

## I. FIELD AND EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION

**1 FIELD OF PLAY**<sup>(1)</sup> See plan on page 3

**1.1 The field of play (field) is rectangular :**

- a. length 91.40 metres
- b. width 55.00 metres
- c. clearly marked with lines, recommended to be white in colour, in accordance with the plan.

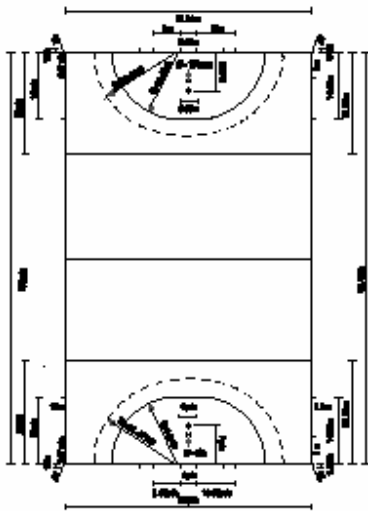
**1.2 All lines are 75mm wide, part of the field and marked throughout their length :**

- a. the longer perimeter (91.40 metres) lines are called the side-lines
- b. the shorter perimeter (55.00 metres) lines are called the back-lines
- c. the parts of the back-lines between the goalposts are called the goal-lines.

*It is recommended that minimum "run-off" areas be provided outside the back-lines (5 metres) and side-lines (4 metres).*

**1.3 Other markings :**

- a. centre-line across the field
- b. 22.90 metres lines across the field, the edge nearer the centre-line being 22.90 metres from the outer edge of the nearer back-line



<sup>(1)</sup> Information about the specification of synthetic surfaces is included in Appendix E to these Rules

*The area enclosed by and including the 22.90 metres lines, the relevant part of the sidelines, and the back-line is known as the 23 metres area.*

- c. lines 300mm long are marked outside the field on each side-line, with the further edge of the lines being 14.63 metres from and parallel to the outer edge of the back-lines
- d. lines 300mm long are marked outside the field on each side-line, with the further edge of the lines being 5 metres from and parallel to the outer edge of the back-lines
- e. lines 300mm long are marked outside the field on each back-line on both sides of the goal at 5 metres and 10 metres from the outer edge of the nearer goal-post, such distance being to the further edge of these lines

*Field markings in Rules 1.3 c, d and e have*

*been moved from inside to outside the field with effect from 2001. The dimensions in Rule 1.3 e were converted to metric at the same time. These revised Rules apply to all new and re-marked fields. However, existing fields with the previously specified markings may continue to be used.*

f. lines 150mm long are marked outside the field on each back-line 1.83 metres from the centre of the back-line, such distance being to the nearer edge of these lines

g. penalty spots 150mm in diameter are marked in front of the centre of each goal with the centre of each spot 6.40 metres from the inner edge of the goal-line.

#### **1.4 The shooting circles :**

a. lines are marked inside the field opposite the centres of the back-lines, 3.66 metres long, parallel to and 14.63 metres from the back-lines, the 14.63 metres to be measured from the outside of the back-line to the outer edge of the lines

b. these lines are continued uninterrupted each way to meet the back-lines in the form of quarter-circles with centres at the inside front corner of the nearer goal-posts

c. these lines are called the circle-lines; the spaces enclosed by these lines, including the lines themselves, are called the shooting circles (referred to in these Rules as "the circle")

d. broken lines are marked with their outer edges 5 metres from the outer edge of each circle-line; each solid section of the lines to be 300mm long; gaps between the solid sections to be 3 metres long; each broken line to start with a solid section at the top centre of the circle-line.

*These broken lines are mandatory for international matches with effect from 1 June 2000. Their adoption for other matches is at the discretion of National Associations.*

**1.5 No marks other than those described in this Rule shall be made on the playing surface.**

#### **1.6 Flag-posts :**

a. between 1.20 and 1.50 metres high

b. placed at each corner of the field

c. must not be dangerous in any way

d. when unbreakable be attached to a spring base

e. must carry flags, not exceeding 300mm in width or length.

*A detailed technical drawing of the field of play is available from the FIH Office in Brussels.*

## **2 GOALS**

### **2.1 At centre of each back-line :**

a. goal-posts and crossbar to be white, rectangular, 51mm wide and 50mm to 75mm deep

b. vertical goal-posts 3.66 metres apart (inside measurement)

c. goal-posts must be placed on the external marks and have their front face touching the outer edge of the back-line

d. horizontal crossbar 2.14 metres from the ground (inside measurement) fixed to the goal-posts

e. goal-posts not to extend upwards beyond the crossbar

f. crossbar not to extend sideways beyond the goalposts.

g. the goals to be a minimum of 0.91 metres deep

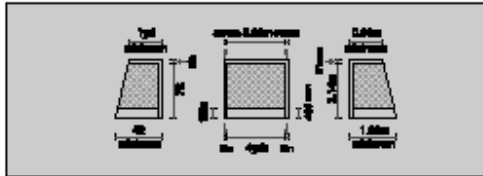
at the cross bar and a minimum of 1.22 metres deep at the ground.

**2.2 Sideboards :**

- a. length 1.20 metres (minimum); height 460mm
- b. positioned on the ground at right angles to the back-line, fixed to the back of the goal-posts but not increasing their width, and to the ends of the backboard
- c. painted in a dark colour on the inside.

**2.3 Backboards :**

- a. length 3.66 metres, height 460mm
- b. positioned on the ground at the end of the sideboards.
- c. painted in a dark colour on the inside.



2.4 Nets :