

## **Rules Questions 29.6.26**

**Q. In Hurling, can a player - who is no longer holding a hurley (irrespective of how they are no longer holding their hurley) - handpass the sliotar in a way akin to a football hand / fist pass i.e. hold the sliotar in one hand and strike the ball to pass it with the other hand/fist?**

A. The definition of the handpass states that “The ball shall be released and struck with a definite striking action **of a hand**”

The scenario above would allow for the player to handpass the ball as indicated.

### **IMPORTANT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS - FOOTBALL AND HURLING**

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#### **(b) Hurling**

The ball shall be released and struck with a definite striking action of a hand. The releasing of the ball is considered an integral part of the handpass.

**Q. In football, in the 4 v 3 set-up, if a player (whilst maintaining the minimum of the requisite number of players in that half) - receives / catches the ball on the halfway line and steps on the halfway line in doing so - are they in breach of rule 2.15 'Unless stated otherwise, where a Rule requires a player to be inside or outside a particular line on the Field of Play, the player is required to have both feet inside or outside the line, as appropriate'? What is the penalty for that infraction?**

A. In this instance a free kick awarded to the opposing team, on the halfway line opposite where the player catches the ball.

If a player crosses the halfway line in the act of carrying, receiving, or intercepting the ball and leaves less than 3 up in the opposition half the penalty is a free kick to the opposition on the point where the player crossed the halfway line.

**Q. In the Kerry v Donegal game Micháel Burns (Kerry) received a red card before start of 2nd half. If Micháel was not available to receive the card i.e. he was taken to medical room or hospital, is there a procedure for issuing a red card in his absence.**

A. The team would be informed that the player cannot be used or replaced, and the matter would be reported to the relevant committee, and they would deal with it.

**Q. For penalty shoot, if a player is temporary substituted for blood/head injury or is off on black card, during extra time and is available to resume his place before final whistle but as there was not a break in play, could not rejoin game, can that player be included in list for penalty takers.**

A. In this instance if the player in question has spent 10 minutes in the sin bin prior to the game ending, the player is eligible to be selected to take a penalty.

For a Temporary substitute, they are not eligible to take a penalty as their temporary replacement is still on the field of play.

If a player requires medical attention and must leave the field of play due to being treated on the field of play. The player can return to take a penalty if the final whistle goes prior to the player getting an opportunity to return to the field.

**Q. Referee awards a free to attacking team inside the 40m arc. The defender disputes the referees awarding of the free. The referee judges his behaviour as dissent. As the dissent occurred inside the 40m arc is the team awarded the free entitled to bring the free outside the arc for a chance of a 2-point score**

A. In this instance as the dissent occurred inside the 40m arc, the free will remain inside the 40m arc. The ball can be moved forward up to the 13m line.

6.4 To show dissent with the Referee's decision to award a free to the opposing team.

**Penalty** - The free kick already awarded shall be taken from a place 50m more advantageous than the place of original kick – **up to opponents' 13m line.**

**Q. Football - Are there any sanctions for interfering with the taking of a '45' e.g. distracting the free taker, hitting the ball away, etc.**

A.

#### Football

4.17 To delay an opponent taking a free kick or sideline kick by:

- (a) Hitting or kicking the ball away; or not "handing over on the full" the ball i.e. giving the ball directly to the nearest opposition player, or the player fouled, in a prompt and respectful manner.
- (b) Not releasing the ball to the opposition, or
- (c) Deliberately not moving back to allow a quick free or Solo and Go to be taken.

**Penalty for the above fouls** - Free kick 50m in the direction of the goal posts to a more advantageous position than the original kick – up to opponents' 13m line. However, the opponents of the team conceding the foul 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.

**Exception** - A player holding their hands upright shall not constitute an interference.

#### Hurling

4.18 To delay an opponent taking a free puck or sideline puck by hitting or kicking the ball away, not releasing the ball to the opposition, or by deliberately not moving back to allow the puck to be taken.

#### **Penalty for the above fouls -**

Free puck 13m more advantageous than the place of original puck - up to opponents' 20m line. To reset the ball for a free/penalty/sideline puck without the referee's permission after the whistle has been blown for the free/penalty/ sideline puck to be taken.

#### **Exception:**

A player holding the hands or hurley upright shall not constitute an interference.

**Q. Football Part 2 Rules dated 27/3/26 - the wording of Rule 5.41 is badly written.**

**The penalty for an infraction is given after items (a), (b) and (c), leaving items (d) and (e) hanging. I presume this is an error and the penalty kick & black card apply to all five infractions listed?**

A. The statement above is correct. The error has been highlighted to the relevant parties.

playing rules

**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

**Q. Score Umpires and Sideline Official can bring foul play/rough play to the attention of the referee during a break in play and the line umpire can raise his flag to do the same during the course of play (Rules Of Control).**

**Football Rule 5.40 says the referee may apply the appropriate penalty after such an intervention. If the break in play came about after a score has been made, and the offending player was on the team that scored, can the score be cancelled by the referee and is the game restarted with a free out to the defending team from where the offence occurred?**

A. In this instance, the score can be cancelled and a free awarded to the opposition team from the spot of the infraction.

**Q. Football - a ball is kicked in open play from outside the 40m arc and bounces over the bar untouched - is this a 2 pointer?**

A. In this scenario the 2-point score is allowed.

3.1

Two points are scored when the ball is played over the crossbar between the posts (whether from a free kick, Solo and Go, or from general play), having been kicked by a player who has at least one foot on or outside the 40m arc, **provided no other player from that player's team has touched the ball.**

**Q. Football - a ball is kicked in open play from outside the 40m arc, gets a touch from a defender and then bounces over the bar - is this a 2 pointer?**

A. In this scenario the 2-point score is allowed.

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