



IFAF Rules Committee Memo 2016/3

Facemasks

A number of players, coaches and officials have drawn to my attention an issue with one particular design of facemask. This has two double bars and one single bar below the eyes.



This design does not quite match any of those that is explicitly shown in the rulebook. Under the guidance we issued at the IFAF Europe clinic and the BAFRA Convention, any facemask with 5 bars below the eyes was considered illegal. IFAF has reviewed this because to most people this is not an "overbuilt" facemask. NCAA have also been consulted.

As a result, from now on, this particular design with two double bars and one single bar is to be considered LEGAL and players may use it. A similar design that has two double bars but no other bar is also LEGAL.

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