



**FINA WATER POLO RULE CHANGES
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WP10.1	<p>The secretary must raise a yellow flag and the appropriate cap colour flag(s) at the same time when signalling for the re-entry of a player after a brutality foul.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for the past 3 ½ years - now in Rules</i></p>
WP11.3(f)	<p>If a field player is excluded during a penalty shootout, the other listed players will be moved up the rota to fill the gap and the replacement player placed at the end of the new list.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for the recent past - now in Rules</i></p>
WP11.3(g)	<p>If the conditions are such that one team might be disadvantaged if both ends of the pool are used for a penalty shootout, it may be staged solely at one end of the pool.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for the recent past - now in Rules</i></p>
WP11.5 NEW	<p>If a game, or portion of a game has to be replayed, then fouls, goals and timeouts during the time of the game to be replayed and any knock on effects of them shall be removed from the record. However, brutality and misconduct fouls or red cards and their sanctions will remain.</p> <p><i>A technical change. Time may go back to point of error, but brutality, misconduct and cards remain.</i></p>
WP12.1	<p>Timeouts not used in the four quarters of a match will be available for use in extra time as well as a third timeout.</p> <p><i>Change in wording only</i></p>
WP13.1	<p>The toss of a coin for ends has been removed, with the home team or the team mentioned first on the programme wearing white caps and starting from the left of the table.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for years in LEN/FINA tournaments - now in Rules</i></p>
WP13.2 WP20.4	<p>No player may push off from the goal at the start or re-start, neither may any player attempt to pull the ropes forward.</p> <p><i>It's not practical to impose in Ireland. Status Quo to remain.</i></p>
WP20.16	<p>When a shot is taken and blocked by a defender and the ball rebounds out of play at the side of the pool, the defending team gets the free throw.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for the past 3 ½ years - now in Rules</i></p>
WP20.18	<p>This rule and the offence of wasting time have been removed.</p> <p><i>The exception to this is where a player 'dumps' a ball with short time remaining on 30s clock, a free throw is awarded immediately to other team.</i></p>
WP21.2	<p>An excluded player may leave the playing field at any point to swim to the re-entry area.</p> <p><i>This will apply in full in UL or NAC 50m pool. In diving pool, will apply, but excluded players who exit the field at the side must stay in the water until they arrive at re-entry area. In other pools, we should remain as is.</i></p>
WP21.10	<p>A player excluded for misconduct must leave the competition area.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for the past 3 ½ years - now in Rules</i></p>
WP21.3 WP21.10	<p>If a player is excluded during interval time he may be replaced immediately and the new player may be involved in the restart.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for the recent past - now in Rules</i></p>

<p>WP21.10 WP21.11</p>	<p>The definitions of Misconduct and Brutality have been changed: Misconduct now includes “aggressive” play instead of “violent” play. Brutality now includes playing “in a violent manner”.</p> <p><i>This is largely a change in wording. In effect there is little change, but Brutality ‘threshold’ is lowered somewhat. The referee must still see ‘Malicious Intent’ for Brutality, rather than instinctive reaction or slapping at an opponent, which can be punished as ‘Misconduct’</i></p>
<p>WP21.11</p>	<p>If the referees call simultaneous brutality fouls on opposing team members then the team in possession will have the first penalty throw, followed by the penalty for the other team. The team that was in possession will restart the game with a free throw on or behind the halfway line.</p> <p>Should a brutality foul occur in interval time no penalty throw is awarded but the team will play one man down for four minutes after the restart. "Interval time" is the time between periods, during a timeout, or after a goal has been scored and before the restart.</p>
<p>WP21.12</p>	<p>It will no longer be an exclusion foul for a player of the team in possession of the ball at a free throw, goal throw, corner throw, neutral throw or penalty throw to impede or push off from an opponent before the throw is taken. It will be treated as an ordinary foul under WP20.</p> <p>Exclusion fouls will continue to be treated as such and penalised accordingly.</p> <p><i>This has been in common use for many years - now in Rules</i></p>
<p>WP21.13</p>	<p>It will no longer be an exclusion foul for players of both teams at a free throw, goal throw, corner throw, neutral throw or penalty throw simultaneously to impede or push off from an opponent before the throw is taken. It will be treated as an ordinary foul under WP20.</p> <p>Simultaneous exclusion fouls in this time will continue to be treated as such and penalised accordingly.</p> <p><i>This has been in common use for many years - now in Rules</i></p>
<p>WP21.13</p>	<p>If simultaneous exclusions are awarded in actual play and one team has the ball then that team restarts with a free throw and a new 30 seconds possession. If neither team has the ball then a neutral throw is awarded.</p> <p><i>This has been in common use for many years - now in Rules</i></p>
<p>WP21.13</p>	<p>It is clarified that if two players are excluded simultaneously and both are permitted to re-enter but one is not in position, then the one that is ready may be waved in separately before the one that isn't!</p> <p><i>This has been in common use for many years - now in Rules</i></p>
<p>WP21.15</p>	<p>An excluded player of the team not in possession who enters or re-enters illegally, incurs an exclusion and a penalty throw against him for re-entering the game improperly will be credited with only one personal foul recorded on the match sheet as an “exclusion penalty”.</p> <p>No change to the sanction on a player of the team in possession who enters improperly – exclusion and free throw only.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for the past 3 ½ years - now in Rules</i></p>
<p>WP22.2</p>	<p>The two handed blocking offences are clarified. If inside 5m, then a penalty throw, if outside then an exclusion.</p> <p><i>This has been in use for the past 3 ½ years - now in Rules</i></p>

APPENDIX A: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF TWO REFEREES	
3.	Referees will start matches from their respective 5m lines.
7.	<i>A yellow card to be issued to a player if the referee feels that player is simulating fouls. This card is considered a warning to the team and the next offence of 'simulation' by that team is penalised with a red card and exclusion with substitution (Misconduct). In each case, the simulation must be significant in the spirit of the game.</i>
10.	The provision that a simultaneously awarded penalty and an exclusion foul for opposing teams becomes two exclusions and a neutral has been deleted and no guidance is now given on this admittedly rare and unlikely event.

APPENDIX B; SIGNALS TO BE USED BY OFFICIALS	
F	Wording changed to deal with signalling for Misconduct and introducing the use of a red card as a visual aid in this event as an addition to the current system.FINA. <i>The Red Card is in addition to the existing signalisation.</i>
G	Wording changed to deal with signalling for Brutality and introducing the use of a red card as a visual aid in this event as an addition to the current system. <i>The Red Card is in addition to the existing signalisation.</i>