



IHNSW Safety Alert  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

**GOAL KEEPER AND FULL FACE MASK**

The wearing of “Cats Eye” goal keeper face masks is prohibited in any IHNSW sanctioned fixtures, unless complying with IIHF Rule 234:

*“Goalkeeper’s face mask shall be constructed in such a way that a puck shall not get through it.”*

Therefore, the slots in the face mask CANNOT be of greater width than 2 cm (20mm) or breadth of 6.5cm (65mm)

Rule 224 (e)

*“Players and Goalkeeper’s in the category under 18 years and younger shall wear a full face mask.”*

*“The full face mask shall be constructed in such a way that neither the puck nor a stick blade might get through it.”*

Therefore, the opening in the cage or face mask cannot be greater than the following measurements:

Width 5 cm (50mm)

Breadth 1.2cm (12mm)

“Cats Eyes” goalkeeper face masks will NOT be permitted if they do not pass these minimum gap requirements.