



OBO: OBO FaceOff



TK: HTKPM TK Face Mask



USA Field Hockey to allow approved protective eyewear at membership/developmental events

Soft-framed goggles with plastic lenses (right) are now legal for USA Field Hockey membership and developmental tournaments/events/programs as are smooth, plain-colored face masks fitting flush with the face (left).

In its continuing efforts to promote the sport and provide a comfortable and enjoyable playing experience for its athletes, USA Field Hockey will allow athletes competing in membership and developmental tournaments/events/programs to wear protective face/eye wear as defined by International Hockey Federation Rules.

Although not mandatory, athletes will have the option to wear approved protective face/eyewear should they so choose at USA Field Hockey membership and developmental tournaments/events/programs. The USA Field Hockey rule is a modification of the FIH Rules of Hockey which allow face/eye protection equipment for medical reasons only. Under the revised USA Field Hockey rule, athletes do not need a medical reason for wearing approved eye protection.

The FIH rule and the revised rule for competition in USA Field Hockey events are listed below.

Face, head or eye protection that would be legal for competition under the rules must meet one of the following

criteria and must be approved for field hockey under ASTM standards:

- A smooth transparent or white, but otherwise dark, plain colored face mask which fits flush with the face
- Soft protective head covering
- Plastic goggles with a soft covered frame and plastic lenses

Please note that the rule does NOT allow for any cage type of face/eye protection.

To help in the implementation of the rule and to provide athletes with an easy reference guide, USA Field Hockey will create a database of protective eyewear meeting the FIH requirements. Products meeting the criteria are available from USA Field Hockey sponsors Cranbarry (cranbarry.com), Longstreth (longstreth.com) and Penn Monto (penn-monto.com)

FIH Rules of Hockey

4.2 Players must not wear anything which is dangerous to other players.

Field Players:

Athletes — are permitted to wear throughout a match for medical reasons only a smooth preferable transparent or white but otherwise dark plain colored faced 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); the medical reasons must be assessed by an appropriate authority and the player concerned must understand the possible implications of playing with the medical condition goggles.

Athletes — are permitted to wear a smooth preferable transparent or white but otherwise dark plain colored face mask which fits flush with the face when defending the penalty corner or penalty stroke for the duration of that penalty corner or penalty stroke;

Athletes — are NOT permitted to wear protective headgear (face mask or other protective head covering) in any other circumstances.

Rule 4.2 modified for USA Field Hockey membership/developmental play

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Field Players:

Athletes — are permitted to wear throughout a match a smooth preferable transparent or white but otherwise dark plain colored faced 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).

Athletes — are permitted to wear a smooth preferable transparent or white but otherwise dark plain colored face mask which fits flush with the face when defending the penalty corner or penalty stroke for the duration of that penalty corner or penalty stroke.

YES

Examples of ASTM field hockey approved plastic goggles w/ plastic lenses meeting USA Field Hockey/FIH criteria



Halo Sports: Bangerz HS-OTG



Halo Sports: Bangerz HS-6000



Halo Sports: Bangerz HS-3000



Halo Sports: Bangerz HS-5500



Halo Sports: Bangerz HS-7900

Products available from USA Field Hockey sponsors Cranbarry (cranbarry.com), Longstreth (longstreth.com) and Penn Monto (penn-monto.com). Additional products meeting USA Field Hockey/FIH criteria may be available.

NO

Cage and/or protruding equipment is NOT permitted in USA Field Hockey membership and development tournaments/events/programs

