

This document outlines the approved changes to the International rules for Underwater-Rugby agreed at the 10th CMAS Underwater-Rugby European Championships in Helsinki June 2017.

The CMAS BoD have approved these amendments to the International rules for Underwater-Rugby on January 27th, 2018.

| Rule    | Old rule  | New rule  | Reason  |
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| 2.3.2.j | If the cap number is (partially or fully) covered, the player must write his/her number on the outside of the shoulder...   | If the cap number is (partially or fully) covered, the player must write his/her number on the <b>upper part of the arm</b> ...   | Clarification   |
| 2.4.2   | If a player uses a rubber swim cap, or any other remedy, all visible parts must be of the same colour.  | If a player uses a rubber swim cap, or any other remedy, all visible parts must be <b>dark or light coloured in accordance with the cap colour</b> .  | Clarification   |
| 2.4.3   | Each team must be in possession of a dark blue or black set and a white set of swim-suits and caps in corresponding colours. The swim-suits may have small areas with flag colours, team/country names, etc., but the suit colour must be clearly dominant. <i>Shoulder straps and top front part of the female swimsuit must follow suit colour.</i> | Each team must be in possession of a <b>dark</b> set and a <b>light</b> set of swim-suits and caps in corresponding colours. The swim-suits may have small areas with flag colours, team/country names, etc., but the suit colour must be clearly dominant. | Correct white to light and remove "Shoulder straps and top front part of the female swimsuit must follow suit colour" as this limits the swim-suits possible to use for no real reason. Germany didn't accept the change. |
| 2.4.4   | The team captains' names should be marked as captain in the match protocol...   | The team captains' names should be marked <b>with a C</b> in the match protocol...  | Clarification based on what is used in the match protocol.  |
| 2.4.5   | It must not be possible to hook fingers onto the wristbands.  | It must not be possible to hook fingers <b>into</b> the wristbands.   | Correction.   |
| 3.2.3   | The water referees shall wear a dark T-shirt or a diving suit.  | The water referees <b>shall</b> wear a dark <b>or red</b> T-shirt or a diving suit.   | Clarification that red is also allowed.   |
| 4.2.2.e | A player who has been taken out may join the game again, but this counts as the second substitution.  | A player who has been taken out may join the game again, but this counts as the second <b>or third</b> substitution.  | Clarification   |
| 4.3.6.b | Any player in the water or any person in the exchange area may claim a time out for the team.   | Any player in the water or any person in the exchange area <b>belonging to the team</b> may claim a time out for the team.  | Clarification.  |
| 4.3.6.d | The duration of the time-out is one minute.   | The duration of the time-out is one minute (4.3.6.h).   | Add a reference for clarification.  |

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| 5.1.2      | When a player holding the ball has been caught around the legs by an opponent, the player may not kick uncritically to get free.<br>Referees shall stop dangerous behaviour before anyone is hurt.           | When a player holding the ball has been caught around the legs by an opponent, the player may not <b>endanger the opponent in the process of trying to get free</b> .<br>Referees shall stop dangerous behaviour before anyone is hurt.                                | Clarification.  |
| 5.1.18     | If necessary, playing time may be extended (3.1.9).  | If necessary, playing time may be extended (3.1.8).  | Wrong reference. Should refer to rule 3.1.8 and not 3.1.9 |
| 6.5.2      | When a referee considers that a rule infringement might not affect the advantage held by the offended team, the referee may allow the play to continue for a short while, to see how the situation develops. | When a referee considers that a rule infringement might not affect the advantage held by the offended team, the referee may allow the play to continue for a short while, to see how the situation develops. <b>A visual signal, (3.1.9) is given by the referees.</b> | Missing.  |
| Appendix 4 | Chapter 3.1.7 Separation of teams refers to a visual signal missing in Appendix 4.<br>Suggested addition to chapter 6.5.2 Delayed call would need a hand signal added.                                       | Add visual signal picture for Separation of teams.<br>Add visual signal picture for Delayed call.<br><b>Add visual signal picture for Team ball.</b>   | Missing.  |

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