

Reasons for the Proposed Rule Changes

§ 3.6 t – the provisions are already in another rule so the rule is redundant.

§ 3.6 u – renumbered to 3.6 t.

Guidance Notes changes

§ 1.2 – marking

The aim is to legalise the possibility to have strips around the outside of the field to assist the marking of the field and also to permit advertising on the field.

§ 2.2 a Captain

Some current competition rules allow for a captain to be captain for the whole match, even after having been substituted. This proposed change states that the captain must always start the match on the field. If he remains as captain or not after substitution is a matter for Competition rules but he must be in the starting line up.

§2.3 e 3rd paragraph

The requirements for this paragraph are elsewhere in the rules so this is redundant and can be removed.

§3.9 c – a paragraph in the current rule refers to §3.6 v which no longer exists so the paragraph has been modified.

§3.11 c – how to take a penalty

The rule requires a person taking the penalty to shoot. Currently the rule also allows players to come into the penalty area when the ball leaves the hands. This change is needed to deal with the situation of a taker bouncing the ball *after the whistle has gone*. The ball would have left the hands and an opponent could come in thereby possibly making a shot impossible. The proposal states that if the ball leaves the hands it has to be thrown towards the korf (i.e. a shot) and if it is not thrown towards the korf then it is an infringement of the rule (i.e. a bounce or throw to a team mate after the whistle has gone infringes the rule).

Reasons for the experiment

§ 3.9 c – Taking of a re-start

With the proposed change to make the shot clock period start when the defence take hold of the ball, it is felt that merely giving a new re-start to the defence when the opposing attack infringe the rule is insufficient. If a defender infringes in the attack zone the punishment is heavier - a free pass. Since the aim of making the foul is to delay getting the ball into the attack zone it is felt that giving a new re-start actually in the attack zone (taken like a throw off) is a better punishment.

§ 3.12 – shot clock rule

The rationale is to stop teams using up time before getting the ball into their attack zone. This would become even more important with some events playing shorter game periods. Competition Rules would still allow a different shot clock period. It was felt that this rule change would be easier to administer than the rule used in basketball where a team has 10 seconds to get the ball into attack.