



Rule 9.6

Players must not hit the ball hard on the forehand with the edge of the stick.

This does not prohibit the use of the edge of the stick on the forehand in a controlled action in a tackle, when raising the ball in a controlled way over an opponents stick or over a goalkeeper who is lying on the ground or when using a long pushing motion along the ground.

The following was sent to the FIH Umpire Committee for clarification:

We have been instructing that any use of the forehand hit similar to a "drive" is prohibited.

Using the edge to tackle and push the ball is acceptable.

Using the edge to hit the ball out on a PC and on a free hit is prohibited.

Please confirm or correct the above statements.

ANSWER RETURNED:

According to the rules any hard hit with the forehand edge of the stick is prohibited.

Your examples are correct.

This clarification was generated after receiving the following statement in a series of e-mails:

"Coaches and players are being told that as long as the stick is swept along the ground, then it is permitted to hit the ball hard with the forehand and on either edge of the stick."

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

ANY HARD FOREHAND HIT WHETHER IT IS SWEEPED OR DRIVEN IS PROHIBITED!!