



UMPIRES DIRECTIVERaised ball. To be read in conjunction with the current FIH rules.

Further to the raised ball rule.

You will accept this as a directive to interpret that a ball that is legitimately lifted by a flick or scoop, or accidentally by a hit which causes evasive action or narrowly misses a fellow team mate and causes “no danger to opponents”, is not to be judged as dangerous, but as no infringement and play on.

If that player (the team mate) is struck by the ball, current penalties will be enforced, either a free hit to the opposition from where the original hit was lifted or in the case of a scoop or flick, a free hit to the opposition where the player was struck.

This rule is to be read in conjunction with the current raised ball interpretation. This is current international and national practise and will be interpreted the same way in Victoria.

This interpretation has been around for some time but needed to be clarified for new umpires and players. It is a common sense aspect of the rule which will promote a flowing game and with less frustration to all. Please, if you have any questions, ring me on 9699 3908 to discuss the issue.

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