

Rules Questions week of 27.4.26

Q. Would like to know what penalty to apply (if any) if a player that has been asked to leave the field until the next break in play (as they received treatment on the field for an injury) rejoins the game without the referee's permission.

A. Yellow Card to be issued to the offender - To challenge the authority of the Referee.

Q. Please confirm that a defence mark is no longer possible, there is no mention of it in the rule book anymore.

A. The defensive mark applies. The wording of the rules does not specify attacking or defensive players allowing both attacking and defensive players to claim the Mark.

The Referee shall award the Mark in either of the following circumstances

(i) *When the player catches the ball cleanly from a kick-out, without it touching the ground, on or past the 45m line nearest the kick-out point (a Kick Out Mark).*

or

(ii) *When a player catches the ball cleanly on or inside the 20m line from a kick in play or from a kick-out mark, delivered by an attacking player on or beyond the opposing team's 45m line, and without it touching the ground (an Advanced Mark).*

Q. What is the penalty for a player striking the ball from a free after the 21m line. (Hurling)

A. 4.24 *To advance the ball deliberately from the place at which a free puck or sideline puck is to be taken.*

Penalty for the above fouls -

Cancel free puck or sideline puck. Throw in the ball where the foul occurred, except as provided under Exceptions (v) and (vi) of Rule 2.2.

Q. Can the Referee punish a team for verbal abuse from supporters of a team

A. *No rule exists to cover this situation.*

Q. What is considered to be interfering with play for a breach in 4v3 football rule.

A. Interfering with play is the Referees judgement call. A Referee should look for, a player playing the ball or preventing an opponent from receiving the ball. Active play involvement, obstructing an opponent, challenging for the ball.

Q. What is considered or what should be look for if a team mentor engages in disruptive conduct (Hurling & Football)

A. This is a judgement call for Referees where Team officials go beyond the threshold of challenging the authority of the Referee e.g. Team official's involvement in Melees, throwing objects onto the playing field, water bottles, flags.

Q. Goalie hits puck out made contact with ball but strikes it second time what is the penalty? (Hurling)

A. *When the ball is played over the endline by the team attacking that end or after a score, play is restarted by a puck-out from within the small rectangle.*

The player taking a puck-out shall take the ball into the hand, but should the player miss the stroke, the ball may be struck on the ground or may be raised with and struck with the hurley but not taken into the hand again before striking it. The player taking the puck-out may strike the ball more than once before another player touches it.

Q. The FRC guidance refers to cynical fouls relating to stopping of the clock, which in the Div 2 scenario was a black card plus a 50m penalty. I still don't see the wording in the official guide for the 50m penalty

A. *5.42 Notwithstanding any other provision in these Rules, where a foul is committed for the purpose of delaying play, the penalty shall, (in addition to being cautioned or ordered off, where appropriate) **be a free kick 50m more advantageous** than the position where the foul occurred – up to the opponent's 13m line. However, the opponents of the team conceding the foul may*

Take a free kick from the place where the foul occurred

Take a Solo and Go, immediately, from that position

Take a free kick from outside the 40m arc though the application of this Rule would otherwise result in a free kick from inside the 40m arc

The referee shall signal this penalty by extending either arm sideways.

Q. Rule 5.42 is still vague in the official guide delay of play and tactical fouling as it relates to the clock killing

A. Please refer to the Football Rules Guidance Document 9.4.26

Q. When a game is moved to 13 a side, with the 4vs3 rule, would you reduce the number of players in each half by one? So, example, the rule would now be 3 vs 2. In the defending half 1 goalkeeper and 2 defenders and in the attacking half two forwards? In the league I referee in Britain, they play 13 a side for the league campaign.

A. The ruling on 4v3 while playing at less than 15 a side is determined by County Bye Laws. Please confer with local County Board. The example above for 13 a side is well considered with 3v2 logical in this scenario.