



United States Quad Rugby Association

## PROPOSALS

### A.1) Removal of International Players - **FAILED**

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee  
This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

The specific provision that will be changed:

Article I, Section 3, Paragraph C State the language of the proposal: Players who play for an IWRWF recognized national team besides the U.S. will not be allowed to legally roster on a USQRA team. Any team that rosters one of these players will be ineligible for postseason play.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

The USQRA is a league meant to encourage the growth of U.S. players. Any "import" player who plays in the USQRA takes away a playing position for a U.S. player. The USQRA should not be developing players who are from other countries besides the U.S.

### A.2) Raise the International Player Fee - **PASSED with an amendment to the following:**

*"There will be a "team fee" of \$750.00 per international player for every USQRA team that rosters an international player. \$500.00 of this fee will be used for clinic development and \$250.00 will be used for the general fund at the discretion of the Executive Committee."*

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee  
This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

The specific provision that will be changed:

Article I, Section 3, Paragraph C State the language of the proposal: There will be a "team fee" of \$1,000.00 per international player for every USQRA team that rosters an international player.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

***Smashing Stereotypes One Hit at a Time***



Changes the fee for an international player to \$1,000.00. Teams willing to commit to bring in an international player should not have an issue paying an extra \$500. These funds will be used by the USQRA board to improve the quality of the league. Having international players makes our league stronger, and using these funds they provide in turn makes the USQRA better, which benefits everyone.

### **B.1) Domestic Imports - FAILED**

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

The specific provision that will be changed:

Article III, Section 1

State the language of the proposal:

Each team shall be allowed to roster one “domestic import” player, provided the team does not also have an international player. A domestic import is defined as a USQRA player who is a member of a different team per the existing residency rules. No player will be allowed to qualify as a domestic import if leaving their current team would cause the team to disband. The cost of importing a domestic player will be \$1000, payable to the USQRA.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Allows strong teams to get stronger and promising players to develop rapidly, without requiring the player to relocate.

### **B.2) Domestic Free Agents - FAILED**

Submitted by: Eric Ingram, TIRR

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article I, Section 3, adds Part f Article III, adds Section 7

State the language of the proposal:



## Article I MEMBERSHIP

### Section 3 Dues

f) There will be a "team fee" of \$400.00 per Domestic Free Agent player for every USQRA team that rosters a Domestic Free Agent player.

## Article III PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### Section 7 Domestic Free Agents

A Domestic Free Agent (DFA) is a player rostered to a team, that when the DFA fee is paid by that team, is exempt from the Transfer requirements of Article III, Section 3 and Residency requirements of Article III, Section 4, and

- a) A DFA is declared by a team which must notify the Commissioner and Secretary's office in writing of the proposed DFA no later than October 1.
- b) The team requesting a DFA will have to pay the fee declared in Article I, Section 3, Part f by October 15 of that season.
- c) The DFA will be exempt from transfer and residency requirements for the season (and post season) of which the fee is paid only, and will have to re-submit and re-pay the fee for each season the athlete plays with a team outside of residency.
- d) If the fee goes unpaid in subsequent seasons, the athlete (previously designated as a DFA in prior season) must meet the residency and/or transfer requirements and no longer maintains the DFA designation.
- e) The DFA must not be determined to be an international player as per definitions in Article III, Section 6.
- f) Each member team may only have one (1) DFA or one (1) international player, and may not have both.
- g) The DFA fee must be less than that of the international player fee, but must not be less than half of the international player fee.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

The purpose of this proposed bylaw is to create a way to legally get around what some teams are already doing. We all know there are some teams who roster people who can



provide paperwork to ‘prove’ residency that everyone knows doesn’t actually meet those requirements. This proposal goes about creating that bypass and benefits the league two-fold:

- It will go a long way to decreasing animosity, increasing honesty and providing benefits to teams needing more players
- It can also help develop some players who may not receive the skill boost on their current team.
- It may help teams fill legal lineups to compete at a higher level than they can now.
- Encourages the development of domestic players as opposed to bringing in and developing an increased number of international players.
- It provides another stream of income to the ailing USQRA bank account.

### **C) A Player Without a Team - PASSED**

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Adds to the Bylaws

The specific provision that will be changed:

Article III, Section 2. Adding a letter “F”

State the language of the proposal:

If there is no team or a player is banned from playing with the team(s) within 150 miles of his permanent address, that player will be required to roster with one of the 2 next closest teams.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

This closes the loophole that allows players to play with any team if they do not have a local team.

### **D) Host Team Nationals Qualification - PASSED**



Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

The specific provision that will be changed:

Article VI, Sections 4 and 9

State the language of the proposal:

If a Nationals host has been selected, they may note at the time of selection that they represent or are in partnership with a local team (which must be housed within 100 miles of the proposed nationals site). If that team qualifies for post season, then the structure for nationals will remain unmodified. If that team attempts to qualify through traditional post-season mechanisms and fails, the host site team will be included in a play in game with the 8th seeded team which qualifies for nationals. Whichever team wins will be included as the 8th team for Division II.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Having a local team compete in nationals, even in a play in game, creates an opportunity for more fans to see the sport and for more local media outlets to take interest. Furthermore, few sites of late have been willing to step up and host nationals. Incentivizing these sites with a second chance to qualify may motivate more programs to bid for nationals and will allow the selection committee more options to choose from.

## **E) Postseason Registration Fee - PASSED**

Submitted By: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed: Adds language

State the language of the proposal:

Allow postseason hosts to charge a \$250 fee to all teams attending postseason tournaments.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Every year we have a difficult time finding postseason hosts this would help potential postseason hosts absorb some of the costs associated with hosting a tournament.



## **F) Bench Timeouts - PASSED**

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

State the language of the proposal:

The coach can call bench timeouts verbally even if the coach is playing on the court.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

We have volunteers doing tables at every tournament in the league. Most volunteers have learned the rules 10 minutes before the games start. This eliminates the need for coaches to ask the table before the official can call a bench timeout.

## **G) Registration Due Dates - PASSED**

Submitted By: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article I, Section 3(b)

Membership dues and team rosters are to be submitted after September 1 of each year. Dues and rosters will be considered delinquent "after" September 30, and a fine of \$100.00 will be levied. This fine will be waived for new teams. Any team whose registration fees are not paid by November 1 will not be eligible for postseason. Failure to pay membership dues by December 15 shall result in the team's removal from membership in the USQRA.

State the language of the proposal:

Membership dues and team rosters are to be submitted after September 1 of each year. Dues and rosters will be considered delinquent "if not post marked by" September 30, and a fine of \$100.00 will be levied. This fine will be waived for new teams. Any team whose registration fees "and/or fines" are not "post marked" by November 1 will not be eligible for postseason. Failure to pay membership dues by December 15 shall result in the team's removal from membership in the USQRA.



State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Gives teams more clarity of when their team's dues and fines must be postmarked by.

## **H) Roster Cap Removal - PASSED**

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article II, Section 1

State the language of the proposal:

At the beginning of each season each member team shall present to the Commissioner a roster of team players. The roster shall contain a minimum of four active players. Rosters may contain more than 15 players, but only 15 post season eligible players will be allowed to play post season.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Removes the capped amount of players (15) from verbiage. Currently the USQRA only allows 15 players per team. However, removing that cap allows teams with larger rosters to roster all team members (competitive and recreational). This will allow all members of the team coverage under the league's insurance. This will also keep those teams' games legal when the "recreational" players play in local games and tournaments.

## **I) Staff Positions - PASSED**

Submitted by: Eric Ingram, TIRR

This proposal: Amends the Constitution

Specific provision that will be changed:

State the language of the proposal: Section 11 Staff Positions

Article VI, adds Section 11

The Executive Committee may appoint and elect staff members to serve in roles to directly benefit the USQRA as a whole, fulfilling specific duties and requirements not



detailed in the Constitution and/or Bylaws, or to duties the Executive Committee seems fit, and

a) The staff positions are 1.

b) The staff position appointee may be proposed by any member of the Executive Committee and must be confirmed by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

c) The staff position appointments should last for one (1) calendar year from the date of confirmation and must be renewed each year following by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

d) The staff position appointee should meet necessary basic requirements of staff position as agreed upon and declared by the President and First Vice President.

e) The staff members can be removed by 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee providing evidence is shown for the reason of removal.

f) New staff positions must be declared and follow the typical constitutional amendment procedure and shall be approved with a simple majority of the voting membership.

g) The Executive Committee shall establish compensation structures and compensations (if any) for each individual staff position.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

It is no secret that the positions established by the constitutions and bylaws do not adequately fill all of the needs of this organization.

This proposal seeks to help the USQRA in many areas. It will give the Executive Committee (EC) the power to make positions to help better the organization, with the approval of the teams' votes. It would be used to make the USQRA run more streamlined, more effectively, and better operate as a [nonprofit] business. It may also bring more legitimacy to our league.

This proposal will go a long way to ensure that the USQRA will still be in existence 25 years from now.

**J) Establish Fundraising Position - PASSED with an amendment to the following:**





### 1. Fundraiser

- The Fundraiser shall be appointed to seek funds for the USQRA.
- The Fundraiser shall keep adequate paperwork documenting processes and keep a paper trail detailing all fundraising activities.
- The Fundraiser may serve as an official 'internship' position.
- The Fundraiser may opt to not receive *compensation* if they so choose. *This compensation may not take the form of commission-based pay.*

Submitted by: Eric Ingram, TIRR

This proposal: Amends the Constitution

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article VI, hypothetical Section 11, Part A adds Area 1 (Pending approval of Staff Member proposal)

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State the reason the proposal should be passed:

It is no secret that the USQRA needs more money to function properly.



The fundraiser position will be established to raise money for the USQRA by applying to grants, attracting new sponsors, attracting donations or by any other legal means.

As an example, a typical payment structure for a professional fundraiser is

- 20% commission for the first time an organization or individual has donated/contributed to the USQRA.
- 15% commission if the organization or individual has donated to the USQRA in the last two (2) years and it was attributed to that particular fundraiser.
- 5% commission if the fundraiser acquires funding from sources that have previously donated before (not initially attributed to that particular fundraiser).

In this example, the fundraiser would get a 5%-20% commission on whatever money they bring in. While it may sound like we're taking 5%-20% of the money away from the USQRA, we are actually gaining 80%-95% of the money brought in by the fundraiser that we would have not gotten in the first place. These particular numbers are standard for the fundraising industry and will make for a competitive and enticing position to interested parties.

This is an organization that needs more money and needs to function more like a business. This proposal will go a long way to ensure that the USQRA will still be in existence 25 years from now.

## **K) Establish PR Specialist - PASSED**

Submitted by: Eric Ingram, TIRR

This proposal: Amends the Constitution

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article VI, hypothetical Section 11, Part A adds Area 1 (Pending approval of Staff Member proposal)

State the language of the proposal:

1. Public Relations Specialist will,
  - i. Have the sole focus of maintain the growth and public awareness of the USQRA and the sport,



- ii. Maintain the public-facing front of the organization with the goal of enriching the organization's position within the public eye.
- iii. Create marketing and promotional materials, both print and electronic,
- iv. Copyedit, proofread, and revise communications, Develop marketing communications campaigns,
- v. Conduct extensive media outreach.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

The public image of every organization is important. Having someone who specializes in this field will help legitimize the USQRA and get its name out to the public more frequently. We can't expect the Executive Committee members to take up this task while they already have so much on their plates. This takes that burden off of them and gives it to someone who can effectively do the job. At this time the position will be unpaid and can be treated as an internship, hopefully it will one day be a full time, paid position.

## **L) Definition of International Player - PASSED**

Submitted by: Nick Long, Grand Rapids

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article III Section 6

Language to be changed:

An international player/coach shall be defined as:

- b) Any player/coach that is currently or has ever played on an international "national" team, or **BYLAWS and INTERPRETATIONS**

State the language of the proposal:

- b) Any player/coach that is currently or has played on an international "national" team within the last 2 years, or



State the reason the proposal should be passed:

This addition is necessary in order to avoid penalizing teams with players who no longer play internationally or with a National Team. This also prevents exclusion of players who are in transition to permanent residency in the United States and are no longer residents in the another country and wish to play rugby solely in the United States. Including into the rule a period of time for which players have not played with an International National Team will help to prevent players and teams from finding loop holes in the rules while still allowing the sport within the USA to grow. Having a definition in writing to ensure that all international players are legal while not excluding players who no longer live in their home country nor play for their National Team.

### **M) Committee Participation - FAILED**

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article I MEMBERSHIP

State the language of the proposal:

Add the following to Section 1

(h) Each team shall appoint at least one representative to serve on a committee. The appointee shall be actively involved in the committee he/she is serving.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Filling the committee positions has been a challenge in the past when just soliciting for volunteers. Making it a requirement will ensure each position is filled and the committee is functioning.

### **N) 100% AGM Participation - PASSED**

Submitted by: ?

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:



## Article I MEMBERSHIP

State the language of the proposal: Section 1

(g) Each team must participate in the AGM (Annual General Meeting) or is subject to a fine up to \$200.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

To make it mandatory teams participate in the AGM and development of the league. Nothing can be accomplished without the entire membership's participation.

### **O) Require Nationals Participants at AGM - PASSED**

Submitted by: Stephen Kenny, Brooks

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article I, Section 1

State the language of the proposal:

h) All National Member Teams competing at the National Tournament must send a representative to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Teams who do not comply will forfeit their first game of the tournament. The Commissioner may waive this requirement if an unexpected circumstance prevents attendance

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Membership comes with the responsibility of taking an active role in all association business. Many proposals and elections held at the AGM require discussions and some can only be passed as "friendly amendments" if there are physically enough representatives to vote. Every competing team should be able to find one person on their team who can make the AGM. The Commissioner can grant excusals if needed.

### **P) 100% AGM voting – RESCINDED BY SPONSOR**

Submitted by: Stephen Kenny, Brooks

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws



Specific provision that will be changed:

Article I, Section 1, adds a new Part “g”

State the language of the proposal:

g) All National Member Teams must submit votes for all elections and amendments being held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Teams who do not comply will be assessed a \$100.00 fine.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Membership comes with the responsibility of taking an active role in all association business. There is no hardship imposed by requiring teams to vote because it can be done by attending the meeting, assigning someone as a proxy, or by filling out a ballot.

### **Q) Allow present members to amend bylaws - TABLED**

Submitted by: ?

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article X AMENDMENTS

State the language of the proposal:

These bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting by a majority vote of the Team Representatives present and voting.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

To make the requirement more performance based to allow for alternative methods of voting during the AGM if not attended in person.

### **R) Regional Alignment - FAILED**

Submitted by: Gary Pate, Lakeshore

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:



Adds language

State the language of the proposal:

No later than 1 October of each year, the commissioner shall designate the Regions and team members of each, taking due regard of the geographical location of each team, the number of teams in each region, the need to mathematically balance the composition of the regions, and such other factors as may be relevant to creating a balanced and competitive league. Any team dissatisfied with its regional assignment may, by 15 October, appeal the Commissioner's decision to the board as a whole. In case of recusals by Board members from hearing the appeal, the President may appoint individuals to assist in the appeal so that at least 5 people consider the request.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

Regions are unbalanced geographically; Regions no longer reflect current memberships.

### **S) 40□30 Second Rule - TABLED**

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Changes a Rule

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article 85 40 Second Violation

State the language of the proposal: article 85 30 second violation

A team that has possession of the ball has 30 seconds to score a goal. This time shall be measured by the 30 second clock. (Article 53). Failure to score before the expiration of time on the 30 second clock is a violation.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

This would remove some of the downtime during the game. Players of the game understand stalling however spectators are often confused by the stalling of the offense to run down the score clock/shot clock. This would make our game even more exciting from a spectator standpoint.

### **T) Remove Meter Rule - FAILED**



Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Removes a rule

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article 99. One-meter foul

No player is permitted to enter the area within a one-meter radius from the point on the sideline or end line where a throw-in is taking place. This one-meter radius is in effect from the time the referee blows his whistle to indicate that the ball is live until the ball is released by the in-bounder.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

This will allow for more space for the offense to receive the ball and less space for the defense to defend the in-bounder. This will also create more defensive strategies in a game that is often considered an offensive game.

## **U) Remove Contact Before the Whistle Rule - PASSED**

Submitted by: Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal: Changes a Rule

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article 92 in Section 11 Contact Before the Whistle foul: Delete this article from the rulebook

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

The purpose of this proposal would be to remove some ambiguity from the rules. We have come to expect some contact prior to the whistle and often I hear referees telling players be careful with your contact. They are stating this prior to the whistle being blown and yet they are not giving a penalty or warning. There still would be rules on allowable contact that would be in place. A couple of examples would be spinning or excessive force resulting in a flagrant foul.

## **V) EC Information Merger - FAILED**

Submitted by: Eric Ingram, TIRR





This proposal: Amends the Constitution

Specific provision that will be changed:

Article VI, Section 1, Part E - More of a merger of language as opposed to any removal

State the language of the proposal:

The description of Executive Committee positions located in the "USQRA Job Description" file should be merged into the Executive Committee "Duties of Officers" area of the constitution, located at Article VI, Section 1, Part e.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

There shouldn't be two separate documents detailing the descriptions of the Executive Committee (EC) positions. The EC descriptions in the Constitution are incomplete and the document referencing the description and duties of those positions is not an official governing document. The constitution should absorb the descriptions of the EC positions in the "USQRA Job Description" file as to not create uncertainty or confusion and to increase clarity.

## **W) Classification Card Priority - PASSED**

Submitted by: Steve Kenny, Brooks

This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

Specific provision that will be changed:

State the language of the proposal:

Article III PLAYER ELIGIBILITY Section 1 Player Classification

Article III, Section 1, remove Part C

"c) All international players rostered on a member team must have a USQRA or IWRF classification card. All International Players with a previous international classification that was issued at a Level A or Level B international tournament will play with their International Classification card."

State the reason the proposal should be passed:



The reason this part of the Player Classification Section should be removed is that all players including international ones should be playing under the same classification process. It's impossible to have all the players classified via the IWRG process, but we can have international players classified using the USQRA process. There are varying opinions amongst players regarding differences between the USQRA and IWRG classification processes, so in order to establish a level playing field in relation to classifications we need to remove the International Classification card exception. Removing this exception would also allow international player's classifications to be protested just like everyone else.

### **X) Residence Challenge - PASSED**

Submitted by: Eric Ingram, TIRR  
This proposal: Amends the Bylaws

#### **Specific provision that will be changed:**

State the language of the proposal:

Section 5 Player Residency Protest Article III, adds a new Section 5

- a) Any team or player may protest an individual player's residency any time before the start of post season.
- b) Completed residency protest forms (available on the USQRA website and from the Commissioner) along with a \$50 check made payable to the USQRA shall be sent to the Commissioner.
- c) The Executive Committee shall assemble the residency protest panel which will include the Commissioner, the Second Vice President and the Secretary.
- d) The residency protest panel will assess the residency status of the athlete with evidence that is reasonably ascertainable and by examining the information provided by the protesting party (who shall remain anonymous).
- e) If the residency decision is in favor of the protesting party, the Executive Committee will refund the fee to the protesting party. If the residency decision is in favor of the protested player, the fee will be forwarded to the USQRA Treasurer.
- f) The protest panel shall review the protest and submit a determination within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the protest was submitted.



g) If the residency decision is in favor of the protesting party, that player will no longer be eligible to play for that team for the duration of that season/postseason. The player will have to meet residency requirements for any team he or she will play on in the future.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

There is a gaping loophole in our bylaws that allows new players to compete for any team in the country with no checks on their actual residency. There are new athletes competing this very season that do not live in the state of the team which they play for (even though there are teams within 150 miles of their respective homes). This takes players away from their local teams and creates an unfair advantage to some teams and an unfair disadvantage to others. Adding a specified protest procedure for challenging players' residency can help clear up confusion and ambiguities. This proposal looks to close that loophole and stop these abuses. This proposal also provides an additional source of income to the USQRA.

## **Y) Spinning Foul - FAILED**

Submitted by: Gabe Nyrkkanen, Tucson Renegades

This proposal: Changes a rule

Specific provision that will be changed:

Rules, Sec 11, Art 98: Spinning foul Check here if the proposal only adds language

The current language describing a spinning foul shall be removed from the common fouls section and replaced in the technical foul section with added language. Article 98 as follows shall be removed:

Article 98. Spinning foul A player is not permitted to make contact with an opposing player's wheelchair at any point behind either axle of the rear wheels such that the wheelchair is made to rotate in the horizontal or vertical plane in a way that places the opposing player's safety at risk.

After a player makes legal contact in front of the axle of the rear wheel of an opposing player's wheelchair, the continuing motion of the wheelchairs may cause the point of contact to move behind the axle, resulting in a spin. If the initial contact was legal and the contact was unbroken from that point until the spin occurred, the player will not be charged with a foul.

State the language of the proposal:



A player is not permitted to make contact with an opposing player's wheelchair at any point behind either axle of the rear wheels such that the wheelchair is made to rotate in the horizontal or vertical plane in a way that places the opposing player's safety at risk.

A player who commits a Spinning foul shall be charged with one technical foul in addition to a common foul. The penalties are served consecutively, beginning with the common foul. If the

sanction for the common foul is a loss of possession or a penalty goal, the player will begin serving the one-minute penalty for the first technical foul immediately.

After a player makes legal contact in front of the axle of the rear wheel of an opposing player's wheelchair, the continuing motion of the wheelchairs may cause the point of contact to move behind the axle, resulting in a spin. If the initial contact was legal and the contact was unbroken from that point until the spin occurred, the player will not be charged with a foul.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

One of the most dangerous plays during the course of our sport is a spinning penalty. Currently, there is very little deterrent for a player to avoid causing a spin. It is very common to see a player spin and offensive player as a goal is about to be scored and only a penalty goal being the sanction imposed on a team. Essentially, the defense has gotten away with a dangerous play with no serious sanction. Issuing a common foul as a result of a dangerous spin does not significantly or equitably penalize a team or player for committing such an act. In the interest of safety and protecting our players, a more severe sanction for a spinning call is warranted. This proposal adds the sanction of a technical foul to be served by the individual committing the spin in addition to the common foul already issued.

## **Z) 40 Second Clock Stoppage - PASSED**

Submitted by: Gabe Nyrkkanen, Tucson Renegades  
This proposal: Changes a rule

Specific provision that will be changed:

Rules, Sec 7, Art 53: 40 sec clock operations

Language to be removed:



“The game is stopped because of an action connected with the team not in possession of the ball.”

“The forty second clock shall be stopped and reset to fifteen (15) seconds when a team in possession of a live ball requests, and is awarded a timeout, and time remaining on the forty second clock is less than 15 seconds.”

State the language of the proposal:

The 40 second clock shall be stopped and reset to fifteen (15) seconds when time remaining on the 40 second clock is less than 15 seconds, or not reset to 40 if more than 15 seconds remain when: - a team in possession of a live ball requests, and is awarded a timeout.

- play is stopped due to a fallen defensive player. - play is stopped due to an equipment timeout granted by the referee to a defensive player. - the game is stopped because of any other action connected with the team not in possession of the ball that does not include a foul or violation. - the referee blows his whistle inadvertently. - the referee blows his whistle to stop play due to circumstances not related to normal play of the game on the court including, but not limited to, external influences on the game.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

The purpose of this rule proposal change is to limit situations that penalize the defense for reasons that are not actually penalties, fouls or violations. Specific situations that have led to this proposal include referees blowing inadvertent whistles as the 40 second clock is almost expired, or stopping play because a ball rolls on the court, but then reset to 40 at the expense of the defense. Also, defensive situations that include fallen players or equipment timeouts should not be considered in the same light as other violations that result in reset of the 40 second clock. Especially since a fallen defensive player or equipment time-out are often related to a strong defensive effort.

### **a) 15 Second Clock Reset - FAILED**

Submitted by: Gabe Nyrkkanen, Tucson Renegades  
This proposal: Changes a rule

Specific provision that will be changed:

Rules, Sec 7, Art 53: 40 sec clock operations



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Language to be amended:

All references to the shot clock resetting to 15 seconds, shall be changed to 10 seconds.

State the reason the proposal should be passed:

The purpose of this proposal is to add additional pressure to the offense to score after a stoppage late in the 40 second clock in which the defense made a strong effort to prevent the offensive team from scoring.