

Rules Questions Week of 15.6.26

Q. Gaelic. Is a sideline ball inside the 14 or 20 metres line. 2 pointer?

A. If the sideline is kicked from outside the 20m line it is a 2-point score. If the sideline is kicked from inside the 20m line, it is a 1-point score.

Q. Is the black card rule penalty on a player running though on goal from inside 20 metres line in Gaelic still in play

A. 5.41 Notwithstanding provisions of existing Playing Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 2.13 and 5, if one of the following infractions:

- (a) To deliberately pull down an opponent (5.10) or
- (b) To deliberately trip an opponent with hand(s), arm, leg or foot (5.11) or
- (c) To deliberately collide with an opponent after the opponent has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking the opponent out of the movement of play (5.12) is committed on an attacking player who, or in the case of a Rule 5.12 Infraction the player's team, is denied of a goal-scoring opportunity, as defined in Important Terms and **Definitions 9**, the following penalties shall apply:

(i) A Penalty Kick shall be awarded to the team affected.

(ii) The offender shall be issued with a Black Card and be sent to the Sin Bin for ten minutes.

(d) To deliberately prevent or restrict, or to attempt to prevent or restrict, an opponent from moving or from playing the ball, by holding up an opponent. (5.13) or

(e) To deliberately pull an opponent's jersey

IMPORTANT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS - FOOTBALL AND HURLING

9. GOAL-SCORING OPPORTUNITY (Denial of)

In the context of Rules 5.45 (Hurling)/**5.41 (Football)**, a situation requiring each of the following criteria: Inside the 20-metre line, but not within 25 metres infield of each sideline or Within the semi-circular 20m Arc.

Q. In Gaelic football, a team is making a sub. Club game with just referee. A free is given to opposition and they take a "solo and go", and sub cannot be made until ball goes for a free, or restart, which is not a "solo and go" category. There is an obvious delay in sub taking place. Sideline mentors shout for sub to be made.

Should we allow the "Solo and Go" to be allowed priority or should we stop the free being taken, allow sub ?

If we stop free being taken, is it still eligible to be "Solo and Go" when sub has been made or should it then be a free ?

A. As the Solo and Go must be taken immediately it should take priority over a substitution until the next break in play. If the play does stop for the substitution, the team in possession/due a free cannot use the Solo and Go from this position. The free must be kicked in this instance.

Q. A goalkeeper takes a short kick, a defender comes inside the 40m arc, doesn't play the ball, but hinders an attacker from collecting the ball cleanly. Is this a free in or play on?

A. In this situation the Referee would consider if an Aggressive foul has been committed and would deal with the infraction accordingly. The Referee may allow advantage to the attacking player if an advantage is to occur. In addition, if the defending player does not play the ball and tracks the run of an attacker the defending player does not commit a foul.

Q. A forward is fouled 17m out from goal, his team picks up the ball and takes the free immediately and scores a goal from it. Should I award the goal?

A. The attacking team is entitled to take a quick free. In this instance the goal would stand as long as the attacking team kicked the ball from the spot of the foul. A Solo and Go is not possible inside the 20m line.

Q. There are a number of rules which state "may 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". In the context of this sentence "this rule" would seem to be in reference to the original foul (i.e. the numbered rule).

So it would seem to me that a strictly-accurate interpretation of this (and fair too) is that even if the foul was itself committed WITHIN the arc and so no 50m advancement applies, the free taker could still elect to bring it outside the arc. After all the condition in the clause are met - the application of the rule would otherwise result in a free kick from inside the 40m arc - nothing in the clause requires that the ball had been advanced from outside the arc.

Common interpretation seems to be that the option to take it back outside the arc applies only if it had been advance from outside the arc - but that's not actually what the rules SAY. I think it would be both more accurate, and also fairer, if the rule was applied as it seems to be written.

Can you advise please?

A. In the context of the above rule. The phrase " this rule" refers to the 50m advancement of the ball and not the initial foul. Therefore, the application of the rule of only allowing fouls to be taken outside the 40m arc when the original foul occurred there is fair and correct.