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Information for Game Officials, Players and Coaches

In advance of the upcoming 2008 IIHF World Championship and IIHF Championships which are already in progress we would like to focus the attention of all member National Associations concerning interpretation of IIHF Rule 421 – Overtime Period, Rule 509 – Penalty Shot Procedure and IIHF Rule 534 – Interference.

Rule 509 – Penalty Shot Procedure

When a player and goalkeeper has been selected by their respective coaches to take a shot and defend the net against this shot, such player and/or goalkeeper cannot be changed if the Shot shall be repeated due to a violation or a foul committed by the goalkeeper following the IIHF Rule 508 item 2 unless such player and/or goalkeeper got an injury and cannot participate in the further Penalty Shot Procedure. In this case the Coach may designate another player to take a Shot and other goalkeeper to defend the net.

Rule 421 – Overtime Period

The same guidelines would be applied during Game Winning Shot Procedure.

With respect to goalkeepers, goalkeepers may be changed after each alternate shot has been taken, however, where a Shot has to be repeated, the same Goalkeeper must remain in the goal and the same player must repeat the shot until it is completed.

Rule 534 – Interference

A Minor Penalty for interference (Rule 534) shall be applied to a situation when an attacking player positions himself facing the opposition goalkeeper and engages in actions such as waving his arms or stick in front of the goalkeeper's face, for the purpose of interfering and/or distracting the goalkeeper as opposed to positioning himself to try to make a play. Such attacking player may be inside or outside the goal crease.