

# Memorandum

**Date:** 23 January 2012

**From:** Chris Burton – National Director of Umpiring

**Re:** Rule Changes 2012

The verbatim changes of the 2012 Netball Rules or language changes will be both on the IFNA Website and the NA Website as per the Official Release Document.

The Rules in their entirety will be clearly displayed in the new Rule Book complete with consequential changes to the numbering of the Rules and their relevant clauses as happens during the normal Rules Review process.

The purpose of this memo is simply to make clear and/or to paraphrase the new rules where they are indeed changed and not to comment on new wording which doesn't change a rule but is simply semantics.

The rule changes, in pragmatic form (in orange) are as follows:

2.5 Procedure for extra time where a winner is required has changed to the following:

- 2 halves of 7 minutes (as is usual) now with a 1 minute half time
- During both halves of the extra time, normal injury/illness Rules apply, however, for the purpose of the application of the injury/illness rule, both halves are treated as a whole quarter, thus allowing the usual time (for both teams) of up to 2 minutes for the first injury and subsequent injuries "shall not exceed" 30 seconds.

NB: during any stoppage any and all players may be treated for injury (both Teams but the length of time for the injury is based on the time held for the player for whom time was called/held.

3.3.1 i (b) Visual clock no longer has to be stopped.

3.4.2 Coaching is allowed by anybody on the team bench and at any time from Team personnel either seated or standing at their Team bench.

7.1 (b) an umpire may call time in 'extreme circumstances' is he/she considers that a player is injured or ill. Please note that this is a (b) clause and there is an (a) clause which is unchanged.





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- 7.2 The presence of blood is not an injury nor an illness but once it has been noticed and called by an on court player or the umpire, then the stoppage is for up to two minutes and' is not recorded against a team'.
- 7.3 Added to the Emergencies list when an umpire MAY hold time is .....an injury/ illness of an umpire

While the document on the website looks considerably longer than the above I refer you to the beginning of this, where I point out these are the only rules changes, all other changes are simply semantics, renumbering or shifting of the Penalty for Rule 7 out of Rule 18 where all other penalties may be found.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Burton".

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