



Mechanics

2007-2008 Summary of Rule Change

Stick check by ineligible player – single blue line

Player A1 is ineligible to play a ring due to a single blue line violation. A1 stick checks a player from Team B preventing them from playing the loose ring and

- a. gains immediate control of the ring
- b. does not gain immediate control of the ring

The mechanics of the officials are:

- a. Play is stopped immediately. A blue line violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in the zone giving them territorial advantage.
- b. A delayed violation is signalled and a five second count will commence when the stick check occurs. If Team A gains control of the ring during the five second count, play is stopped, a blue line violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in the zone giving them territorial advantage.

Note: *the above mechanics are also applied to other stick check violations such as:*

- *stick check by a goalkeeper/AGK while they are ineligible to play the ring after a goalkeeper ring*
- *stick check by a player while they are ineligible to play the ring after a free pass*

Stick check by ineligible player – two blue line pass

Team A is ineligible to play a ring due to a two blue line pass violation. A1 stick checks a player from Team B preventing them from playing the loose ring and

- a. gains immediate control of the ring
- b. does not gain immediate control of the ring

The mechanics of the officials are:

- a. Play is stopped immediately. A two blue line pass violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in their attacking zone.
- b. The two blue line pass signal continues. When Team B contacts or controls the ring, the two blue line pass signal is dropped, a delayed violation is signalled for the stick check and a five second count commences. If Team A gains control of the ring during the five second count, play is stopped, a two blue line pass violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in their attacking zone.

Note: *regardless of the stick check, the team that is eligible to play the ring must still proceed to the ring without delay and play it within a reasonable time. Should the officials determine that this has not occurred, all violations are washed out and the ring is playable by either team.*



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Single blue line violation

A1 passes the ring across a blue line and then

- a. Team B contacts or controls the ring
- b. any other Team A player contacts or controls the ring
- c. A1 gains control of the ring
- d. A1 contacts the ring and then
 - (1) Team B contacts or controls the ring
 - (2) Team A gains control of the ring
 - (3) Team A contacts the ring

The mechanics of the officials are:

- a. Play continues.
- b. Play continues.
- c. Play is stopped immediately. A blue line violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in the zone giving them territorial advantage.
- d. A delayed violation is signalled, a five second count commences when A1 contacts the ring and then
 - (1) the violation is over and play continues
 - (2) play is stopped when Team A gains control of the ring. A blue line violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in the zone giving them territorial advantage.
 - (3) the delayed violation continues and the five second count is restarted when Team A contacts the ring.

Note:

- *for play that occurs during a five second delayed violation, all rulings fall under item d. above.*
- *after a five second count is complete, A1 remains ineligible to play the ring but all other Team A players may again legally play the ring.*



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Two blue line pass violation

Team A shoots the ring untouched from one end zone to the other end zone.

- a. B1 contacts or controls the ring
- b. A1 gains control of the ring
- c. A1 contacts the ring

The mechanics of the officials are:

A two blue line pass violation is signalled when the ring completely crosses the second blue line.

- a. The two blue line pass violation is dropped when Team B contacts or controls the ring.
- b. Play is stopped. A two blue line pass violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in their attacking zone.
- c. The two blue line pass violation continues.

Note: *the team that is eligible to play the ring must still proceed to the ring without delay and play it within a reasonable time. Should the officials determine that this has not occurred, all violations are washed out and the ring is playable by either team.*

Goalkeeper throwing the ring across the blue line

Goalkeeper A1 throws the ring across the blue line and Team A

- a. gains immediate control of the ring
- b. does not gain immediate control of the ring and then
 - (1) Team B contacts or controls the ring
 - (2) Team A gains control of the ring
 - (3) Team A contacts the ring

The mechanics of the officials are:

- a. Play is stopped immediately. A blue line violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in the zone giving them territorial advantage.
- b. A delayed violation is signalled, a five second count commences when the ring completely crosses the blue line and then
 - (1) the delayed violation is cancelled when Team B contacts or controls the ring.
 - (2) play is stopped when Team A gains control of the ring. A blue line violation is signalled and a free pass is awarded to Team B in the zone giving them territorial advantage.
 - (3) the delayed violation continues and the five second count is restarted when Team A contacts the ring.



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Note: *the above mechanics are also applied to other violation situations in which specific player(s) are ineligible to play the ring which include:*

- *as a result of a goalkeeper ring, the AGK puts the ring into play outside of the defending zone, no matter what method is used to move the ring*
- *as a result of a goalkeeper ring, the goalkeeper is the first to contact (not control) the ring once it is entirely outside the goal crease*
- *as a result of a free pass, the player taking the free pass is the first to contact (not control) the ring after it leaves the free pass circle*