

Rules Questions Week of 8.6.26

Q. A sideline puck or free puck is awarded on or close to the 20m line on or near the sideline. How far can a player move the ball back to create an angle for a score

A. The free puck or sideline puck must be taken from the place the foul occurred or from where the ball went out over the line. If a foul occurs inside the 20m line, the free puck is placed on the 20m opposite where the foul occurs.

1.2 Duties of the Referee

(viii) To indicate the place from which all free kicks or free pucks shall be taken.

Q. Could we get a list with a breakdown of fouls and their punishment? For example: Free Kick only - List of all possible fouls that are punished only with a free and also location of this free, same for noting's, yellow cards, red cards, black cards etc

A. Please refer to the Referee & Match official page on Tobar where documents are available to view i.e. Hurling Rules Sanctions & Football Rules Sanctions

<https://learning.gaa.ie/RefereeResources>

Q. Do all fouls that deny a goal scoring opportunity result in a black card for offender as well as a penalty, e.g. if a defender pushes a forward from behind when he's kicking the ball in front of goal, pushing itself is not a black card offence.

A. For a Referee to award a black card and a penalty, the cynical fouls listed below must apply to the situation.

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

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.

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. At the end of play in a club match without a hooter present to end the game. The last kickout is taken with time not up but time ends when ball is in play, when should the referee end play if ball stay in play and does not go over sideline/endline or a score

A. During a club game added time will apply when a hooter is not available. Added time remains at the Referees discretion. In a game without a hooter, there is no change to how game time is managed by the Referee.

1.1 Powers of the Referee

The Referee's decision on any question of fact (except as provided for in Rule 7.3 (aa) (1) (vi)), and in regard to time, shall be final

Q. If a player has been awarded a free in Hurling and then shows dissent to the referee for not awarding it earlier is the decision to cancel the free and throw the ball in or a free against the player who was awarded the initial free and move it up 30 metres.

A. 5.41 For a player to retaliate between the award of a free to the player's team and the free puck being taken.

Penalty - Cancel free puck.

Throw in the ball where the original foul occurred, except as provided under Exceptions (v) and (vi) of Rule 2.2.

Apply any other relevant penalty of Rule 5.

Q. Can you clarify five on the line rule. The rules say that for a technical foul in the large rectangle that it is five only in the goals including the goalkeeper. However, there are several examples in recent weeks where five on the line were only allowed for other non-technical frees.

A. The detail is correct for a technical foul. For other fouls a team can decide on the number of players they have in the goals.

Q. Free awarded for late tackle ball lands inside small arc. Player taking the free asked me could he take it from where the late tackle happened. I said no it's from where ball landed. Football game.

A. In this instance the free could be awarded from the place of the late tackle.

2.2 Set Play

- (iii) When a player is fouled immediately after the player plays the ball away and a score results, it shall stand. **Otherwise, the referee shall award a free kick from where the foul occurred or, if more advantageous, from where the ball lands or crosses the sideline.** With the option of a free being awarded from where the foul occurred being retained, the rule shall apply in the following circumstances as outlined:-

- (a) If the ball lands over the endline, the free kick shall be given on the 13m line opposite the place where the ball crossed the endline;
- (b) If the ball lands inside the opponents' 13m line, a free kick shall be given from the 13m at the point where the ball crossed this line.
- (c) The player taking the free may choose to take the 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.