



**GENERAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS**

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APPENDIX 16

VIDEO UMPIRE

1 POWER TO REFER DECISIONS TO THE VIDEO UMPIRE

- 1.1 The Match Umpires are the only persons who can refer decisions to the Video Umpire either directly or after a request from a team;
- 1.2 Referrals cannot be made as a result of protests, queries or pressure from players, Team Managers or Coaches on any decision. Teams (and their captains) will be held responsible for any violation or abuse of the Video Umpire protocols;
- 1.3 No one other than the Match Umpires, can stop the match to request a referral; eg the Video Umpire or Technical Officials at the Technical Table cannot stop a match.

2 UMPIRE REFERRAL

- 2.1 The Match Umpires may refer decisions to the Video Umpire when they are not convinced that they have taken, or are able to take, the correct decision relating to the awarding / disallowing of goals or the award / non-award of Penalty Strokes.
- 2.2 Referrals shall only relate to whether or not a goal has been legally scored or if a Penalty Stroke has been correctly awarded or not awarded.
- 2.3 The match Umpires are therefore entitled to request the Video Umpire to assist in making decisions which include, but are not restricted to:
 - a whether the ball crossed the goal line (within the area bounded by the goal posts and crossbar);
 - b whether the ball was legally played or touched inside the circle by the stick of an attacker and did not travel outside the circle before passing completely over the goal-line and under the cross-bar;
 - c whether the ball travelled outside the circle before it entered the goal from a shot by an attacker during the taking of a penalty corner;
 - d whether a breach of the Rules has been observed within the attacking 23 metres area in the play leading to the awarding or disallowing of a goal. It is then for the Match Umpire to take any breach into account in reaching their decision.
 - e whether an offence has been committed by a defender in the circle which prevents the probable scoring of a goal, or there has been an intentional offence in the circle by a defender against an opponent who has possession of the ball or an opportunity to play the ball.
- 2.4 The Match Umpire requests Video Umpire assistance using the “television-screen” signal; he / she relays by radio to the Video Umpire whatever information is necessary.

3 UMPIRE REFERRAL PROCESS

- 3.1 The Video Umpire calls for as many replays from any camera angle as necessary to reach a decision.
- 3.2 Within the shortest time frame possible, the Video Umpire provides his / her advice and recommendation:
- 'Goal'
 - 'No Goal'
 - 'Penalty Stroke'
 - 'No Penalty Stroke'
 - 'No Advice Possible'
 - plus advice on any observed breach of the Rules.
- 3.3 If a breach of the Rules is observed and advised to the match Umpire, it is then for the Match Umpire to take into account the breach in reaching his / her final decision.
- 3.4 In the case of 'No Advice Possible' (if the video footage is inconclusive, including through not having the correct replays available, the ball never being in shot in the replays, the footage being of insufficient quality to permit a decision or technical problems with the referral equipment) the original decision of the Match Umpire stands. If there was no decision given before the referral, then the final decision is 'No Goal' or 'No Penalty Stroke' (depending on the type of referral).
- 3.5 An umpire referral that has been already been adjudicated upon may not be the subject of a subsequent team referral.

4 TEAM REFERRAL

- 4.1 Each team is allowed one team referral request (which must be made through the Match Umpires) during regulation time in any match subject to articles 5.4a and 5.4b below of this Regulation and one team referral request during a shoot-out competition, subject to articles 5.4a and 5.4b below:
- a team referrals will be restricted to decisions within the 23 metre areas relating to the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes and penalty corners and, during a shoot-out competition, whether a shoot-out should be re-taken. The award of personal penalty cards may not be the subject of a team referral;
 - b any team player, on the field of play at the time of the incident, can request a team referral;
 - c this player must indicate to a Match Umpire that he / she wishes to use their team referral. He / she must do so immediately after the incident or decision which is to be referred by using the 'T' signal as well as confirming this verbally to the Umpire;
 - d the Match Umpires will not disallow any request for a team referral provided the 'T' signal has been used by a player and seen by the umpire;
 - e the player requesting the team referral must inform a Match Umpire of the exact nature of the decision (or non-decision) that their team wishes to be reviewed within a maximum of 20 seconds;

- f if no question is received within 20 seconds the team referral will automatically default to a review of the last decision or non-decision relating to the award (or non-award) of a goal, penalty stroke, penalty corner or re-take of a shoot-out;
- g the Match Umpire then requests Video Umpire assistance using the “television-screen” signal, followed by a ‘T’ signal to denote a team referral; he / she relays by radio to the Video Umpire whatever information is necessary.

5 TEAM REFERRAL PROCESS

- 5.1 The Video Umpire calls for as many replays from any camera angle as necessary to reach a decision.
- 5.2 Within the shortest time frame possible, the Video Umpire provides his / her advice and recommendation:
 - ‘Goal’
 - ‘No Goal’
 - ‘Penalty Stroke’
 - ‘No Penalty Stroke’
 - ‘Penalty Corner’
 - ‘No Penalty Corner’
 - ‘Shoot-out to be re-taken’
 - ‘No shoot-out re-take’
 - ‘No Advice Possible’
 - plus advice on any observed breach of the Rules.
- 5.3 If a breach of the Rules is observed and advised to the Match Umpire, it is then for the Match Umpire to take into account the breach in reaching his / her final decision.
- 5.4 Implications for the retention or loss of team referral rights:
 - a in the event that the referral is upheld the referring team retains its right of referral;
 - b in the event of ‘No Advice Possible’ (if the video footage is inconclusive, including through not having the correct replays available, the ball never being in shot in the replays, the footage being of insufficient quality to permit a decision or technical problems with the referral equipment), the referring team retains its right of referral;
 - c if there is no clear reason to change the Match Umpire’s original decision, the referring team loses its right of referral.
- 5.5 A team referral that has been already been adjudicated upon may not be the subject of a subsequent referral by the opposing team.

6 FOR UMPIRE AND TEAM REFERRALS

- 6.1 The final decision, including any matter of interpretation, remains with the Match Umpire and not the Video Umpire.

- 6.2 All other decisions remain with the Match Umpires.
- 6.3 Substitutions may not take place during the stoppage of play for a video referral; substitution may take place on the resumption of play subject to the Rules of Hockey.