



Umpiring- Rule trial for Arena Development and Low Goal Club Polo

Please see below details regarding two new rules to be trialled in Arena Development and Low Goal Club Polo. These are currently NOT being considered for inclusion in our Arena Rules, but we would like to see if they help improve development and low-level club polo with the view for them being introduced in those areas in the future.

If you are an umpire or coach who umpires or coaches at these levels, please could you trial the below rules and provide feedback to henry.browne@hpa-polo.co.uk.

Explanation; 'One Whistle' or 'Double Whistle' - When an umpire blows the whistle once ('One Whistle') the clock will NOT stop, the game will continue by way of advantage to the team that has been fouled (a minor foul such as blocking), OR to stop the game and the clock the umpire will give a clear 'Double Whistle' (blow the whistle twice) whether for a penalty (a more serious foul) or any other reason.

Continuous Play Penalties

1) A) One Whistle & Double Whistle

When a player makes a non-dangerous foul (example- a minor right of way foul) the umpire will blow the whistle once ('One Whistle') and announce the colour of the team to have advantage, the colour of the team that fouled and the foul. The fouling team must retreat and allow the team with the advantage one unchallenged play. Should the team that fouled not give way the umpire will blow their whistle once for a second time, calling advantage (naming the colour of the team that has the advantage). Continued failure by the fouling team to comply after this second ('One Whistle') whistle will lead to a 'Double Whistle' where the game and clock will be stopped and the appropriate penalty awarded.

B) Two's company, Three's a Crowd

When two players from opposing teams are engaged in a play together (paired up) no other player may get involved in that play. Should a third player become involved then the umpire will give the advantage to the team with only one player involved by blowing a 'One Whistle' advantage. Should the team with only one player involved not receive the required advantage either a further 'One Whistle' advantage will be blown or a 'Double Whistle' blown and the appropriate penalty awarded.

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