

Instructions to Referees on the Proper Application of Rule 7-17 During Interval Time*

On several occasions this men's season a situation has arisen where a penalty throw was awarded and during the resultant interval time an excluded player in the exclusion area mistakenly reentered the field of play. If this occurs prior to the player who will be taking the penalty throw having possession of the ball (i.e., the ball is floating on the water or out of the pool completely), referees are instructed to have the excluded player return to the exclusion area with no additional penalty. If the player who will be taking the penalty throw has already taken possession of the ball and is preparing to take the throw and the excluded player now re-enters the field of play, Rule 7-17-2 applies and a second penalty shot is awarded.

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