



OUTDOOR LEAGUE



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JPH Technical Director and JPH Assistant Umpiring Director Rules Clarification

Junior Premier Outdoor League, All Divisions

Re: Rule 5.7 – Wearing of Face Masks during PC

To: All JPH Umpires and Umpires Managers

JPOL Rules & Regulations 5.7 states:

Field players are permitted to wear throughout a match only smooth preferably transparent or white but otherwise dark plain colored face mask which fits flush with the face, soft protective head covering or eye protection in the form of plastic goggles (i.e., goggles with a soft-covered frame and plastic lenses) without medical reason.

5.7.1 Metal grill face masks and cage-type goggles are only permitted when defending a penalty corner or penalty stroke as described in FIH Rule 4.2

Steve Horgan, USAFH Director of Umpiring has clarified the following interpretation of this rule:

- *Smooth face masks and plastic goggles (i.e., goggles with a soft-covered frame and plastic lenses) do not need to be removed following the completion of the penalty corner nor at any other point in the match, even if they were not worn previously.*
- *Metal grill face masks and cage-type goggles all need to be removed following the completion of a penalty corner and prior to crossing the 23-meter line.*
 - *The penalty applied for non-compliance is a free hit at the 23-meter line.*

This interpretation takes precedent over any guidance provided in the April 6, 2022 JPOL Umpires Briefing.

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