

NEW Rules – What's Changed?

Welcome to a guide of the main rule changes that will take effect in England from 1st Sept 2016. If you would like to learn more about ALL rule changes please visit our [Rules & Updates](#) page on the England Netball website where you will find more detailed documents. Remember, in addition to the changes below, your local, county, regional or national league regulations may also contain some changes in relation to interval timings, team official roles and requirements, late arrivals and more so it's best to read your competition regulations before you take the court!



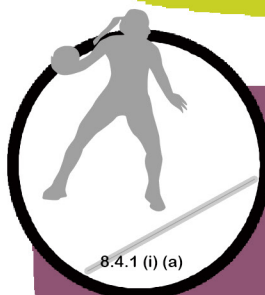
9.3.1

STOPPAGES

All injury/illness/blood stoppages are 30 seconds. The injured player must leave the court. If a position is left vacant the player may return at specified times in the game.

What's Changed?

For injury/illness/blood on a player, the 1st stoppage in each quarter was up to 2 minutes and the player concerned could continue to play when the match restarted. Additional stoppages in the same quarter were 30 seconds. All blood stoppages were up to 2 minutes.



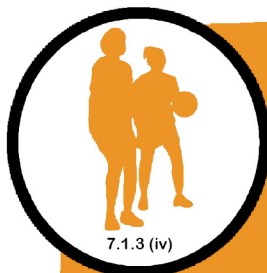
8.4.1 (i) (a)

TAKING A THROW IN

The player taking a throw in must have at least one foot within 15 cm (6 in) of the line.

What's Changed?

Previously the player must have placed one or both feet immediately behind the line.



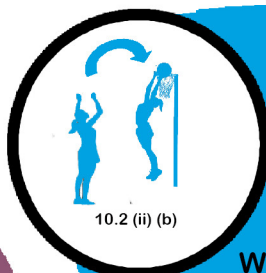
7.1.3 (iv)

PENALTY PASS

Once a player taking a penalty pass is in the correct position, the player may choose to either play the ball immediately or wait for the infringer to stand out of play.

What's Changed?

Previously the player taking a penalty pass had to wait until the infringer was standing out of play. A player who did not wait until the penalty was 'set' was penalised.



10.2 (ii) (b)

DEFENDING A SHOT AT GOAL

A defender may not deflect a shot at goal on its downward path towards the ring (this includes touching the ball up through the net).

What's Changed?

Previously this was not specifically covered.

CAPTAIN

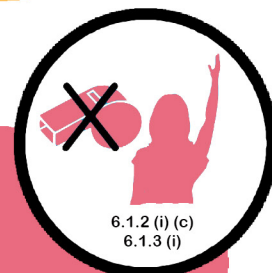
5.1.1 (d)
& 5.1.1 (v) (c)

ON COURT CAPTAIN

A team must have an on court captain. If the captain leaves the court the umpires must be advised of the replacement on court captain. Umpires may stop the game to speak with the on court captain if they feel that player/s behaviour is causing concern. The captain is then given time to speak to the player/s concerned.

What's Changed?

A captain is no longer listed as a team official. To help manage a game, an on-court captain may be requested by the umpires to speak to player/s whose behaviour is causing concern.

6.1.2 (i) (c)
6.1.3 (i)

GOAL SCORED/OUT OF COURT

The umpire indicates a goal has been scored by raising one arm vertically. There will be no whistle after a goal is scored or when a ball is clearly out of court.

What's Changed?

Previously umpires would have blown their whistle.

GAME MANAGEMENT

Foul play – this has been defined and includes unfair play, dangerous play and misconduct. Intimidation is now included as ‘unfair play’. To manage a match, umpires may have a quiet word with a player, apply the normal sanction or take the following actions.

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CAUTION
an umpire advises that a specified behaviour needs to change



OFFICIAL WARNING
a further breach will result in suspension



SUSPENSION
suspended from play for 2 minutes playing time



ORDERING OFF
sent from the court for the remainder of the match

ADVANCING A PENALTY
is now related to delaying play ONLY

What's Changed?

Previously the umpire determined the length of any suspension.



9.4.1 (ii)

PLAYING THE BALL

A player may not throw/bat the ball deliberately at another player. The umpire will decide if an action is deliberate or accidental.

What's Changed?

Further clarification has been provided for this rule.

PLAYER'S HAIR

Hair should be to suitably (as per rule) tied back whilst participating in Netball and any hair accessory that is used should not pose any risk to any individual.

5.1.1 (iv) (d)

What's Changed?

This was not previously included in the Rule Book.

PRIMARY CARER

All teams must now identify a primary care person and make this person known to Umpires before the match starts. Requirements for primary carers will vary depending on levels of play, please check your competition regulations.

**PRIMARY
CARER**

5.1.2 (i)

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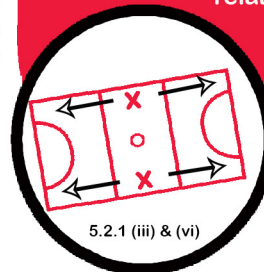
Further clarification has been provided for this rule.

UMPIRES WORK COOPERATIVELY

The umpires work cooperatively and may appeal to each other for decisions. Whilst division of the court remains unchanged, the co-umpire may hold time for injury/illness/blood (or other reasons) or for issues relating to game management.

What's Changed?

Previously an umpire gave decisions for only one half of the court (except for side line decisions and when taking a toss up)



5.2.1 (iii) & (vi)

SHORT PASS

When a player passes the ball there must be sufficient space for an opposing player on the court to be able to intercept the ball as it moves from the hands of the thrower to those of the receiver.



9.5.1 (i)

What's Changed?

Previously the rule stated that ‘at the moment’ the ball is passed there must be room for a third player to move between the hands of thrower and those of the receiver.

DELAYING PLAY

Delaying play (either accidentally or deliberately) is considered foul play - in some cases it could affect the outcome of the match. A penalty pass is awarded and the sanction is advanced.

What's Changed?

Clearer guidance on dealing with ‘advancing’ as previously it was any action deemed appropriate by the umpire and not just a free pass.

**DELAYING
PLAY**

13.2.1 (i)



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CONTACT/CONTEST

Players may come into physical contact with each other as they strive for the ball. If they do not interfere with each other's play or use their bodies to gain an unfair advantage over their opponent, it is deemed to be contest and play continues.

What's Changed?

No change has been made, but further clarity has been given between contact and contest and interference has been specified.