



## WOMEN'S RULES CHANGE PROPOSAL for 2018 General Assembly

Rule Change Proposal # 4		2018 W Field - 4		Descriptor
Edit Minor Foul Rules & Penalties	Rule 20.A.13	Update		Illegal Equipment –Free Position

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- b. If the equipment is illegal, it will be placed at the scorer's table for the remainder of the period. The opponent nearest the spot of the ball will be awarded a free position. The player may continue to play with equipment that is legal.
- c. If a goal is scored with an illegal crosse, and the illegal crosse is discovered before the game is restarted with a draw, the goal will not count. All players must stand, and the opposing goalkeeper will be awarded a free position within her goal circle.
- d. If any player other than the shooter is found to have an illegal crosse after a goal is scored and before the game is restarted with a draw, the goal will count. The game will resume with a free position for the opponents at the center line. Player positioning for the draw will apply, players must stand.

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**Problem(s) Posed by the Present Position:**

Confusing with different free position penalties for an illegal crosse, goal scored with an illegal crosse, free position to the goalkeeper, other players free position at the center line.

**Rationale:**

The same penalty for an illegal crosse - a goal scored with an illegal crosse, or any player with an illegal crosse after a goal is scored, the free position for the opponents at the center line.