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## FIELD HOCKEY

### Weekly Points of Emphasis for September 12, 2011 William Gardiner, Director of Development – Field Hockey Officiating

Situation 1: A hard shot is taken, passes across the goal and goes over the end line just past the far post of the cage. The ball continues to travel behind the end line towards the sideline. A defensive player chases after it and throws the ball to the right back who is standing near the 16 yard line but is way out even with the edge of the circle on the far side. This is giving the defense an advantage by having the ball much closer to the sideline than it should be. The correct position for the restart is straight up from where the ball crossed the end line, so in this case, it would be just past the far post and up to 16 yards from the end line.

Situation 2: The ball goes over the end line just inside the cone marking the corner on the lead official's side. The ball continues over the track and is out of play. A defensive player runs to the cage and retrieves one of the extra balls that are behind the cage. She runs on to the field diagonally from the cage, places the ball on the 16 and tries to restart. We need to tell the player that the restart needs to be on the 16 just inside the sideline.

Situation 3: The attack is awarded a free hit inside the 25 yd. line and 5 yards from the sideline on the lead official's side. The attack player taps the ball and then drives the ball diagonally across the field. The ball did not travel 5 yards before it was hit nor was it touched by another player. It enters the top of the circle across from the far post where a defensive player stops the ball. The umpire blows the whistle, shows the direction and raises the other hand showing 5. The defensive player who stopped the ball sees the call and immediately does a self pass and carries the ball out to the far sideline. **Incorrect restart.** The foul occurred where the attack player drove the ball. Therefore the ball must be brought back across the field to where the drive was taken. The umpire must be ready to double tweet his/her whistle to stop the defensive player in the circle from the quick restart and bring the ball to the correct spot.