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2020 CWPA Women's Season Points of Emphasis

The season has begun with the Harvard Invite, Bruno Classic and the Bison Invite. We have had a chance to evaluate one tournament (Brown) and had several conference calls with Amber Drury, NCAA Coordinator of Officials, conference coordinators and national evaluators. Here are some of the points that have been emphasized and discussed in detail, instructions to referees :

- Aware of BOTH defense and offense
 - o Center
 - § General heaviness off the ball
 - § Use the ordinary foul when warranted
 - § Call early to establish acceptable limits and stick to it
 - Will help avoid misplaced contra foul as center reacts to heaviness
 - o Center transition
 - § Both into and out of center
 - § Call fouls early to establish acceptable limits and stick to it
 - o Perimeter
 - § Offense holding off defender
 - § Defense laying on offense with hands out of the water but forward
 - § Defense spinning with hands out of the water yet making contact with body or head of the offense
 - § Awareness of perimeter one or two positions off the ball
 - o Blocking
 - § Defense not allowed to use offense to push themselves up to block the ball
 - § Offense not allowed to pull down defenders attempting to block a shot or pass or push off of them to receive the ball
 - o Simulation and suit holding
 - § Address it early and as often as needed
 - § If it is not called early, it usually is not called all game
 - Same with all fouls



Defensive players using their opponent or teammate to elevate and attempt a shot block on goal is an **exclusion foul** outside the 5M line (**ordinary foul** for player assistance). However, it is a **penalty foul** if attempted inside the 5M line regardless of the shot trajectory. Post positions of man-ups should be watched carefully.



The defender in the picture to the left is demonstrating good defense showing two hands up in a vertical body position. Defenders showing two hands up **must not be leaning on** the offensive player when they are not holding the ball or an **ordinary foul** should be called. That includes arms leaning/pressing on the player or rolling on the back of the player. If the offensive player ducks into the defender's space who is showing a no foul posture it is either a **no call** or a **contra/offensive foul** pending the extent of the offensive players movement attempting to drawing a foul (**simulation**).



The defender with two hands up and guarding a player with the ball in hand, should drop one hand when the offensive player is attempting to pass or shot. Otherwise, it is an **exclusion foul**. It is a **penalty foul** if the offensive player is attempting to shot inside the 5M line (see illustration to the far left). The second picture (right) illustrates legal defense.



Remember to use the **Advantage Rule** wisely. You have the discretion to award or not award any foul, depending on whether the decision would advantage the attacking team. You officiate in favor of the offense by awarding or refraining from awarding a foul if the foul would be an advantage to the defense.

Rules that Apply

Rule 3 Officials, Section 5. Advantage (page22) also Points of Emphasis, 2. Applying the Advantage Rule.

Rule 6 Ordinary Fouls, Section 3. Assisting a Player (page 43)

Rule 7 Exclusion Fouls, Section 6. Blocking a Pass or Shot With Two Hands (page 52)

"To attempt to block a pass or a shot with two hands outside the 5-meter area.....The player does not actually have to touch the ball, and a shot or pass does not have to be actually taken."

Rule 7 Exclusion Fouls, Section 9. Holding, Sinking, Pulling Back (page 52)

"To hold, sink or pull back an opponent who is not holding the ball"

Rule 8 Penalty Fouls, Section 2. Within 5-Meter Area to Prevent Goal (page 63)

"For a defending player to commit ANY FOUL within the 5-meter area but for which a goal probably would have resulted"

"b. For a defending player to attempt to block a shot or pass with two hands inside the 5-meter line. The defending player does not have to touch the ball nor does a shot have to be taken nor does the shot have to be a probable goal." A pass to a player in a position that would not lead to a probable goal is an exclusion foul.