



**NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WATER POLO PLAYING RULES
INTERPRETATIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS
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Minor Act of Misconduct (MAM) During Interval Time.

Rule 7, Section 12, Article 3, “Minor Acts of Misconduct (MAM)” states, “If a player of either team commits a MAM during interval time, no matter which team committed the foul, the player shall be excluded from the game for 20 seconds with immediate substitution, and the teams start even up.”

Questions have arisen regarding how to interpret the 20-second exclusion requirement in association with a MAM under these specific circumstances.

Interpretation:

A player excluded for a MAM during interval time may not reenter the game until: 1) 20 seconds of playing time have elapsed; or 2) a goal has been scored, whichever comes first.

Return of the excluded player during play by direct substitution (“on the fly”) or during a timeout is not allowed until after 20 seconds of playing time have elapsed.

For questions regarding this interpretation, please contact the NCAA Water Polo Secretary Rules Editor, David Alberstein – albersteind@gmail.com.