

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF NETBALL (2016 EDITIONS)

Introduction

Amendments to the INF Rules of Netball 2016 edition were approved by members at congress held in July 2017. An updated new rules book (2018 edition) incorporating the amendments has been published and is available through the INF. The amended rules will be implemented for International competition from 1st January 2018.


This supplement lists the rules amendments (applicable to the 2016 edition) of the INF Rules of Netball.

CURRENT WORDING		NEW WORDING
RULE 2. DEFINITIONS		
Page 6	None	BREAKING: early entry by a player to a third before the whistle is blown for a centre pass
Page 9	PIVOT: a movement where the player with the ball swivels on either the heel or the ball of the landing foot without gaining any ground	PIVOT: a movement where the player with the ball swivels either on the heel or on the ball of the landing foot while this maintains contact with the original landing position
Page 9	None	SET: a sanction is 'set' once the player taking the sanction is positioned correctly with the ball; in the case of a penalty pass, the infringer must also be positioned correctly
RULE 3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS		
Page 12	3.1 Court and related areas diagram - dot signifying goalpost is shown across the goal line	3.1 Adjust Court and related areas diagram so dot signifying goalpost is shown on court (including goal line) but not outside court
Page 13	Court, Court Surround, Field of Play and Playing Enclosure diagrams - dot signifying goalpost is shown across the goal line	Adjust Court, Court Surround, Field of Play and Playing Enclosure diagrams so dot signifying goalpost is shown on court (including goal line) but not outside court
RULE 5. MATCH PERSONNEL		
Page 21	5.1.1 Players (iii) Court diagram - dot signifying goalpost is shown across the goal line	5.1.1 Players (iii) Adjust Court diagram so dot signifying goalpost is shown on court (including goal line) but not outside court
RULE 6. MATCH PROCEDURES		
Page 31	6.1.6 (i) After signalling to the timekeeper to hold time, the umpire uses the appropriate hand signal to indicate if a player is receiving an official warning, being suspended or ordered off.	6.1.6 (i) The umpire holds time to caution a player, to give a warning, to suspend a player or to order a player off, also using any hand signal that applies.



RULE 7. SANCTIONS		
Page 32	Rule 7.1.1 (i) (a) & (b) No sanction is currently included	Rule 7.1.1 (i) Insert after (b) and before (ii) Sanction: Free pass. If a player deliberately or repeatedly takes a sanction from the incorrect position, the player will be penalised for delaying play [Rule 13.2.1 (i)]
Page 33	Rule 7.1.3 (iv) Once the player taking a penalty pass is in the correct position, the player may choose either to play the ball immediately or to wait for the infringer to stand out of play. If the player chooses to play the ball immediately:.....	Rule 7.1.3 (iv) A player who is correctly positioned to take a penalty pass may choose to play the ball before the sanction has been set. If the player chooses to play the ball immediately:..... Note: This change must be read in conjunction with the definition for 'set'. The remainder of the clause remains unchanged
RULE 8. STARTING PLAY		
Page 40	Rule 8.3.2 (ii) A player having no contact with the ball may move outside the court provided the player remains within the court surround.	Rule 8.3.2 (ii) A player having no contact with the ball may move into the court surround provided this is done solely for the purpose of repositioning back onto the court. Sanction: Free pass on court (near where the player left the court)
Page 42	8.5 (iii) Two opposing players are offside simultaneously and one or both touch or catch the ball	8.5 (iii) Two opposing players are offside simultaneously and one or both touch or catch the ball [Rule 9.7.1 (ii) (b)]
RULE 9. DURING THE MATCH		
Page 45	9.3 (i) (a) For injury/illness of a player or blood: all players not affected remain on the court	9.3 (i) (a) For injury/illness of a player or blood: all players not affected or being substituted remain on the court
RULE 13. GAME MANAGEMENT		
Page 62	During a match the umpires are the sole judges of fact and of the Rules. They apply the Rules of the Game fairly, communicate clearly and maintain a calm, decisive control.	The umpires apply the Rules of the Game fairly, communicate clearly and maintain a calm, decisive control. Note: The wording deleted is covered in the opening lines of Rule 5.2.1 so it is not necessary to repeat it
Page 64	13.1.2 (v) The suspension period of 2 minutes begins when play recommences.	13.1.2 (v) The suspension period of 2 minutes playing time begins when play recommences. Note: Refer to definition of 'playing time'



RULE 14. UMPIRE HAND SIGNALS		
Page 73	11 Incorrect entry to area for offside, early entry	11 Incorrect entry to area for offside, breaking
Page 76	None	Insert new Umpire Hand Signal 20 Caution  Elbow bent, arm angled across head, palm facing towards player
Page 76-77	Umpire Hand Signals 20, 21 & 22	Renumber Umpire Hand Signals 20, 21 & 22 as 21, 22, 23 and change heading for Umpire Hand Signal 21 to Warning
AMENDMENTS TO TERMINOLOGY		
Page 26,31,62,63,64,66,67,68,69,76	Throughout rules book change term 'official warning' to 'warning'	5.3.1 (ii) (g) 6.1.6 (i) & 6.1.6 (ii) 13.1 (i) (b) & 13.1 (ii) 13.1.1 Heading & 13.1.1 (2 occurrences) & 13.1.1 (i) (a) & 13.1.1 (i) (b) & 13.1.1 (ii) & 13.1.2 13.1.3 13.2.1 (ii) Sanction: & 13.2.1 (iv) Sanction 13.2.1 (vi) Sanction: & 13.2.2 (iii) Sanction 1. 13.2.3 (i) Sanction: & 13.2.3 (ii) Sanction: 13.3 (ii) (b) & 13.3 (iii) Hand signal 20 change to Warning
Page 32,65	Throughout rules book change term 'non-offending team' to noninfringing team	7.1 13.2.1 (i) Sanction:

