

World Water Polo Referees Association

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CHANGES OF THE RULES – DOHA 2014

Rules will be effective from 29th January 2015!

Old: WP 5.6

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[Note: In the event that the goalkeeper and substitute goalkeeper are not entitled or able to participate, a team playing with seven players shall be required to play with an alternative goalkeeper who shall wear the goalkeeper's cap.]

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During a game should a team have no more substitutes apart from the substitute goalkeeper either the goalkeeper or substitute goalkeeper may play as a field player].

***Comment WWR:** Last sentence is changed: “except at a timeout”- is deleted. Before penalty game is stopped (death time), so we cannot ask for a time-out before taking a penalty shoot. Also player cannot be changed (unless with three personal fouls), before penalty shot.*

New note is made: team can use goalkeeper or his (her) substitute as a field player, if they don't have any more players to play.

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Comment WWR:

Situation which usually happen in last attacks of the games: after player is excluded, another player moves the ball with clear intention to prevent (to delay) shot, pass, probably goal, by new rule WP 22.8 is penalty shot.

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WWR committee