

2008 NETBALL RULES CHANGES SUMMARY

Bold – new wording/rule

Orange - comments

RULE 1 - EQUIPMENT

1.1.3 Simple measurement addition to diagram

1.1.5 All lines are part of the Court and shall be 50 mm (2 inches wide), **preferably white and clearly visible**

1.2.1 The ring shall be of steel rod 15 mm (5/8 inch) in diameter, fitted with a net, **which shall be preferably white**, clearly visible and open at both ends. **Both ring and net are part of the Goalpost.**

Padding used on a Goalpost shall **be preferably white** and not more than 50 mm (2 inches) thick and shall start at the base of the Goalpost and extend the full length of the post.

1.2.2 The Goalpost which shall be 65mm – 100 mm (2.5 inches – 4 inches) in diameter or 65 mm – 100 mm (2.5 inches – 4 inches) square **should preferably** be inserted into the ground or sleeved beneath the floor. The Goalpost shall be placed so that the back of the Goalpost is at the outside of the Goal Line. **(No longer included: or may be supported by a metal base which shall not project on the Court)**

1.4.1 **Suitable sports footwear may be worn**

RULE 2 – DURATION OF GAME

2.1 The game shall consist of 4 quarters of 15 minutes

The half time interval shall be either;

(i) five (5) minutes; or

(ii) ten (10) minutes

This must be decided by the Competition/Event Organiser, prior to the start of that competition/event

2.5 **Procedure for extra time where a winner is required (This is in the Rule Book for the first but it has simply been transferred from the Regulations to the Rules.)**

(iii) In the event of a tie remaining at extra time, a **visual signal shall be used to indicate** play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage

RULE 3 - OFFICIALS

The **Match Officials** are: Umpires, Scorers and Timekeepers - simply in **bold**

The **two (2) Scorers and the two (2) Timekeepers shall constitute the Official Bench. (See Rule 3.2 and 3.3)**

The **Team Officials** are (simply in **bold**) : Coach, Manager, Captain and up to **three (3) other personnel, at least one (1) of whom must be a Primary Care Person** who is qualified to diagnose and treat

3.1 There shall be two umpires **and preferably a Reserve Umpire who shall be seated beside the Official Bench.**

3.1.5 Umpires shall wear clothes **that are preferably white or cream in colour.** Suitable **sports footwear** shall be worn.

3.1.6 **(iv) shall** give decisions for the Throw In for one Goal Line and for the whole of one Side Line

If the penalty is awarded in the other umpires area, the umpire responsible for that half of the court resumes control **immediately the penalty has been set. (Used to be once the penalty had been awarded)**

3.1.6 **(xi)** Guidelines for appropriate signals for some for some of the Rules are listed **in the Appendix (used to be on page 40)**

3.3.1 (i) (d) notify the Umpires when there are thirty (30) and ten (10) seconds remaining prior to the start of the game, the end of an interval or stoppage. **(In the Rule Book for the first time but previously part of the protocols)**

During any subsequent stoppage for injury or illness as per Rule 7.1 (iv) the Timekeepers are only required to notify the Umpires when ten (10) seconds remain prior to the end of the stoppage.

3.4.2 From the Team Bench **coaching is allowed while play is in progress. Coaching is also allowed during intervals (refer Rules 2.1 and 2.2) (different wording but new rule up to here) but not allowed during any stoppage. (Refer Rules 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)**

Penalty for Rule 3.4.2 - **Rule reference included (Refer Rules 20 (iv) and 20.1.2)**

RULE 4 – THE TEAM

- 4.3 A team **must** take the court if there are at least five (5) players present, one of whom must play Centre (refer Rule 21).

RULE 7 - STOPPAGES

No coaching is permitted during any stoppage (refer Rules 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3) by any Bench Team Official or bench player (refer Rule 3). However, the Team Manager may approach the players at the sideline for the purpose of providing rehydration.

- 7.1 (iii) The first stoppage for each team in each quarter or half (refer Rule 2.1 and 2.2) shall be up to two (2) minutes from when time is held, to decide whether an injured or ill player is fit to continue. This decision shall be left to the Primary Care personnel. No other Team Official from the Bench is permitted on Court.
- 7.1. (iv) For each subsequent stoppage for each team, the injured or ill player must leave the court and has thirty (30) seconds to do so. The injury or illness must be treated Courtside and not on court. The injured or ill player may be substituted or the position left vacant (refer Rule 7 (viii)).
- 7.2 Blood Policy.
(iii) The Umpire shall decide the length of time for the stoppage and shall ensure that play is restarted as soon as possible. Normal injury procedures shall apply as per Rules 7.1. (v), 7.1 (vii) and 7.1 (viii). Other than Primary Care personnel, no other Team Official from the Bench is permitted on Court.
- 7.3 Emergencies.
(iv) No substitutions or team changes permitted during this stoppage. No Team Official from the Bench (refer Rule 3) is permitted on Court.

RULE 12 – START OF PLAY

- 12.1.4 If at a Centre Pass the ball is still in the Centre's hands when the Umpire's whistle is blown to signal the end of the quarter or half **and provided no infringement by that team** has been penalised, that team will take the Centre Pass after the interval.

RULE 13 – PLAYING THE BALL

- 13.5 If two (2) opposing players gain possession of the ball in quick succession, the Umpire shall call 'Possession' and indicate the player who first caught the ball. Play shall continue with this player in possession of the ball.

RULE 18 – AWARDING PENALTIES

18.1.2 In taking the penalty the player;

- (i) **must** take up the position clearly directed and indicated by the Umpire before playing the ball (ref Rules 3.1.6 (xi), 18.3.1 and 19.2 and **(new wording but no rule change)**)
- (ii) throw the ball within three (3) seconds (refer Rule 13.3); and
- (iii) obey the Footwork Rule which applies as though the foot placed at the point indicated is equivalent to the landing foot in a one foot landing or to receiving the ball with one foot grounded

18.3.1 The penalty shall be taken by any player allowed in the area where the infringer was Standing unless this places the non-offending team at a disadvantage. **Both the player taking the penalty and the offending player/s must take up the positions clearly directed and indicated by the Umpire (refer Rules 3.1.6 (xi) 18.1. 2, 18.3.2 and 19.2) before the player taking the penalty may play the ball (refer Rule 13.3)**

RULE 19 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

Breaking the Rules and/or the employment of any action not covered by the wording of the Rules, in a manner contrary to the spirit of the game, is not permitted (refer Rules 3.1.1 and 3.4.2) **This may include persistent infringing of one rule or of several rules in combination.**

RULE 20 – WARNING, SUSPENSION AND ORDERING OFF

20.1.1 **If a player continues to infringe after earlier penalties, or the Umpire considers the normal penalty (including advancing the penalty) is insufficient, the Umpire may issue a warning to the player concerned**

20.1.2 **A warning may be given to a player and/or Team Official whose comments and/or behaviour are considered inappropriate in any way (refer Rule 3.4.2)**

(New wording but same intent and a new format)

RULE 21 – FAILURE TO TAKE THE COURT

21.1.1 A team (refer Rule 4.3) **must** take the court when requested to do so by the Umpires

The Umpires shall notify the teams when there are thirty (30) seconds and ten (10) seconds remaining prior to;

- (a) the start of the game; and
- (b) the end of an interval

21.1.2 At the ten (10) seconds notification the teams shall move to their playing positions for the start and restart of play.

21.1.3 The teams must be on court for the start and restart of play

PENALTY for Rule 21.1.3

- (i) If a team fails to take the Court by the start or restart of play, **the Umpire shall Penalise for deliberate delaying of play (refer Rule 19.2)**
- (ii) if a team fails to take the Court within one (1) minute of the designated time for the start or restart of play (refer Rule 2), **the Umpires shall award the game to the non- offending team.**