

FULL LIST OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE IQA RULEBOOK

Technical and Terminology changes (No effect on the on field experience)

1.2.1.-Moving 1.2.1.A.i.b. and 1.2.1.A.i.c. to being 1.2.1.B. and 1.2.1.C respectively.

1.3.3.-Add speaking captain penalties to the substitution exception list.

2.3.2.-Adjust the description of bludgers so that the circumference and diameters mathematically match.

2.3.3.-Rename the “Snitch Sock” to “Snitch Flag.”

6.1.9.-Reword current subsections C-E to use similar wording when referring to a play’s legality.

9.1.6.-Add the words “foul or” to the opening sentence of the rule.

General-Change all uses of “while play is not stopped” to “while play is live.”

General-Change the term “knocked out” to “off broom” and “knocked off broom” as appropriate.

Definitions for terms used outside of other proposals.

“Joint possession”-When two or more players have a grip on, or otherwise share control of the same ball, leaving neither player with possession.

Grounded (player)-When a player is in contact with the ground with any part of their body other than their hands or feet.

Threat-Verbally or nonverbally signaling intent to cause harm outside of legal gameplay.

Clarifications and Codifications of Standards

1.2.1.-Clarify that a “legal set of 7 eligible players” to start a game is a set of 7 players who could all play at the same time without violating rule 1.2.3.

2.4.1.-Clarify that no additional tape or other adhesive decorations may be applied to a broom outside of the one allowed 20cm area.

2.5.5.-Medical Alert Bracelets that are specifically designed for sports shall be allowed, and shall not be treated as jewelry.

3.3.3.-During a stoppage, while preparing for play to resume, players may lean towards a ball, as long as they do not move their feet, but they may not place any part of their body or equipment directly over the ball, unless it is impossible to avoid being directly over the ball.

3.3.3.-During a stoppage, while preparing for play to resume, players may lean towards and reach around their opponents to prepare for contact after the whistle. But they must not contact their opponent.

6.2.3.-Clarify that the prohibition on leaving your feet while applying the primary force of a charge applies to cases where the player left their feet just before contact as well.

9.1.6.-The appropriate penalty for a player who returns to play after being ejected is a speaking captain yellow card for having an illegal set of players in play (except in cases where the forfeit penalties are specifically appropriate). The illegally returning player must then be required to leave the vicinity of the pitch, not just the player area.

9.1.7.-If a forfeit penalty would be assessed to a team during overtime, the head referee must first offer the offending team's speaking captain the opportunity to concede the game prior to the forfeit penalty being administered.

Pitch Changes

2.1.8.-Event Directors may exercise the option to extend the bench outside of the player area. This extended bench area could extend outside the current player area by up to 7 meters, at the discretion of the event director. The portion of the bench outside the player area will be available to substitutes and staff both as a place to be, and as a place to store extra equipment, bags, and other items that may not be in the player area. Like the player area, this expanded bench area must be off limits to spectators.

Equipment Changes

2.5.2.-Metal cleats shall be allowed, but with restrictions. First, they must meet certain shape requirements, including not being blades, having minimum widths at the base and top, and having no sharp edges or points. Second, if an event's venue's rules prohibit metal cleats, metal cleats shall be treated as illegal for that event.

2.5.2. Shin Guards shall be exempted from the knock test.

2.5.5.-Players shall be able to request equipment exemptions from the appropriate governing body for an event (usually their NGB or IQA depending on the event). Previously this was only possible for "additional equipment" and only due to injury or disability. This proposal officially allows NGBs to consider exceptions to other equipment rules and for reasons beyond injury or disability (such as religious constraints).

Minor Changes

1.4.1.-Substitutes who are not about to substitute into the game shall be required to remain in the bench, and outside of the substitution area.

1.4.2.-Coaching may occur from outside of the bench, but the coach must remain outside of the field of play, inside the player area, and must not move into or beyond their team's penalty box. If the coach is wearing a jersey, it must be covered while they are coaching from outside of both the bench and substitution area.

5.5.2. Players claiming third bludger immunity must keep their fist up to retain the immunity. They would still maintain their immunity after lowering their fist if it was lowered to reach down to take possession of the third bludger.

7.5.3.-Players forced out of bounds due to illegal contact by their opponent shall not be ruled out of bounds, as long as they return to the field as soon as reasonably possible.

Moderate to Significant Changes

3.3.3.-The current processes for cases where two grounded players have joint hold of a ball when play is stopped, or when a player has another player wrapped on the ground when play is stopped, shall be expanded to cover ALL cases of where balls are jointly held or a player has their opponent legally wrapped when play is stopped respectively, regardless of whether either player is grounded.

3.4.2.-The seeker floor shall be extended to 20 minutes

6.1.9.-Contact shall be allowed to be initiated from behind if the initiating player both plants their feet and completely stops their momentum towards their opponent prior to making contact. After stopping their momentum, they may lean or step towards their opponent, but must make initial contact with their opponent prior to picking up their back foot in order to make contact from behind under this rule.

7.4.2.-A single resetting action that carries or propels the quaffle backwards across both restrictor lines shall be treated as two separate resets.

New Rule-During days where an event venue is predicted to have a heat index of greater than 32c during the event hours, all games at that venue that day shall have a two minute stoppage called by the officials 12 minutes into the game. Additional one minute stoppages shall be called at 23 minutes, and every 5 minutes of gametime thereafter. These times may be adjusted if the seeker floor is extended.

New Rule-Beats to the head shall be significantly restricted, with specific standards on which beats to the head are legal or illegal. The restrictions will apply to beats made with excessive force, as well as beats that are thrown from less than approximately 5 meters from the opponent and either initially hit any opponent in the back of the head, initially hit a seeker or chaser without the quaffle anywhere on their head, or drive the opponent's head into the ground. Exceptions will apply for cases where the struck player changed their movement after the throw began (causing their head to be hit when it wouldn't otherwise have been) and where the contact to the head was only grazing or the force of the hit was otherwise negligible.

New Rule-If the quaffle is not significantly moving toward either set of hoops, and the quaffle is either possessed by a grounded player who is in contact with an opponent, or the quaffle is jointly held by multiple players at least one of whom is grounded, the head referee shall start a 10 second count. If the conditions last for 10 seconds, the quaffle will be declared stalled. The stalled quaffle shall be treated as out of bounds at the nearest point on the pitch boundary. It will be inbounded by the team that was on defense at the time when the quaffle (or the player holding the quaffle) initially hit the ground or became grounded respectively. This will generally be done without stopping play. There is one exception within the process. If the quaffle would be awarded to a team within their own keeper zone, and their protected keeper is one of the players with a partial hold of the quaffle, then it shall simply be given to that keeper where they are, instead of on the boundary.

Major Changes: These proposals require 75% support of the rules committee to pass.

6.2.4.-Allow two arm wraps and tackles.

1.2.3.-Having a 3 max gender rule during times when there is no seeker.

Unlike the other proposals on this list, this proposal does not come with the rules team's support, nor does the rules team advise against it. It is the position of the rules team that the question of a 3 max gender rule should be discussed by a larger group than simply the six people currently on the rules team.