

Rules Questions Week of 22.6.26

Q. If you blow the full-time whistle and realise the defending team only had 2 players in opposition half should you allow a free kick to be taken or finish the game?

A. Once the whistle is blown the game is over and a free kick is not possible at this stage.

Q. What is the guidance on the wearing of jewellery? Eg earrings and watches. Also is there guidance on Players that have woops or sports bands that are taped up?

A. There is no ruling restricting the Referee wearing jewellery. In relation to the player if the sports band is taped up and not a danger to another player this is ok.

Q. In hurling if a player just touches the ball to the bás with no clear separation from the hand?

A. There must be clear separation from the hand otherwise it is over carrying the ball.

Q. If the ball enters the dugout of the opposition, at the time a free has been awarded on field, is there an obligation on players, or mentors in dugout or the line, to give the ball to nearest opposition player, or if they throw the ball onto pitch away from all opposition players, is there any action that should be taken?

A. As the ball is out of play there is no obligation on players or mentors in the dugout to hand the ball to the nearest player.

Q. A player or players kneel down to tie a shoelace, in close proximity to keeper taking kick-out, causing an interference to the kick-out and delay. Is this a free and if so is it advanced 50 m? If players are told to move out of way to stop delay to free, without doing so, is it a free or advance 50m?

A. If the Referee determines that the player is delaying the kickout, the ball can be moved forward 50m. The Referee is not to stop play for a player tying their shoelaces.

Q. When is a player considered to be in square?

A. Hurling

4.10 For an attacking player to enter opponents' small rectangle **before the ball enters it during the play.**

Exceptions:

- (i) If an attacking player legally enters the small rectangle, and the ball is played from that area but is returned before the attacking player has time to leave the area, provided that the player does not play the ball or interfere with the defence, a foul is not committed.
- (ii) When a point is scored from outside the small rectangle and the ball is sufficiently high to be out of reach of all players, the score shall be allowed even though an attacking player may have been within the small rectangle before the ball - provided that the player in question does not interfere with the defence.

A. Football

4.9 For an attacking player to enter opponents' small rectangle:

- (a) **During Play** (excluding Set Play), before the final play of the ball into the small rectangle.
- (b) **In Set Play**, before the ball enters the small rectangle.

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Q. If a player on same team is too close to line ball in hurling what is penalty?

4.11

(b) For a player on the team awarded a sideline puck to stand or move nearer than 13m to the ball **before it is struck.**

Penalty for the above fouls -

Free puck 13m more advantageous than the place of original puck - up to opponents' 20m line.

Q. Goalkeeper overcarrying in small square in football?

A. This would result in a penalty to the opposing team. The goalkeeper and outfield players do not differ in this situation.

Q. Pulling on opposition players leg in throw in if he steps across to shield ball?

A. 5.5 To make “a pull” with the hurley from behind and around the body of an opponent that is not consistent with an attempt to play the ball.

Penalty for the above fouls –

- (i) Caution offender; order off for second cautionable foul.
- (ii) Free puck from where foul occurred except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2.

Q. For the black card rule as per 5.45 below, I hear a lot of commentary on the Sunday Game and podcasts and from other referees that the player must in possession of the ball or "in possession" . In the rule below, there is no mention of possession - it says a goal scoring opportunity. Can this be clarified please as we seem to working off two different rule books?? or different sets of rules?

5.45 This Rule applies only to Inter-County Senior, Under 20 and Minor (Under 17) Competitions/ Games.

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- (b) To trip an opponent with hand (s), arm, leg, foot, or hurley (5.2) or**
- (c) To use the hurley in a careless manner (5.6) is committed on an attacking player who is denied of a goal-scoring opportunity, as defined in Important Terms and Definitions 9, the following penalties shall apply:**

- (i) A Penalty Puck 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 10 minutes**

Exception: If the offender has previously been issued with a Black Card or a Yellow Card

(on foot of a Cautionable Infraction), the offender shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including Extra-Time when played.

A. The Rule above applies to Intercounty hurling only.

GOAL-SCORING OPPORTUNITY
(Denial of)

In the context of **Rules 5.45 (Hurling)/5.41 (Football)**, a situation requiring each of the following criteria:

(i) The attacking player fouled, as specified in these Rules, shall be in possession of the ball, except in the case of Rule 5.12 (Football). Possession shall include a player being in control of the ball as specified in any one or more **Rule 1-The Play sub-sections 1.3,1.4,1.7 (Hurling); 1.4,1.5 (Football)**.

(ii) The Location of the infraction shall be either:

- (a) Inside the 20-metre line, but not within 25 metres infield of each sideline or
- (b) Within the semi-circular 20m Arc.

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Q. What does team in possession mean when trying to restart a game for an indirect free? -

Does possession mean -they have it in their hand or on their hurl or if they are standing closest to the ball when the whistle is blown for an injury?

A. The question above is split into part a and b below. In possession the player would have control of the ball, however if the player is standing next to the ball it would come under part b.

Football

2.10 If in exceptional circumstances play is stopped by the Referee to enable a seriously injured player to be treated on the field or removed from the field of play, play shall resume in one of the following manners:

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Hurling

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Q. In hurling Is the black card and penalty for cynical play, denying a clear goal scoring opportunity inside the 20m limited to inter county games still?

A. This statement is correct, the rule applies to Intercounty hurling only.