



## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

**Decision in the hearing in the breach of Code of Conduct by the Chile Player Joesfa Sanz (9) in the match Chile v United States 14 March 2010**

In the 51<sup>st</sup> minute of the match Chile v USA on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 Chile player Josefa SANZ (9) was tackling back after losing possession of the ball. USA player Aileen Johnson (16) was about to pass the ball when a whistle blew by the umpire in favor of the USA. SANZ had raised her stick in the air over her head. After the whistle blew, Sanz who was behind the JOHNSON brought her stick down hitting the JOHNSON on the left shoulder. Johnson had put her head down to prevent contact with her head during the altercation. Johnson did not receive any physical injury during the contact and resumed play.

SANZ viewed the video of the incident both at regular speed and in freeze frame. Sanz did not dispute that contact occurred in the incident. She stated that she had her stick in the air to move around the player. She stated that she did not intend to hit JOHNSON and that her momentum carried her into Johnson. The behavior in the meeting by Sanz was respectful and non contentious.

Sanz confirmed that she signed her code of conduct form prior to the tournament. During the meeting, the code of conduct was reviewed with Sanz as a potential Level 2 violation.

The decision is for a level 1 violation:

**Inappropriate physical contact between players in the course of play**

**Sanz will serve a 1 game suspension for the next match on 16 March 2010 Bermuda v Chile.**

**Rene' Zelkin  
Tournament Director**

