



Memorandum

To: NFHS Field Hockey Officials

From: B. Elliot Hopkins, CAA, NFHS Field Hockey Rules Editor

Subject: Adidas Field Hockey Stick Compliance Issues

Date: August 17, 2009

There have been recent inquiries regarding the compliance of adidas field hockey sticks per NFHS Field Hockey Rule 1-6-4, "...the player's stick shall not exceed a bow of 25mm, which must be visible and permanently labeled on the stick." The adidas products are labeled as i.e. Center 17, Center 24, Xtreme 17 or Xtreme 24 which refers to the bow measurement. Adidas chose to place the stick's bow measurement in the name of the product. That practice is permissible. The adidas products that have that nomenclature are compliant with NFHS rules.

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