

Rules Affected:

- [Rule 43 \(Shot Clock\)](#),
- [Rule 50 \(Minor Foul\)](#)
- [Rule 82 \(Slow Whistle Technique\)](#)

Rationale

Alongside the introduction of the shot clock, the slow whistle procedure evolved to move away from the ending of scoring opportunities and towards the end of any offensive possession. Additional clarification has also been provided regarding when a valid shot can be taken prior to the expiry of the shot clock. This brings Men's Field into alignment with other disciplines.

The purpose of this Rule Interpretation is to clarify the rules pertaining to the slow whistle with the view that these amendments be formally integrated into the rule book at the next opportunity.

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Key

~~Red with strikethrough indicates where text has changed or been removed.~~

Green with underlining indicates the clarifying language that has been added and/or replaces previous text.

Interpretation(s)

Rule 43: The Shot Clock (shall be read with the following amendments)

43.5 A shot that is taken above the goal line extended (GLE); where the ball is out of the shooter's stick before the shot clock reaches zero, and that makes contact with the goalkeeper or goalkeepers' equipment while in their crease, hits the goal pipe, or scores a goal will reset the shot clock.

43.9 Reset Procedures:

During the shot clock, the shot clock shall start and stop with the official's whistle and be reset on the official's signal. The following conditions will start or reset the shot clock to 80 seconds:

- ~~in a flag-down slow-whistle situation, the shot clock does not reset. However, once adjudicated, the shot clock shall reset to 80 seconds.~~ Following the restart of play after the adjudication of any time serving fouls (including after the adjudication of simultaneous minor fouls where the fouls cancel).

Rule 50: The Penalty for Minor Fouls (shall be read with the following amendments)

50.1 The penalty for a Minor foul shall be as follows:

- i. if the offending Team has possession of the ball, or if the ball is loose at the time a Minor foul is committed (except during a slow whistle), then possession shall be awarded to the opposing Team at the spot where the ball was when the foul occurred; or
- ii. if the opponents of the offending Team have possession of the ball at the time a Minor foul is committed or the offending team has committed a foul and the Minor foul was subsequently committed during a slow whistle, then the penalty shall be suspension from the field of play for 30 seconds for the Player committing the foul.

Rule 82: The Slow Whistle Technique (shall replace rules 82.1 and 82.2)

82.1 If a defending Player commits a foul, and the attacking Team has possession of the ball at the time that the foul occurs, then the official must throw a signal flag and withhold blowing their whistle until:

- i. a goal is scored by the offended team;
 - ii. the ball goes out-of-bounds;
 - iii. there is a change of possession;
 - iv. the attacking team commits a foul;
 - v. the shot clock or quarter expires, or the attacking team requests a timeout.
- ~~the attacking team has taken a shot which has ended, as defined in rule 82.4;~~
- vi. a player loses any of the required equipment in a scrimmage area, or a player is injured in the scrimmage area, and the officials is required to under the rules to stop play.

82.2 If during a slow whistle a goal is scored, the goal will count and:

- i. if a minor foul is committed, the minor foul shall not be served and play will restart with a faceoff; and/or
- ii. if a major foul or expulsion foul is committed, the major foul and/or expulsion foul will serve and play will restart with a faceoff.

82.2A During a slow whistle, the attacking Team shall be considered to be in team possession, regardless of whether the ball is in player possession or the ball is loose. Therefore, for all minor, major and expulsion fouls committed during a slow whistle the official shall throw a signal flag and subject to rule 82.2, the offending player shall be suspended from the field of play for the corresponding period of time.