

Please find some up to date rule clarifications (March 2017)

Hand signals

- Umpires must only use the hand signals that are in the Rules Book. The new Contact hand signal should not be followed by a recreation of the infringement. The protocols allow an umpire to provide a clarification of a single word or phrase, Contact (playing position) – knees, on ball, arm etc.
- For obstruction infringements, umpires should be clear to use the correct hand signal. For obstruction of a player with the ball hand signal 16 must be used and for obstruction of a player without a ball hand signal 17 should be used.



Terminology

- Umpires should refrain from using the term 'wing' in isolation and should use the full playing position when referring to a player for example "Advantage Obstruction Wing Defence".
- When setting a penalty or throw in, umpires should use a strong whistle and hand signal 4. For infringements close to the circle edge the umpire may clarify if the infringement is to be taken inside or outside of the goal circle. "Throw In Red, Outside of the circle".
- When playing advantage an umpire should clearly indicate the infringement and the playing position that advantage being played for "Advantage Obstruction Wing Attack".

Breaking (Rule 8.2.1 iii)

- Please note that the correct terminology to be used for a player that infringes rule 8.2.1 (iii) is 'Breaking' followed by their playing position.

Injury Time

- If a player asks an umpire to hold time for injury or illness it is important that the umpire continues to ask why. This allows the umpire to clearly identify who time has been called for and for what reason.

Possession

- A Possession call under rule 9.5.1 (iii) is made without blowing the whistle. If the umpire needs to blow the whistle then a possession call is not appropriate. If the call is given in a timely manner the player should remove their hands from the ball. If they do not, the umpire should penalise under the contact rule.

Miscellaneous

- A player that has blood on them or their uniform but who is not actually bleeding (the blood came from another player) must always leave the court and you would follow the normal procedures for a 30 second injury.

- A Pony Tail is adequate for play at all levels. Umpires should not be requesting players to further tie their hair up into a bun.

Many Thanks,

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