

## 2002-2003 Field Hockey Rule Changes & Clarifications

- 1-7-4 (new)** Goalkeepers may not play outside their own half of the field unless they are taking a penalty stroke.  
**Rationale:** Risk minimization. No other players on the field are equipped with hard helmets.
- 1-7-5** If the ball becomes lodged in the goalkeeper's protective equipment or clothing when she is in her own circle, play shall be restarted with a penalty corner.  
**Rationale:** The ball lodging in the goalkeeper's equipment takes away the rebound, and awarding a penalty corner maintains a scoring opportunity for the attacking team.
- 4-4-5** Substitution cards are no longer required. Substitution must occur within the designated substitution area.  
**Rationale:** Simplifies the substitution process.

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- 1-7-1-h** The goalkeeper's mouth protector may be attached to the facemask/helmet.  
**Rationale:** Clarifies interpretation already given to state associations.
- 2-1-1** Delete statement that tournament directors designate head officials.  
**Rationale:** Designation of lead official can be determined in a variety of ways.
- 10-1-8 (new)** If the ball travels more than five yards from the circle, penalty corner rules no longer apply.  
**Rationale:** Clarification.