



'A' AND 'B' UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT SAMPLE PAPER 1 QUESTION AND ANSWER PAPER

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(Rules numbers are included in the answers for information only)

Information and Instructions

Time: 2 hrs

This paper comprises Section 1 and Section 2:-

Section 1 has 12 questions

Section 2 has 8 questions

Pass Mark	A Award	B Award
	Section 1 – 35/39 (90%)	Section 1- 29/39 (74%)
	Section 2 – 51/64 (80%)	Section 2- 43/64 (67%)

Learners must pass in both Sections.

General

1. Learners are requested to use blue or black ink.
2. Tippex or similar materials should not be used.
3. Learners should not waste time on any question that they find difficult to answer and should return to that question at a later stage.

Please note in both Sections-

1. Learners are **not** required to quote Rule numbers, but they should name the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading, for example:
 - Playing the ball and Prohibited Actions
 - Passing Distances and Short pass
 - Offside and Requirements
 - Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball
 - Contact and Interference
 - Foul Play and Unfair play
2. Assume that the teams involved are Red and Blue throughout this paper.
3. Answer all questions in the space provided. If there is not sufficient space, then continue on a separate piece of paper, which should be clearly marked with the Section number, the question number and the learner's name.
4. This paper is written using the **World Netball Rules of Netball 2024** and does not take into account any local league or country rule adaptations. Learners should only consider what is stated in the World Netball Rules Book 2024.

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SECTION 1

This Section contains 12 questions. There are only 3 No Action Questions.

Learners are required to write:-

- The infringement-the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- The sanction/action awarded ie Penalty Pass, Free Pass, Throw In etc. For a penalty pass, learners must name the player (team and position) against whom the sanction is awarded.
- To whom the Sanction is awarded
- Where the Sanction is taken from-note it is not sufficient to just answer 'Where the infringement occurred'.

Example 1:

Red GS has possession of the ball in the goal circle and is about to shoot for goal. Just before the shot, Blue GD hits the ball and this causes the Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1 c. <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against the Blue GD <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In the goal circle where the Blue GD was standing when they contacted the ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red GS was standing <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>

Example 2:

If the answer to a question is No Action – insert 'No Action' only

Blue WA has the ball in the Centre Third and the Red WD attempts to defend from behind and they are 0.9m (3 feet) away from their opponent.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 16.1 <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

- 1 Blue WA has possession of the ball near the edge of the goal circle. Blue GS is positioned very close to Blue WA inside the goal circle. Blue WA passes the ball to Blue GS but there is not sufficient space for an opposing player to be able to deflect or intercept the ball as it moves from Blue WA's hands to the Blue GS' hands.

What is the Infringement?	Passing Distances and Short Pass Rule 12.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Inside the goal circle at the point where the Blue GA touched or caught the ball

2. From outside of the goal circle, Red WA attempts to pass the ball to the Red GA who is standing under the goal post. Red GA fails to catch the ball and it is caught by the Blue GD who is positioned in the court surround near to the goal post.

What is the Infringement?	Out of Court and Ball Out of Court Rule 15.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Throw In
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Out of court, behind the goal line, in line with where the Blue GD caught the ball.

- 3 At a Red team centre pass, Red C steps onto the line bounding the centre circle with their left foot and their right foot wholly inside the centre circle. The umpire then blows the whistle to start play.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 8.8
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

4. Red GA is attempting to shoot from a position inside the goal circle. In an attempt to distract Red GA, Blue GD places their hand in front of the eyes of Red GA.

What is the Infringement?	Foul Play and Unfair Play Rule 19.6 a.
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue GD, which is advanced (Intimidation)
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Advanced up to half a third from where Red GD was standing when they intimidated Blue GA

- 5 Red WA catches the ball in the air and lands on their left foot. Red WA steps forward onto their right foot. Whilst looking for the next pass, Red WA drags their left foot before releasing the ball to pass.

What is the Infringement?	Footwork and Other Foot Movements Rule 13.3 a.
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red WA dragged their landing foot

- 6 Blue GK is taking a Throw In on the goal line. Blue GK takes up a position 20 cm (8 in) away from the goal line and passes the ball to a player on their team.

What is the Infringement?	Sanctions and Actions and Conditions for Throw In Rule 6.11 a.
What sanction/action would you award?	Throw In
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Out of court, behind the goal line, in line with where Blue GK was standing when they passed the ball

- 7 In an attempt to catch the ball, Red WD enters the Blue attacking goal circle. Red WD tips the ball and Red C catches it.

What is the Infringement?	Offside and Requirements Rule 14.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Inside the goal circle where Red WD entered the Blue attacking goal circle

- 8 Blue GD intercepts a pass in the air but lands awkwardly holding their knee. Blue GK asks the umpire to hold time as the Blue GD is injured. The Blue GD is substituted. Play restarts with the Blue GK remaining on court.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 10.9 & 10.19
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

- 9 Red GD catches the ball in their defending goal third. Red GD makes a pass to Red GA, who jumps from the Red team attacking goal third, catches the ball in the air and lands wholly in the centre third.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 12.4 b.
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

- 10 Blue WA has possession of the ball in the centre third. Whilst moving into a position to receive the pass, Blue C is being marked by Red WD who has their arm outstretched to prevent Blue C from getting into position.

What is the Infringement?	Obstruction and Player not in possession of the ball Rule 16.9
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red WD
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red WD was standing when she obstructed Blue C, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Blue C was standing

- 11 In an attempt to gain a better position, Blue GS leaves the court and goes behind the goal post. From a position on court, Red GK attempts to stop Blue GS from re-entering the court. Blue GS pushes past Red GK as they enter the court.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1 a.
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue GS
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	On court where Blue GS was standing when they contacted Red GK, ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red GK was standing

- 12 Red GK is taking a Throw In on the goal line. Red GK passes the ball to Red WD who is standing in the goal third and who fails to touch the ball. It bounces past Red WD and is caught by Red WA who is standing in the Centre Third.

What is the Infringement?	Passing Distances and Over a Third Rule 12.3
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In the Centre Third by the transverse line at the point where the ball entered the Third incorrectly

SECTION 2 QUESTIONS

This section contains 8 questions

Based on the situations given:-

- Identify the Rule/s infringed, using the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- Possible Decision/s ie Penalise Contact, Obstruction, Play Advantage, Hold Time, Send the player from the court, Penalise Footwork etc.
- Your Application/Reasoning ie the steps you would take to deal with the scenario
- For Game Management scenarios, assume it is the first time a Game Management issue has occurred, unless otherwise stated in the question.

Example:

At a goal line throw in, Red GK attempts to pass to Red C, who is unmarked outside the goal circle. At the same time, Blue GS contacts the arm of Red GK. Red C catches the ball.

Rule/s	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1 (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact or Play Advantage (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Contact rule has been infringed as Blue GS contacted Red GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle using the relevant hand signal to penalise Contact. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Blue GS was standing when they contacted Red GK, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Red GK was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Red team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Red C) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Contact GS' and signal using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

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- 1 Blue GD is standing in their defensive goal third and passes the ball to their Blue WA who is standing in the centre third. The Blue WA jumps to catch the ball and lands on two feet simultaneously in the centre third. Blue WA then steps forward onto their left foot and lifts their right foot. Just before they release the ball, the Blue WA steps forward and grounds their right foot.

Rule/s	<p>Footwork and Two Foot Landing</p> <p>Rule 13.2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Footwork</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The footwork rule has been infringed by Blue WA when they grounded their right foot. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Footwork using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to the Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken where Blue WA was standing when they grounded their right foot. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

- 2 Red GS takes possession of the ball near to the goal post but decides they are not in a good position to shoot. Both Red and Blue Centres are positioned at the top of and outside of the goal circle. Red GS attempts to pass the ball to the Red C but the pass is too low for Red C to catch. As the ball bounces on the court, Blue C kicks it and it rolls away.

Rule/s	Playing the Ball and Prohibited Actions Rule 11.8 a. <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Incorrect playing of the ball (kicking) <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>A player may not kick the ball. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise incorrect playing of the ball using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is positioned where Blue C was standing outside of the goal circle when they kicked the ball. (1 Mark)</p> <div style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</div>

- 3 Blue C has possession of the ball outside of the goal circle. Red GD is standing in front of Blue GS marking closely. Red GD keeps their arms outstretched to prevent Blue GS moving to receive the pass from their C.

Rule/s	<p>Obstruction and Player not in possession of the ball</p> <p>Rule 16.9</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Obstruction</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>Red GD is marking closely with their arms outstretched preventing Blue GS from moving. A player may hold out an arm momentarily but Red GD is infringing the obstruction rule by keeping their arms outstretched. (1 Mark)</p> <p>To penalise Obstruction, the umpire will blow their whistle using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Blue team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Red GD was standing when they obstructed Blue GS, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Blue GS was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

- 4 Red WA is taking a side line throw in. Red WA passes the ball to Red C who catches the ball in the air but lands awkwardly in the centre third. Red WA calls for time for injury to the Red C.

Stoppages and Injury/Illness or Blood Rule 10.9 <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Hold Time <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
<p>The umpire blows the whistle to hold time using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire asks the Red WA the reason for the stoppage and the Red WA states the reason. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire advises that Red C needs to leave the court within 30 seconds for treatment (1 Mark).</p> <p>Substitutions and team changes are allowed by both teams within the time allowed for the stoppage. (1 Mark)</p> <p>If no substitution is made for the injured Red C, one Red team player must move to play as Centre, to allow play to continue. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will restart play with the Red team in possession of the ball in the centre third where the ball was when play was stopped. The umpire blows the whistle to restart play, using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

- 5 At a goal line throw in, Red GK attempts to pass to Red C who is unmarked outside the goal circle. At the same time Blue, GS contacts the arm of Red GK. Red C catches the ball.

Rule/s	<p>Contact and Interference Rule 17.1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Contact or Play Advantage</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Contact rule has been infringed as Blue GS contacted Red GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle to penalise Contact using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to the Red team allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass will be taken where Blue GS was standing when she contacted Red GK, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Red GK was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Red team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Red C) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Contact GS' and signal using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

- 6 Blue C and Red WA who are both in the centre third are running towards the Blue team attacking goal third to intercept a loose ball. Blue C takes possession of the ball first just inside the Blue team attacking goal third. Blue C sees Blue GS who is unmarked under the post and makes a pass to them. At the same time, Red WA over-balances and steps into the Blue team attacking goal third.

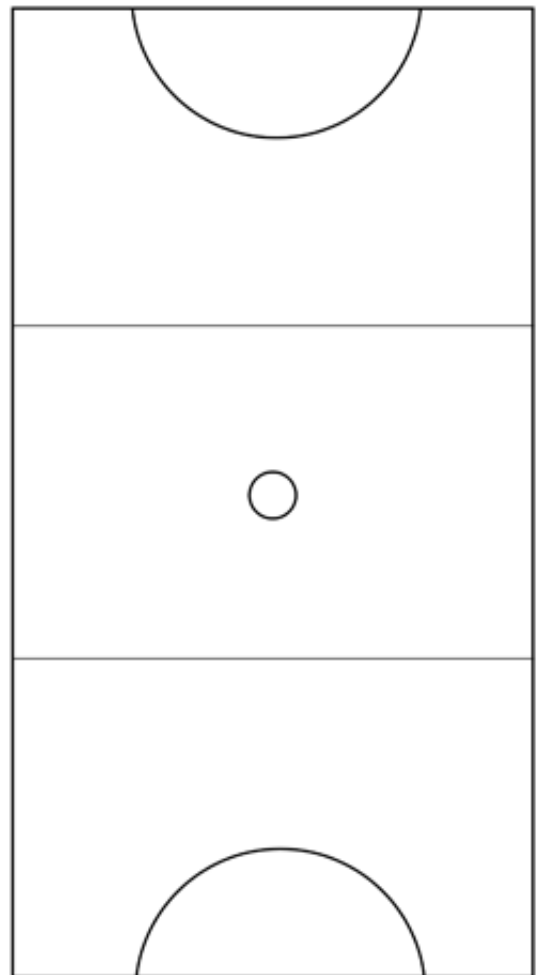
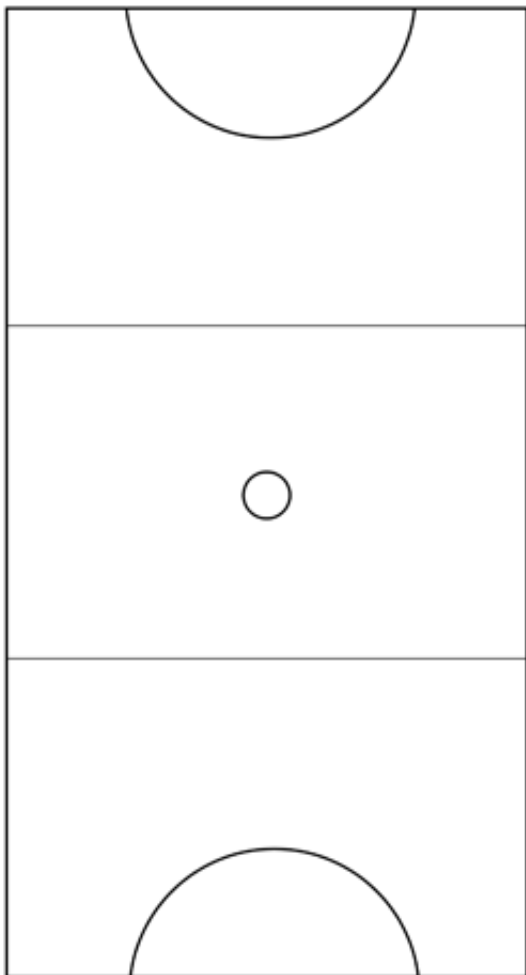
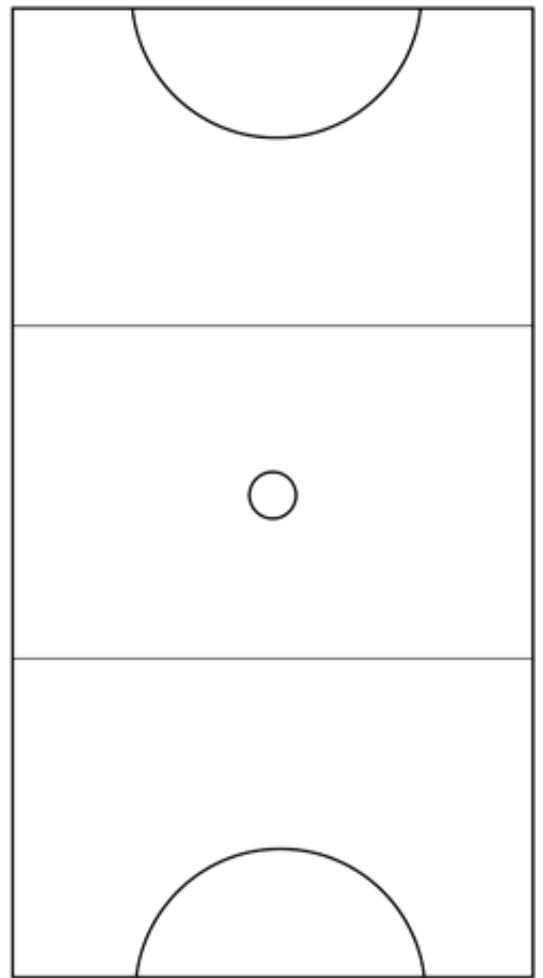
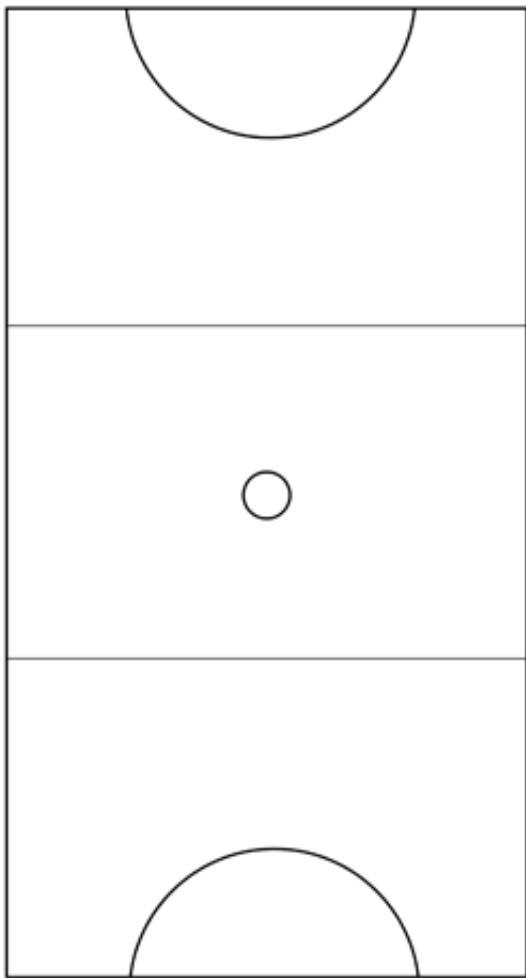
Rule/s	Offside and Requirements Rule 14.1 (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Offside or Play Advantage. (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Offside rule has been infringed as Red WA has entered the Blue team goal third. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle using the relevant hand signal to penalise offside. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to the Blue team allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken where Red WA entered the Blue team goal third. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Blue team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Blue GS) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Offside WA' and signal using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

- 7 The Red team Coach has been critical of a number of decisions made by the umpires. The bench side umpire has already asked the Red team coach to stop making comments. The Blue WA is in possession of the ball in the centre third and the bench side umpire correctly penalises contact against Red WD. The Red team coach shouts to her player that the umpire does not know what she is doing.

Rule/s	Game Management and Discipline of Team Officials and Bench Players Rule 18.44 (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise the Coach for criticising the umpires and their decisions (1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>Despite the bench side umpire taking steps to stop the Red team Coach making inappropriate comments, their behaviour has continued. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will blow the whistle to hold time (to state the infringement), using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will blow the whistle to restart time, using the relevant hand signal (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will award a penalty pass to the Blue team, to be taken by any Blue team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass will be taken where the ball was when play was stopped. (1 Mark)</p> <p>No player is required to stand out of play for the penalty pass (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

- 8 Blue GA is in possession of the ball outside of their attacking goal circle. Blue GA makes a pass to Blue GS who jumps to catch the pass. Whilst in the air, Red GK moves from the position in which they were standing and into the landing space of Blue GS. Blue GS lands on Red GK and falls onto the ground.

Rule/s	<p>Contact and Causing Contact-Player in the Air Foul Play and Dangerous Play</p> <p>Rules 17.6 & 19.11</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Causing Contact and Penalise Foul Play/Dangerous Play</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Causing Contact-Player in the Air rule has been infringed by Red GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Red GK has also taken the landing space of Blue GS, infringing the Dangerous Play rule. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to hold time using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will Suspend the player for deliberate dangerous play and use the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>No substitution is allowed for the suspension period of 2 minutes' playing time and the Red GK position must remain vacant during this period. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would award a penalty pass to the Blue team to be taken by any Blue team player allowed in the area where Red GK was standing, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty pass is taken where the Blue GS was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>No player from the Red team is required to stand out of play. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire restarts play with a whistle and the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(8 Marks)</p>



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