

Requests for exceptions to Rules of the Game

Finnish Floorball Federation requests for exceptions to Rules of the Game in the season 2022-23.

1. Rules of the Game 201/1 – team bench

We would like to keep playing ends and substitution zones of the teams constant throughout the whole game. Especially during the pandemic, this has worked well and we don't know how the pandemic affects the season.

As an exception to previous, if the referees consider one end of the rink to be better, the teams shall change ends at intermissions and after half the third period, but this has to be decided before the start of the game. If such a changing of ends takes place, play shall be resumed with a face-off at the center spot.

2. Rules of the Game 203/1 - Extra time

Request covers all single serie matches played 3 x 20 minutes in the season 2022-23:

- 1) In playoffs and relegation games extra time is 20 minutes.

With our experience and statistics of longer extra time over 95 % games were decided during the extra time. We see that this is better way to decide the winner than to have penalty shots.

In playoffs and relegation games, there will be penalty shots after the extra time if game is still tie. Penalty shots is taken with five players.

3. Rules of the Game 204/1 - Penalty shots

We would like to continue the season 2022-23 a different way to handle the penalty shots after extra time with five players. We would like to handle it as follows:

- 1) Home team is always to take the first penalty shot
- 2) Teams don't have to inform the referees and the secreteriat the players and the order in which they will take the penalty shots.

It is possible for any field player in the team roster to take a penalty shot, but only a maximum of five can be used. It is the responsibility of the referees and the match secretariat to ensure that only 5 players are used and that no one takes a second penalty shot before all players have taken their first penalty shot.

With this exception we see that the penalty shots are more flowing and especially good for spectators and TV.

Looking forward to your positive response.

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