

# Rulebook Clarifications

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For the 2015-16 QuidditchUK season, USQ Rulebook 9 will be used in its entirety, except as deviated from in the rules listed below. Where any other rule in this rulebook is compromised or invalidated by a change listed below, the rulebook should be followed as-written as closely as is possible whilst still maintaining the fundamental aspects of the change.

- **2.4.4.**, 'Limited Brooms in the Player Area', is removed in its entirety.
- **2.5.2.E.i** is amended to read 'Studs must not be jagged or frayed so as to be sharp or otherwise dangerous, at the referees' discretion. Spikes and blades are not permitted.'
- **2.5.2.E.ii**, reading 'Spikes or studs must not be completely made of metal or affixed with fully metal caps.', is removed.
- **2.5.2.F.**, listing 'A mouthguard.' under 'Mandatory Equipment', is removed.
- **2.5.3.F.** is added, listing 'A mouthguard.' under 'Additional Equipment' is added. **2.5.3.F-G** become **2.5.3.G-H** respectively.
- **5.2.8.1** is added; *Penalty - Blue*: A player who begins or continues to claim immunity when ineligible to do so must receive a blue card, unless they act immediately to correct the claim by lowering their fist.
- **6.3.1.2.P** is added, reading 'Yanking or exerting sharp force directly through an opponent's arm.' under 'Illegal Physical Contact'
- **7.1.3.A.**, reading 'Excluding the seeker, a team may not have more than four players who identify as the same gender in play' is amended to read 'Up to the point where seekers first enter active play, a team may not have more than four players who identify as the same gender in play. Once seekers have entered active play, a team may not have more than five players who identify as the same gender in play.'  
*All other references to 7.1.3.A., the 'four maximum' principle and similar should be considered mutatis mutandis to reflect the changes to 7.1.3.A.*

Other than the points listed above, everything in the rulebook should be implemented as stated. Any clarifications, alterations, or updates made by the USQ Rules Team should be considered legitimate and relevant in QuidditchUK play until and unless this document is updated to address them.