent, regardless of the degree of violence or force.**
- 5. Aggressive use of the stick that is not a true attempt to dislodge the ball from the stick.**

INTERFERENCE ON LOOSE BALLS

This is a safety issue and must be enforced, players are very vulnerable when they are attempting to pick up a loose ball and they must be protected.

- (a)** when the ball is loose, all players must play only the ball. Never can there be any bodily interference with a player attempting to pick up the ball.
- (b)** The severity of the interference will determine the penalization. Less severe would be a possession call. A 'take out' hit would be a minor or a major penalty, and finally a Match penalty can be assessed for hits that are determined to be an Attempt to Injure.

SITUATION 1

? When the ball is loose, can 2 players play 'man ball'?

A NO. Any player who doesn't play the ball will be assessed with an interference call.

SITUATION 2

? Can players away from the loose ball have any contact with an opposing player

A NO. Any contact when the ball is loose shall be assessed with an interference penalty.

SITUATION 3

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? Can a player receive a Major or Match penalty for a 'clean' take out hit on a loose ball?

A YES. A violent hit no matter how clean on an opposing player attempting to pick up a loose ball shall be assessed a minor or major penalty. If the hit is deemed as an Attempt to Injure the player will be assessed a Match penalty.

OFFBALL CONTACT

- (a) When an opposing player is in the offensive zone the defender may cross check the player pushing him anywhere in the offensive zone.
- (b) The offensive team must have possession of the ball in order to engage in offball contact
- (c) The offensive player must be in the offensive zone or an interference call shall be assessed
- (d) Offensive players cannot cross check back in retaliation or an interference call shall be assessed.

SITUATION 1

? An offensive player is trying to cut through the middle to receive a pass and the defender is cross checking him keeping him outside of the middle, shall a penalty be assessed?

A NO. Offball contact is allowed.

SITUATION 2

? A defender is pushing the offensive team's star player out to the boards in the offensive zone when he doesn't have the ball shall a penalty be assessed?

A NO. Offball contact is allowed.

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