

## Rule Adjustments 2015

At the recent meeting of the National Umpiring Committee & State Directors of Umpiring, the following rule adjustments were agreed to. These have been ratified by the PAA Board & are effective 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015. Changes to the existing rules are in red.

*The following is a trial rule for the 2016 season, with the exception of the Nationals at Albury.*

### **Multiply Penalty 4 (Free Goal) Infringements in a Game.**

*“On the 3rd penalty 4 (free goal) awarded against a team during a single game, the offending player will serve a penalty 6 (3 minutes on the side line). If a penalty 6 is awarded prior to the 3rd penalty 4, the penalty 4 count restarts.”*

*It should also be noted that the meeting resolved to interoperate a Penalty 6 as 3 minutes, nothing less.*

*When a player cannot continue to play due to a rule infringement by another player, the player that caused the infringement is to be sent off for a minimum of three minutes.*

*The only exemption to this trial is Rule 63, Riding Through the Goal Posts.*

### **Page 12 – Re-Introduction of Horse with Vice**

“2. The owner/player to notify the **State Director of Umpiring** of the tournament that they intend to return to compete. At least 3 games must be supervised by the State Director of Umpiring, Zone Director of Umpiring or his representative attending the Tournament.”

*In addition to this the following was agreed to by the NUC & circulated to all members on 30th April 2015.*

*1(b) If a horse is sent from the field during a tournament because of a vice, that horse is stood down from all Polocrosse competition for 15 days from the completion of that tournament.*

### **Page 16 – Penalties**

“2(a) A free throw, **taken into or out of the area**, from a central spot on the Penalty Line must be thrown forward.”

### **Page 17 – Set Penalty Explanation**

Substitution of horse, player **or umpire**, without the correct authorization.

## **Page 19 – Disciplinary Process for Set Penalties**

### **6. Penalty Commences** [Change dot point number 3 to.]

*“If a club has less than 5(five) financial playing members, club participation will be managed on a case by case basis by the National Umpiring Committee (NUC).”*

## **Page 24 – Substitute Player**

*10(d) Seven and Eight Player Teams. If a team elects to use a substitute player, the substitute player may ride the injured player’s horse. The substitution of horse and rider will be permanent for the remainder of the tournament.*

## **Page 26 – Teams** [addition to 14(b)]

*Sub Junior Any combination of players under 12 years to a limit of 6 players*

## **Page 26 – Conducting Australian National Championships and Approved 7 & 8 Person Teams** [addition to 14(c)]

*The reserve player must be ready to take the field at all times. During the course of a match, a player who by the rules is qualified may replace the injured player.*

## **Page 27 – Director of Umpiring Powers**

*18 (c) The Australian Director of Umpiring (ADU) appointed members of the National Umpiring Committee (NUC) and State Directors of Umpiring (SDU) are permitted to enter the playing field and enforce a rule through the on field umpires. This is achieved by those mentioned above requesting a time out through the on field umpires, advising them of the incident & penalty required.*

## **Page 28 – Obtaining Umpires/Appointment of Umpires**

*20(a) It shall be the responsibility of the Umpire Committee controlling a Tournament or Match to allocate appropriate Umpires to control all matches.”*

## **Page 28 – Referee** [addition to the existing rule 22(b)]

*22(b) Where a referee is appointed he/she may enter the playing field and enforce the rules through the on field umpires. This is achieved by the referee requesting a time out through the on field umpires, advising them of the incident & penalty required.*

## **Page 29 – Foul on Termination of Chukka**

*26(b) In the event of a foul being committed before the expiration of time and insufficient time is available to execute the penalty, that penalty shall be executed at the commencement of the next chukka.*

In the final Chukka of the game if a penalty is awarded to the attacking team in the goal scoring area too late to be taken before the bell, the No 1 shall be allowed to execute that penalty. *The No 1 must attempt a shot at goal.*

**Page 35 – Backline** [new addition to 38]

*38(d) “A player re-entering the field of play does not have line of ball over the player or players on the field of play”. Penalty 4*

**Page 41 – Racquet Side**

*51(e) A player shall not reach across or under an opponent’s horse’s neck or body in order to intimidate, or dislodge the ball from a racquet.*

**Page 45 – Deadlock**

*61(a) In the event of a deadlock (two opposing players unable to make any progress with the ball on the ground) lasting more than 10 seconds, the Umpire shall stop the match and throw the ball in from the nearest boundary line.*

*Add the following.*

*(b) “Should the No 3 leave the area the No 1 must attempt a shot at goal within 10 seconds, & should the No 1 leave the area then the No 3 must progress the ball to Centre field within 10 seconds. Penalty 4 will apply. The intention is to encourage fair play & good sportsmanship.”*

If anyone has any questions, please direct these to your State Director of Umpiring (SDU) in the first instance. Alternatively, contact a member of the National Umpiring Committee (NUC).

Regards,

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National Umpiring Committee