

Water Polo Rules Changes - 2018-20

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1-4-1, 1-4-2: Minimum and maximum dimensions for water polo facilities using floating goals and wall goals are defined.

Rationale: Clarifies the range of water polo facility dimensions.

1-18-1, 1-18-2: Girls and boys water polo ball pressure shall be inflated according to manufacturer specifications.

Rationale: Clarifies that the water polo ball pressure must adhere to manufacturer specifications.

3-6-4, 2-2-3, 3-6-5: A yellow card for disruptive behavior may only be issued to the head coach or the bench (the players collectively on the bench). Other team personnel shall receive a red card for similar behavior.

Rationale: Specifies that team personnel, other than the head coach and the bench, shall receive an immediate red card for being disruptive.

4-7-1: Each team shall be entitled to three 2-minute time-outs and one 30-second time-out during the game.

Rationale: Aligns the number of timeouts with the number of periods in a contest.

7-12-1, 3-9a: A player receiving a 2nd minor act of misconduct in a game will be excluded for the remainder of the game.

Rationale: Clarifies that players should receive only one warning prior to a game exclusion.

7-22 (NEW): Simulation of a foul is prohibited. The penalty for the infraction was defined.

Rationale: Defines simulations and established a penalty for a player on offense and defense.

2018-20 WATER POLO EDITORIAL CHANGES

Rules Book - The case plays are being recodified to eliminate redundancy and to provide clarity and consistency with other NFHS rules books.

Rules Book – Beginning with 2018-19, the NFHS Water Polo Rules Book will transition to a two-year publishing cycle.

2018-20 WATER POLO POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Decorum
2. Simulation
3. Minor Acts of Misconduct
4. Guidelines on Handling Contests During Lightning or Thunder Disturbances