NEW RULES FOR THE COMING SEASON

FIB Technical Committee has approved proposals from Rules & Referees Committee for a few changes of the bandy rules for the coming season.

Rule 17.5 Exclusion for the rest of the match. Personal penalty (mild, not reported)

Player who commits the offense is expelled for the rest of the match time but the exclusion is not to be reported. The team plays with one player less for 10 minutes, full time penalty. The captain decide which player should mark the time penalty.

This rule includes the following offenses:

- A player who commits an offense (17.4 or 17.3) which is punished by a 5- or 10-minute penalty is to be excluded from the game if the player has two previous time penalties in that game.
- A player who hinders a scoring chance by tripping an opponent outside the penalty area is given a red card. (See rule 8.7)
- A player penalized for five minutes for incorrect equipment re-enters the game without demonstrating to the referee that the equipment has been corrected.
- If a player on the penalty bench or a player serving a time penalty during halftime commits misconduct. Unless the penalty is rough reported.
- If a player in connection with a time penalty of 5 or 10 minutes is guilty of an additional foul that will be penalized for 10 minutes. (Except 10+10 minutes misconduct; see 17.6)
- If a penalized player intentionally enters the ice before the penalty expires or leaves the penalty bench without the referee's permission.

Comment:

This change is made because the bandy wants to see as many players as possible on the playing field and this change expelled the individual player just as before (**match penalty not reported**) but the team can play at full strength after the normal time penalty of the offense has worked out, 10 minutes full time penalty. (Red card **rough** reported is still one player less rest of the match)

Rule 17.4 and 17.7

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10 minutes time penalty: A player who is not listed on the signed match report participates in the game. The team captain appoints player to mark the penalty.

Rule 17.7

The responsible coach will also be punished with a 10 minute penalty for administrative errors on the signed match report. The captain decide which player should sit at the penalty bench. The penalty is full time penalty and the player may sit on the penalty bench for 10 minutes and not reenter if scored by the opposite team.

Comment:

Consequence of administrative errors should not penalize the single player but the responsible leader and the penalty of 10 minutes full time penalty is more in line with the seriousness of the offense.