

Reasons For The Approved Changes In The Playing Rules and Guidance Notes

1 Rules

§2.1 c Substitution of players

The method of allowing substitutes to return to the game that we had in the playing rules as an example has proved to be very difficult to administer. The actual method used is actually set out in competition regulations. The playing rules will now include what has been used in the IKF Competition Regulations for its events since 1 January 2015. Basically, Competition Regulations determine whether a replaced player can return to the game, how many changes can be made plus how and when substitutions can be made.

§ 1.3 Posts

The proposal is purely editorial concerning the thickness of the base.

§3.6 v to violate the conditions laid down for a re-start

The whole of this clause is deleted as the circumstances are covered in § 3.9 c (which concerns the re-start). The necessary wording is inserted in § 3.9 c .

§ 3.10 c how to take a free pass

It had been published a few years ago in the playing rules bulletin that referees were not allowed to play advantage during a free pass situation where a defender encroached. The revised text reverses the guidance given the playing rules bulletin and states that if the ball is out of the hands of an attacker and is on its way to the korf at the time the whistle is blown, then provided the conditions of § 3.2 b and c apply, the goal will count if the ball goes through the korf. In other words, advantage can be given in these circumstances.

2 Guidance Notes

§ 3.6 a to touch the ball with leg or foot and §3.6 e solo-play

A couple of years ago we put into the rules that an attacker deliberately throwing the ball against the leg of a defender would mean that it was the attacker that was penalised and not the defender. Whilst maintaining this principle, it has been decided that this infringement should really be part of §3.6 e solo-play. Therefore, the necessary text has been moved from one clause to the other.

§ 3.6 r to influence a shot by moving the post

The following text is added "if the post is accidentally moved by a defender without the possible loss of a goal, and the referee feels that otherwise the ball would have hit the korf, he will award a re- start to the attack." The reason for this is that such an action should result in a new shot clock period for the attack.

§3.6 v to violate the conditions laid down for a re-start

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§3.12 To exceed the allowed time-limit in the attack zone

A slight amendment in the text concerning the shot clock which gives a minimum and maximum period to be fixed by competition regulations and recommending multiples of five seconds.

A second addition will be to make it legal in competition regulations that the shot clock is not used when the game clock shows less than the maximum shot clock period.