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IHF RULES OF THE GAME FROM THE COACHES' POINT- OF-VIEW - SELECTION OF CONCRETE EXAMPLES

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- For a long time there was no substantial changes to the rules of handball (last Rules issue 2010, clarification 2011);
- Rules have evolved in recent years in terms of clarity and relatively simplified solutions;
- This should mean easier and more realistic recognition of game situation –and more unified interpretation among referees, players, coaches and spectators.



- In spite of a trend for more clear interpretation of the rules, however, still remain some problems, which need to be kept up to date and constantly clarify;
- Many times repeated the same problems we thought we cleared them up;
- Players often develop a strategy how to implement specific actions in order to deceive referees in their interpretation (all in the desire to be successful as much as possible)



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- It takes continuous effort in improving the interpretation of specific actions,



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- Entering the goalkeeper's area (6-m line fault):
 - In attack:
 - In shot at the goal:
 - Take-off fault;
 - Touching the floor in the goalkeeper's area before releasing the ball – with or without the foul;



- Using the goalkeeper's area when entering to the line of the area;
- Fighting for the rebound ball at the line of the goalkeeper's area – the ball is rolling or is in the air.

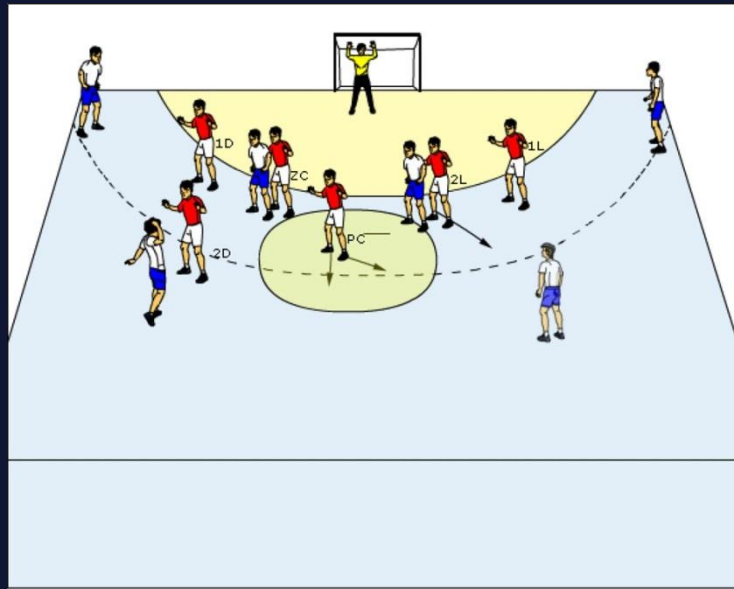


– In defence:

- When obstructing the entering attacker:
 - Against Back players – the time of entering of the defence player, before or during the foul?
 - Against Wing players (running in the goalkeeper's area behind the player without contact);
 - Against Pivot player – before and after receiving the ball;



- Blocking the shots with the jumps of defending players from the goalkeeper's area;
- Particularities of the defence play in certain zone defence systems – e.g. CH in zone defence 3:2:1.



- Passive play:
 - Situations that lead to the decision on passive play;
 - Playing after the warning signal for the passive play;
 - How many passes?
 - How many passes after a free throw?
 - The influence of the result;
 - The influence of the additional attack (e.g. after suspending a defender for 2-min. at the passive play warning signal or after the shot and save from the goalkeeper – attackers regain the possession of the ball) on the referee's judgement about the length of attack – additional warning?
 - Player less or more in the attack – maintaining the same criteria;



- The influence of the match model of individual teams onto the decision of the referee about the timing of the warning signal for passive play. Coaches often feel that referees give a signal earlier when the teams play quick game. Psychological impression that occasionally they play longer.
- The influence of the changing of the players in defence and the attack onto the decision about the warning signal.



- Player with the ball moves outside the playing court with one or both feet (while the ball is still inside the court - for instance to get around a defending player);
- Player from the team in possession takes up position outside the court without the ball (f. e. extended approach when performing a shot from a wing position);



Rule 8: Fouls and Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- attempting to make the opponent lose body control while running or jumping, or during a throwing action (e.g., grabbing the leg/foot of an opponent who is jumping, pushing);



- Foul in attacking play:
 - Criteria for the decision about the foul in attacking play:
 - Typical and clear situations:
 - Jumping on the defender,
 - Holding or restraining the defender (usually line player),
 - Run into the defending player, standing still at the time of attacking run;



- Unclear situations:
 - Blocks (usually line player) – when a block is not in line with the rules of the game?
 - Run of the attacker into a defending player, who is moving – who was first in place?
 - Defender in the goalkeeper's area.
 - Fouls when controlling the ball – holding and pulling the defender!
- Provoking the fouls when attacking – theatrics.



- Can a defender move or does he have to stand still?
- Positioning of the defender in the moment of body contact;
- Movement of the attacking player;



- 7-Meter Decision
- If an attacking player retains full control of ball and body despite a violation as in Rule 14:1a, there is no reason to give a 7-meter throw, even if thereafter the player fails to utilize the clear scoring chance;
- In this interpretation we must be very careful – „full control of ball and body“ does not always mean the same tactical and technical options for scoring the goal!?



- Advantage:
 - In what situation leave the advantage?
Feeling for the advantage!
 - Attacker, who is being stopped with the foul, also breaks the rules – e.g. steps!
 - Advantage and penalty: e.g. when player perform unsuccessful shot on goal under foul – 7-metre or 9-metre throw?



- Particularities:
 - Steps – sensitivity for correct decision;
 - Intercepting the ball with a foot – shoot or pass;
 - Dangerous fouls for the opponents health;

- Throw off after a goal – allowing a quick execution, but according to the rules;
 - After a goal player remain lying on a floor?!



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Thank you very much for
your attention and good luck!



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