

the stoppage period is to commence.

- 17.4** Should the game be stopped through accident, injury, illness, bleeding or other unforeseen reason, the team in possession of the ball at the time of the stoppage shall put the ball into play at the place of stoppage when the play is resumed.
- 17.5** Except in the circumstances of VI.17.2 (bleeding), the player shall not be allowed to take further part in the game if a substitute has entered.
- 17.6** If the referee or VAR assistant referee or delegate, suspects that a violent action may have occurred, the referees may review VAR according to the VAR protocol. (Appendix 7)

18. WATER POLO FACILITIES

18.1 General Requirements

18.1.1 Water Polo Dimensions and Equipment as detailed in Field of Play diagram. See Water Polo Diagram 1

18.1.2 The overall Field of Play will be 30.60m x 20.00m for men and 25.60m x 20.00m for women.

The distance between the goal lines shall not be less than 20.00 metres and not more than 30.00 metres for games played by men. The distance between the goal lines shall not be less than 20.00 metres and not more than 25.00 metres for games played by women.

The anchor point at the edge of the Field of Play shall be placed 30cm behind the front of the goal line.

The width of the Field of Play shall be not less than 10 metres and not more than 20.00 metres.

Exception from this rule may be allowed on the discretion of the federation controlling the match.

18.1.3 The depth of the water shall be consistently not less than 1.80 metres.

18.1.4 The water temperature shall be 26° plus 1° minus 1° Centigrade (25°C-27°C).

18.1.5 The light intensity shall not be less than 600 lux.

18.1.6 Minimum Ceiling height is not required.

18.1.7 Lane Ropes

Each lane rope will have a minimum diameter of 0,06 metres and a maximum diameter of 0.12 metres.

Lane rope should be secured at each wall to anchor brackets recessed into the walls. If anchor placement is on pool deck, an extender, firm and non-elastic, should be in place. The installed lane rope should stay in the pool water. The anchor, including extender, shall not extend more than 10mm into the pool. The anchor shall not influence the length of the lane rope by more than ± 10mm each end of rope. Anchors should be installed to withstand

20kN. The lane rope shall be equipped with a tension spring, absorbing sudden high point loads and a wire withstanding a tensile force of 12kN.

18.1.8 Flying Substitution Area

An area for flying substitutions must be available on the lateral outer side of the field of play, on the side where the team benches are situated. The width of this area shall be not less than 0.50 metres.

The designated area for flying substitutions for each team will be between the goal line in front of the team bench and the centre of the field of play.

18.2 Water Polo facilities for Olympic Games and World Championships

18.2.1 General Requirements

Water Polo Dimensions and Equipment as detailed in Field of Play diagram for Olympic Games and World Championships. *See Water Polo Diagram, Appendix 2*

18.2.2 Field of play

The overall Field of Play will be 30.60m x 20.00m for men and 25.60m x 20.00m for women.

The distance between respective goal lines shall be 30.00 metres for games played by men and 25.00 metres for games played by women.

The anchor point at the edge of the Field of Play shall be placed 30cm behind the front of the goal line. The width of the Field of Play shall be 20.00 metres.

Exceptions from the requirements in II.16.3.2.2 are not allowed.

18.2.3 The depth of the water shall be consistently not less than 2.00 metres.

18.2.4 The water temperature shall be 26° plus 1° minus 1° Centigrade (25°C-27°C).

18.2.5 The light intensity shall not be less than 1500 lux.

18.2.6 In indoor swimming pools the minimum height of the Field of Play shall be not less than 7.00 meter.

18.2.7 Lane Ropes

Each lane rope will have a diameter of 0,10 metres.

Lane rope should be secured at each wall to anchor brackets recessed into the walls. If anchor placement is on pool deck, an extender, firm and non-elastic, should be in place. The installed lane rope should stay in the pool water. The anchor, including extender, shall not extend more than 10mm into the pool. The anchor shall not influence the length of the lane rope by more than ± 10mm each end of rope.

Anchors should be installed to withstand 20kN. The lane rope shall be equipped with a tension spring, absorbing sudden high point loads and a wire withstanding a tensile force of 12kN.

18.2.8 Flying Substitution Area

In indoor swimming pools the minimum height of the Field of Play shall be not less than 7.00 meter.

18.2.9 Salinity of the water

An area for flying substitutions must be available on the lateral outer side of the field of play, on the side where the team benches are situated. The width of this area shall be not less than 0.50 metres.

The designated area for flying substitutions for each team will be between the goal line in front of the team bench and the centre of the field of play.

18.3 Equipment for Water Polo facilities

18.3.1 Markings

Distinctive marks shall be provided on both sides of the field of play to denote the goal lines, lines 2.0 metres and 6.0 metres from that line and half the distance between the goal lines. These markings shall be clearly visible throughout the game.

The white marker shall be measured from the anchor point and will be 0.3 metres to line up with the front of the edge of the goal line. This shall be consistent at both ends of the field.

The 2 metre red marker shall be measured from the front end of the goal line extending into the field of play. This shall be consistent at both ends of the field of play.

The yellow marker shall then extend 4 metre from the 2 metre marker into the field of play. There will be a red marker placed 5 metre from the front end of the goal line. This shall be consistent at both ends of the field of play.

The middle section of the field of play will be green and should be 18 metre for the men's game and 13 metre for the women's game. There will be a white marker placed in the middle of the green area to denote the centre of the field.

The exclusion zones shall be placed in the two corners on the opposite side of the pool to the official table. They shall be 2 metre in length and shall extend along the goal line.

18.3.2 Referee platforms

Platforms must be provided on both sides of the field of play, which shall be 1 metre in width and 70 cm in height above the water level. These platforms enable the referees to have free way from end to end of the field of play. Sufficient space shall also be provided at the goal lines for the Goal Judges. The platforms must be colour coded to meet the specification as shown in the diagram of the field of play. *See Water Polo Diagram, Appendix 2*

18.3.3 Goals

The goal posts and crossbar must be of wood, metal or synthetic (plastic) with rectangular sections of 80,0 millimetres, square with the goal line and

painted white.

The goal posts must be fixed, rigid and perpendicular at each end of the playing space, equal distances from the sides and at least 0.3 metre in front of the ends of the field of play or of any obstruction. Any standing or resting place for the goalkeeper other than the floor of the pool is not permitted.

The inner sides of the goal posts must be 3.0 metre apart.

The underside of the cross bar must be 0.9 metre above the water surface.

18.3.4 Re-entry area

The rectangular excluded players' re-entry area shall have the following dimensions: 2.0 metres by 1.08 metre.

18.3.5 Nets

Limp nets must be attached to the goal fixtures to enclose the entire goal space securely fastened to the goal posts and crossbar, allowing not less than 0.3m of clear space behind the goal line everywhere within the goal area.

18.3.6 Secretariat table

The game secretariat shall be placed at a table behind the referees and at the same