

What action would you take in the following circumstances?

1. A Goal Keeper leans on the ball in the centre third to regain her balance.

No Action

2. A Goal Keeper takes two steps into the centre third in order to quickly retrieve the ball then returns to the goal third to take a free pass for offside.

No Action – new interpretations – consider the intent of the player and are they gaining an advantage or just trying to speed up the game. Does it matter whether there are players near to the ball or not?

3. The Red WA and Blue WD enter the centre third simultaneously before the whistle is blown for a centre pass.

No action – call advantage. Rule 8.2.1. Positioning of Players for the Centre Pass. Always good to call advantage so they know you have seen it.

4. The Red WA enters the centre third followed by the Blue WD before the whistle is blown for a centre pass.

Rule 8.2.1. Positioning of Players for the Centre Pass. Offside Red WA, if it's a Blue Centre Pass could consider playing Advantage.

5. The Red WA and Blue WD enter the centre third simultaneously before the whistle is blown for a centre pass. The Umpire calls "advantage simultaneous contact" the Red WA then receives the centre pass.

No Action – initial offence has been advantaged, game goes on. As seen in recent Quad Series! Rule 8.2.1. Positioning of Players for the Centre Pass.

6. Red GS lands on both feet simultaneously inside the goal circle. She momentarily steps back making contact with the court outside of the goal circle. Then lifts the foot which is in contact with the ground outside the circle and makes a successful shot at goal.

Rule 10.2. Requirements for taking a shot. Disallow goal, Free Pass to Blue outside of circle.

7. Blue GK deflects a shot from the Red GS; the ball passes through the ring

No Action. Goal Stands. Rule 10.1. Requirements for taking a shot.

8. The Red WA bounces the ball and then bounces it again to direct it to the Red GA.

No Action. Rule 9.4.1 - Methods of Playing the Ball.

9. The Red WA bounces the ball and then catches and holds it.

No Action. Rule 9.4.1 - Methods of Playing the Ball.

10. The Red GS retrieves a rebound following a shot at goal she has her arms around either side of the post.

No Action

11. Red WA passes the ball to the Red GS who is standing in the Goal Circle. As the Red GS catches the ball, the Blue GK saves herself from falling by holding onto the goalpost

Rule 9.4.1 (vi) – Playing the Ball. Free Pass OR play Advantage. The penalty for using the goal post to regain balance is a free pass. The umpire would need to check whether the goal post has moved out of position. If the goal post has not been moved then the umpire could consider playing advantage. If the goal post has moved, then the Umpire should take time (indicating to the Timekeepers), have the goalpost repositioned, and restart the game with a Free Pass to the Red team.

12. The ball is passed into the circle to the Red GS, the Blue GK comes into contact with the Red GS as she tries to intercept the pass. The Red GS catches the ball, lands and is balanced, obeys the footwork rule and is close to the post and ready to take a shot at goal.

Rule 12.2 – Contact, Interference. No Action or Play Advantage? If the GS has caught the ball, not foot worked or lost balance and is in position to take a shot at goal, HAS? she been contacted – contact must interfere in some way?

13. A Toss Up is given between the two Centre's in the Blue Centre's defensive goal third. The Red Centre is penalised for moving before the whistle and a free pass is awarded. The Blue Centre puts the ball down and calls to her Blue GK to take the free pass. The Red Centre picks up the ball.

Rule 7.1.1 – Conditions for All Sanctions. Common sense? A Free pass has been awarded so the penalty must be set. Would a Centre normally take a free pass from just outside her defensive goal circle. What is the intent? If it's clear her intent is to give the ball to her GK to take the free pass then it doesn't matter if she personally hands it to the GK (that's not a short pass) or puts it on the floor (that's not taken). Has she made an attempt to take the free pass and then changed her mind as she can't get the pass away – that's what you are looking for.

Did she understand the decision given by the Umpire?

14. In the space of 3 seconds, the Red WA is contacted by the Blue WD as she makes a successful pass into the Red GS, the Blue WD also goes significantly offside. The Red GS is contacted by the Blue GK as she receives the pass. The umpire blows and awards a penalty pass against the Blue GK. The Red GS thinks the award is for the offside and walks towards the edge of the circle to quickly take the free pass. There are only 10 seconds left in the match and a one goal difference in the scores – to the blues!

Rule 7.1.1 – Conditions for All Sanctions. Common sense? Did the Red GS understand the decision given by the Umpire or was there some confusion? Whilst the time and score in the match are irrelevant to penalising offences they may affect the behaviour and intent of the player.

15. In the process of catching a pass the Blue WD falls to the ground, and both feet leave the floor. She regains her footing at that point on the court and hangs onto the ball throughout.

Rule 9.4.1 - Methods of Playing the Ball. Players who fall are allowed to **regain** their footing as long as they don't gain significant ground. It is more likely that in the process of falling and standing up again they will contravene the Held Ball Rule.

16. Red GS takes a Throw In from behind the goal line bounding the goal circle. The Blue GK who is on the court and defending from a legal distance, deflects the throw, which subsequently hits the Red GS who is still standing out of court.

Rule 8.3.1. Ball Out of Court: Throw In Red.

17. Red WA is taking the Throw In from behind the goal line. She places her left foot up to the goal line and steps onto her right foot behind the goal line bounding the goal circle while holding the ball.

Rule 8.4.1 (i) (f) – Throw In. As WA is in possession of the ball she is offside in the area directly behind the circle. Throw in Blue.

18. The Red Centre leaves the court to get a drink from the side then runs back on during play.

Rule 8.3.2 – Player Outside the Court. A player who leaves the court without the permission of the umpire may not be replaced. Free Pass where the ball was when the game was stopped – when the umpire spotted the player coming back on court, player is sent off court until an appropriate stoppage. However, if this player is the Centre, another player must move to that position immediately. So hold the game and instruct the red team to move a player to Centre. If original Centre then returns she has to fill the vacant position. Only if a Centre is suspended can they return to the Centre position and the player who has taken her place go back to her position.

19. At the end of quarter time, the Umpires call the players to get on Court. All players take the court apart from the Red GK who is tying her shoelace. The Umpire blows the whistle to start play and the Blue Centre releases the ball as the Red GK comes onto court.

Rule 9.2 – Late Arrival. Free pass. The Red GK was not on court when play started so must remain off the court until the correct time for entry. The umpire will hold time and award a free pass to be taken where the ball was when play stopped and the player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry.

The position must remain vacant until after a goal (in this case the player must play in the position left vacant), a stoppage for injury/illness or blood), or an interval.

20. At the Centre Pass the throw is directed to the WA who takes off from the goal third tips the ball back in to court to her Centre and lands out of court.

Rule 8.2.2 – Controlling the Centre Pass. Not received or Out of Court?

21. The Blue GD is in possession of the ball in the centre third and passes to the Blue WD who tips the ball in the centre third and then goes offside into the attacking goal third. The Red GD who is near the edge of the attacking goal circle catches the ball.

Rule 9.7, Offside. Free Pass or Advantage. The Red GD is in possession of the ball and the Blue WD is offside. The umpire would assess where other players are positioned, whether they are ready to receive a pass and whether the Red GD could make a pass. If the umpire penalises the Blue WD for offside then the free pass would be taken near the transverse line. Depending on the position of the players, then the umpire would decide whether to play advantage or to penalise the offside. In this situation the umpire would probably play advantage.

22. Blue WD calls to the umpire for an injury time out which the umpire gives. During the 30 seconds the Red GA and GS swap positions and a new player comes on court to take up the Blue WD position and the player who was in the Blue WD position moves to Blue Centre. The Blue Centre leaves the court.

Rule 9.3 Stoppages, injury/ Illness or blood Rule 9.3.1. – player who calls for injury must leave the court. Blue WD now Blue C must leave the court. A player must also occupy the C position at all times! Who goes to Blue C?

23. The Blue GK is significantly taller than the Red GS. Sometimes when the Red GS receives the ball and is planning to shoot the Blue GK realising she is closer than 3 feet chooses not to defend the shot but just to stand in front of the GS facing away from her and towards the post. She does not raise her arms or attempt to defend in any way.

Rule 11.1 Obstruction of a player in possession of the ball. Penalty pass. You need to assess whether the GK is interfering just by standing where she is – this might well be the case if the height difference is significant.

24. The match is ready to start and the Red team only have 6 players plus their coach. The coach quickly pulls on a bib and enters the court as the 7th player. 2 minutes in another Red player arrives. After a further 3 minutes the Coach pulls up and asks for an injury time, and leaves the court to be replaced by the player on the side.

No action. Questionable in terms of intent but totally within the rules. If you didn't know who the players were and the teams involved then would you even know this had happened?

25. The Blue GD is marking the Red GA who is trying to get into the circle. The Red GA runs around her Red WA and into the circle. To get around the Red WA without contacting her the Blue GD runs off court and into the circle and marks the Red GA again.

Rule 11.3 – Defence involving a player outside the court. No Action? Yes the Blue GD goes out of court but is she actually making any defensive action?

26. Red GS who is standing in the Goal Circle, catches a pass from her WA. Blue GK then hits the ball causing GS to drop it. The whistle to penalise is blown at the same time as the other umpire blows her whistle for the end of the quarter.

Rule 12 Contact, and Conditions for a Penalty Pass - Rule 7.1.3(iii). Penalty Pass against GK.

27. Blue WD enters the Red attacking Goal Circle in an attempt to catch the ball. She tips it and the Red GS standing close to the post catches the ball

Rule 9.7 Offside. Award a Free Pass to the Red team in the Goal Circle OR play Advantage. The Red team already has possession in the Goal Circle and if the GS is balanced and ready to take a shot at goal, then could play advantage. As the GS is under the post then she is in a favourable position to shoot. The

sanction for offside would be a free pass just inside the circle. In this situation, the umpire would probably play advantage.

28. In the first quarter of the match, at a Red Centre pass, Blue WD runs into the Centre Third just ahead of the whistle to start play. This is the third occasion in the quarter that the Blue WD has done this. The Red WD receives the ball near her defending Goal Third.

Rule 8.2.1. Free Pass or Advantage and apply game management – quiet word. Red team have possession of the ball and are already on the attack. The WD may be out of position and so advantage could be played if there are options for the Red GA to make a pass. Alternatively, the umpire could award a free pass to the Red team for offside. The umpire may also decide to have a quiet word with the Blue WD as this is the third occasion that she has gone offside. The umpire would probably play advantage and have a quiet word with the Blue WD.

29. With only one minute of play left and the scores tied, the Red GD is penalised for Contact in the Goal Circle. She angrily bounces the ball away and out of court and directs a verbal comment about the contact call at the umpire.

Rule 12 Contact, Unfair play Rule 13.2.1 and Misconduct Rule 13.2.3. Penalty Pass, Penalty pass which is advanced and player is cautioned, Penalty pass and player is either cautioned or given an official warning. The sanction for contact is a penalty pass. However, the Red GD has delayed the match and also shown dissent to the umpire so the disciplinary action must be taken.

For delaying play, the umpire could award a penalty pass which is advanced and the player is cautioned.

For dissent with the umpire a penalty pass is awarded and the player is either cautioned or given an official warning. In a serious case the umpire will suspend a player.

The umpire will consider how the player has conducted herself throughout the match to determine what sanction to apply.

When giving a caution or official warning or suspending a player, the umpire will take time.

30. Umpire A has already given an official warning to the Blue GD for persistent contact. The Red team have the ball in the Goal Circle controlled by Umpire B and the Red GS who is under the post, prepares to shoot. The Blue GD deliberately pushes the Red WA hard in the back and she falls over into the Goal Circle.

Rules - Contact, Offside, Foul play – unfair play, dangerous play, misconduct (take your pick)! Penalty Pass for contact Free pass for offside Game management for foul play – unfair play, dangerous play, misconduct Hold time for injury/illness. The umpires would not penalise the Offside by the Red WA as she was pushed offside. As no on-court player has asked for time then the umpire would probably not stop play for an injury.

A contact has occurred by a player who has already been given an official warning by Umpire A (Blue GD), which is considered to have been made jointly by the two umpires. The Red GS is under the post and ready to shoot and the Blue GD is out of position outside the Goal circle.

The umpire would wait for the shot to be taken and then signal to hold time.

The Blue GD has already received an official warning for persistent contact. The contact by the Blue GD was a deliberate action and was dangerous. So the umpire will suspend the player (or she may order the player off). The umpire advises the player of the suspension and signals to the team bench that the player has been suspended. The player must immediately leave the court and no substitution is allowed.

The umpire would restart the match. If the goal was scored then the game would be restart with a centre pass. If the goal was not scored then the umpire would restart the match with a Penalty pass to the Red team where the Blue GD was standing when she pushed the Red WA.