

2009/10 IIHF RULES BULLETIN

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Visors in IIHF Competitions – Rule 224

During the 2009 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress the membership agreed that visors worn by male players participating in IIHF Championships, the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and IIHF competitions would be controlled to ensure that the sizes are as specified in the IIHF Rule Book.

IIHF Rule 224 – Player Face Mask & Visor, states the following about the size and the protection that must be afforded by the visor:

- The visor shall extend down to cover the eyes and the lower edge of the nose in frontal and lateral projections.

The visors worn by players during the IIHF competitions this season will be controlled by the IIHF Officiating Program representatives working with team management in all IIHF competitions to ensure that these standards are met.

Any visor not conforming to these standards must be replaced by the team concerned with a visor of the proper size as specified in IIHF Rule 224 and at the expense of the team.

Failure to do so will result in the application of *IIHF Rule 555 – Illegal or Dangerous Equipment* by the game officials to the respective team.

Mouth Guards in IIHF Competitions – Rule 227

During the 2009 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress the membership were informed about and agreed that the proper wearing of mouth guards by players participating in IIHF Championships would be controlled to ensure that mouth guards are kept in the mouth by players during play.

The proper wearing of mouth guards worn by players during the IIHF competitions this season will be surveyed by the IIHF Officiating Program representatives assigned to our competitions this season. This information will be conveyed to the IIHF following each event to assist in a better understanding of this reported issue and possible measures for correction.