



Rules Amendments

Rules Amendment #1

Rule WP 20 — Ordinary fouls (corner throw)

Existing rule:

WP 20.15 – “The timekeeper recording the possession time shall reset the clock to 30 seconds:
c) when the ball is put into play after awarding a corner throw”

PROPOSED rule:

The timekeeper recording the possession time shall reset the clock to 20 seconds when **a)** the ball is put into play after awarding a corner throw, **b)** after a rebound after a shot which does not cause change of possession and **c)** after an exclusion.

Rules Amendment Proposal #2

Rule WP 19 — free throws

Existing rule:

WP 19.1 – “A free throw shall be taken at the place where the foul occurred”

PROPOSED rule:

A free throw shall be taken from the location of the ball, except **a)** if the foul is committed by a defending player within the defender’s 2 metre area, the free throw shall be taken on the 2 metre line opposite to where the foul was committed and **b)** where otherwise provided for in the Rules.

Rules Amendment Proposal #3

Rule WP 17 — Corner Throws

Existing rule:

WP 17.2 – “The corner throws shall be taken by a player of the attacking team from the 2 m mark on the side, nearest to which the ball crossed the goal line. The throw need not be taken by the nearest player but shall be taken without undue delay”

PROPOSED rule:

A player taking a corner throw and out-of-play free throw, may **a)** shoot directly, **b)** swim and shoot without passing or may **c)** pass to another player

Rules Amendment Proposal #4

Rule WP 5 — teams and substitutes

Existing rule:

WP 5.6 - “At any time in the game the substitute may enter the field of play from the re-entry area as soon as the player has visibly risen to the surface of the water within the re- entry area”

PROPOSED rule:

An ADDITIONAL Substitution Re-entry area will be at any place in between the goal line and the center field line on the teams half of field of play (for flying substitutions). [Note: an excluded player or the substitute must always re-enter via the re-entry box in the corner]

Rules Amendment Proposal #5

Rule WP 12 — time outs

Existing rule:

There is no current rule for this proposal

PROPOSED rule:

Time out button to be responsibility of the team, i.e one of the (three) team officials occupying the team bench will be pressing the time-out button when the coach calls for a time-out

Rules Amendment Proposal #6

Rule WP 11 — duration of the game

Existing rule:

WP 11.2 - “There shall be a five-minute interval between the second and third periods”

PROPOSED rule:

There shall be a 3 minute interval in between the second and third period.

Rules Amendment Proposal #7
Rule-use of visual effects WP-10 - secretaries
Existing rule:
WP 10.1 – the duties of the secretaries shall be: B – to control the periods of exclusion of players and to signal the expiration of the period of exclusion by raising the appropriate flag.
PROPOSED rule:
The use of automatic visual effects, surrounding the penalty box. i.e. signalling a) the last 5 seconds of the expiration of the exclusion time b) the time when the excluded player is allowed to come back into the game.
Rules Amendment Proposal #8
Rule WP 14 — Method of Scoring
Existing rule:
WP 14.3(d) – “A goal may be scored by (d) an immediate shot from a free throw awarded outside 5 meters”
PROPOSED rule:
“A goal may be scored by a) an immediate shot from a free throw awarded outside 6 meters or b) after fake or dribble or putting the ball on the water” [Note: when the player is not shooting directly, the ball must be put in play as described in the rules before faking and dribbling]
Rules Amendment Proposal #9
Rule WP 14 — METHOD OF SCORING
Existing rule:
WP 14.2 – “A goal may be scored from anywhere within the field play; except that the goal keeper shall not be permitted to go or touch the ball beyond the half distance line”
PROPOSED rule:
The goal keeper is allowed to move beyond and touch the ball past the half distance line.
Rules Amendment Proposal #10
Rule WP 12 — time outs
Existing rule:
WP 12.1 – “Each team may request one timeout in each period of play”
PROPOSED rule:
“Each team may request 2 timeouts during the game at any time, except after the awarding of a penalty throw, by the coach of the team in possession of the ball”
Rules Amendment Proposal #11
attacking a player from behind by defender in 6 m. area
Inside the 6m. area, when a player is swimming with and/or is holding the ball and is impeded (attacked) from behind during an attempt to shoot, a penalty foul must be awarded. [Note: unless only the ball is touched by the defender]
Rules Amendment Proposal #12
PROPOSED rule:
ONLY DURING FINA WORLD CUP MEN AND WOMEN IN 2018: The match will be played in 4x8 minutes with a roster of 11 players and with additional 2 players for possible substitution before each match. There will be three time-outs permitted at any moment during the match, except after the awarding of a penalty throw, with a maximum of two time-outs during the last period.
Rules Amendment Proposal #13
Existing Rule: None
Proposed Rule:
ONLY DURING FINA WORLD CUP MEN AND WOMEN IN 2018: The use of video monitoring system to determine goal or no goal.

the Rule Proposal below will first be tested during training circumstances before being proposed for testing at FINA Competitions:

Rules Amendment Proposal #14

Existing rule:

W3 23.1 - "a penalty throw shall be taken by any player of the team to which it is awarded, except the goalkeeper, from any point on the opponents' 5 metre line"

PROPOSED rule:

A penalty throw shall be taken by any player of the team to which it is awarded, from any point on the opponent's 6 metre line. It is allowed to fake, move sideways and to put the ball on the water before executing the penalty throw.
Goalkeeper is allowed to move out of the goal line, up to 2m.

Rules Amendment Proposal #15

Rule – Appendix B - Signals to be used by officials

Existing rule:

There is no current rule for this proposal

PROPOSED rule:

Clear referee signalization for direct shot after free throw awarded outside 6m line. (This rule is applied only in unclear situations around 6m line.) [Note: The signal to be used by the referee is to point with the left hand to the 6m. line to indicate that the foul was outside the 6m.]

Rules Amendment Proposal #16

Rule – Audio system for officials

Existing rule:

There is no current rule for this proposal

PROPOSED rule:

The use of audio equipment by the game referees.

Rules Amendment Proposal #17

Rule WP 5 — teams and substitutes

Existing rule:

WP 5.1 – each team shall consist of a maximum of thirteen players

PROPOSED rule:

Each team shall consist of a maximum of 13 players + 2 substitutes during the FINA World League and FINA World Cup. The roster of 13 players can be changed for each game [Note: except in the Olympic year]

Rules Amendment Proposal #18

Rule — Game Video Monitoring System (GVMS)

Existing rule:

There is no current rule for this proposal.

PROPOSED rule:

A procedure and addendum for Appendix C will be in force to use Video Monitoring to sanction incidents of brutality or extreme violence that were not appropriately punished or identified during a game.