

Tackling Skills

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

SAFETY IS #1, when performing this skill!

#1 RULE:

□ No hacking or back swing allowed

Tackle Distance

- □ In freeze frame, the player should just be able to stretch forward and touch the ball with an outstretched "jab" tackle
- □ The players should jab and retreat at the ball with a 'snake strike' action

Mirroring, Channeling, or Guiding

- Pick up the correct Line: Attacker's Right Shoulder - Defender's Right Shoulder - Goal
- Always with one foot forward in a balanced and strong position - usually left foot forward. NEVER cross legs
- □ Create correct tackle distance and match opponent's speed to maintain this tackle distance
- Once speed and vision are reduced, close down the space with quick and short footwork patterns to reduce control and space
- □ Once vision, space and / or control have been lost TACKLE

Flat Tackle

- □ ONLY FLAT TACKLE when the opponent HAS NO SPEED!
- This is when you put your entire stick on the ground while in a crouched position to block the ball from hitting your foot, or tackle an opponent who is coming towards you

The Jab

- "Snake strike" tackle, jab in and out, to reduce vision and speed of opponent
- Can use two hands, starting point: stick pointing towards belly button



Flat Tackle

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