

**‘A’ AND ‘B’ UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT
SAMPLE PAPER 2 QUESTION AND ANSWER PAPER**

**(Rule numbers are included in the answers for information
only)**

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Information and Instructions

Time: 2 hrs

This paper comprises Section 1 and Section 2:-

Section 1 has 12 questions

Section 2 has 8 questions

Pass Mark	A Award	B Award
	Section 1 – 35/39 (90%)	Section 1- 29/39 (74%)
	Section 2 – 46/58 (79%)	Section 2- 39/58 (68%)

Learners must pass in both Sections.

General

1. Learners are requested to use blue or black ink.
2. Tippex or similar materials should not be used.
3. Learners should not waste time on any question that they find difficult to answer and should return to that question at a later stage.
4. Please note in both Sections-
 - a. Learners are **not** required to quote Rule numbers, but they should name the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading, for example:
 - Playing the ball and Prohibited Actions
 - Passing Distances and Short pass
 - Offside and Requirements
 - Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball
 - Contact and Interference
 - Foul Play and Unfair play
 - b. Assume that the teams involved are Red and Blue throughout this paper.
 - c. Answer all questions in the space provided. If there is not sufficient space, then continue on a separate piece of paper, which should be clearly marked with the Section number, the question number and the learner's name.
 - d. This paper is written using the **World Netball Rules of Netball 2024** and does not take into account any local league or country rule adaptations. Learners should only consider what is stated in the World Netball Rules Book 2024

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SECTION 1

This Section contains 12 questions. There are only 3 No Action Questions.

Learners are required to write:-

- The infringement-the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- The sanction/action awarded ie Penalty Pass, Free Pass, Throw In etc. For a penalty pass, learners must name the player (team and position) against whom the sanction is awarded.
- To whom the Sanction is awarded
- Where the Sanction is taken from-note it is not sufficient to just answer 'Where the infringement occurred'.

Example 1:

Red GS has possession of the ball in the goal circle and is about to shoot for goal. Just before the shot, Blue GD hits the ball and this causes the Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1 c. (1 Mark)
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against the Blue GD (1 Mark)
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area (1 Mark)
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In goal circle where the Blue GD was standing when she contacted the ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty pass is taken where the Red GS was standing (1 Mark)

Example 2:

If the answer to a question is No Action – insert 'No Action' only

Blue WA has the ball in the Centre Third and the Red WD attempts to defend from behind and they are 0.9m (3 feet) away from their opponent.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 16.1 (1 Mark)
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	

Where is the sanction/action taken?	
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SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

1. Blue WA calls for injury time. When the umpire asks 'Why'? Blue WA responds "I have injured my finger". Blue WA leaves the court with the Blue Team opting to leave the WA position vacant. Play restarts.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 10.9 & 10.20
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

2. In an attempt to gain a better position, Blue GS leaves the court and runs behind the goal post. In an attempt to defend, Red GK follows the Blue GS.

What is the Infringement?	Out of Court and Player outside the Court Rule 15.7
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red GK
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue Team Player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	On court, in line with where Red GK was standing when they attempted to defend

3. Red C takes possession of the ball in the air and lands on Blue WD. Blue WD was in this position before Red C jumped to take possession of the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Causing Contact – Player in the Air Rule 17.4 b.
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red C
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	At the point where Red C contacted the Blue WD, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the contacted player (Blue WD) was standing

4. Blue GS is taking a shot. They throw the ball but it misses the ring. The ball brushes the goal net and Blue GS catches the ball before it is touched by another player.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 11.6
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

5. Blue GA takes possession of the ball close to the goal post. Red GK is standing behind Blue GA attempting to defend with their hand over the ball. Red GK is not breaking the obstruction rule. As Blue GA prepares to shoot, they push the ball up into the hand of Red GK.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference 17.1.d.
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue GA
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team player allowed in the goal circle
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Blue GA was standing in the Goal circle when they contacted Red GK with the ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the contacted player (Red GK) was standing

6. From just outside of the Goal Circle, Red C attempts to pass the ball to Red GS who is standing under the post. Red GS fails to catch the ball and it is caught by Blue GK who is positioned off court in the court surround near to the Goal Post.

What is the Infringement?	Out of Court and Ball Out of Court Rule 15.1 b.
What sanction/action would you award?	Throw In
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Out of court, behind the goal line, in line with where the ball went out of court

7. Blue WD catches the ball in the air and lands on their left foot. They step forward onto their right foot. Whilst looking for the next pass, Blue WD drags their left foot before releasing the ball to pass.

What is the Infringement?	Footwork and Other Foot Movements Rule 13.3.a.
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Blue WD was standing when they dragged their landing foot

8. Blue GK is taking a Throw In on the goal line. They pass the ball to Blue WD who is standing in the goal third but fails to touch the ball. It bounces past Blue WD and is caught by Blue WA who is standing in the Centre Third.

What is the Infringement?	Passing Distances and Over a Third Rule 12.3
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In the Centre Third by the transverse line where the ball first entered the third incorrectly.

9. Red C is in possession of the ball in the Centre Third, close to the transverse line of their attacking end. Blue GD and Blue GK are standing inside the Goal Circle marking Red GS so closely that, as the Red GS moves, they contact the Blue GD and GK.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Inevitable Contact Rule 17.8
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against the Blue GD and Blue GK
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team Player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In the Goal Circle where one of Blue GD and Blue GK were standing, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red GS was standing

10. Blue WA has possession of the ball in the centre third. Whilst moving into a position to receive the pass, Blue C is being marked by Red WD who has their arms outstretched to prevent Blue C from getting into position. The Red WD is within 0.9 m (3 ft) of the Blue C.

What is the Infringement?	Obstruction and Player not in possession of the ball Rule 16.9
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red WD
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red WD was standing when she obstructed Blue C, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Blue C was standing

11. Red WA is taking a Throw-In on the side line. As they attempt to make their pass, they place their foot on the side line.

What is the Infringement?	Sanctions and Actions and Conditions for Throw-In Rule 6.13
What sanction/action would you award?	Throw-In
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Off court, behind the side line, where Red WA placed their foot on the side line

12. Red C catches the ball in their defending goal third. They make a pass to Red GA, who jumps from Red Team attacking goal third, catches the ball in the air and lands in the centre third.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 12.4 b.
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

SECTION 2 QUESTIONS

This section contains 8 questions

Based on the situations given:-

- Identify the Rule/s infringed, using the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- Possible Decision/s ie Penalise Contact, Obstruction, Play Advantage, Hold Time, Send the player from the court, Penalise Footwork etc.
- Your Application/Reasoning ie the steps you would take to deal with the scenario
- For Game Management scenarios, assume it is the first time a Game Management issue has occurred, unless otherwise stated in the question.

Example:

At a goal line throw in, Red GK attempts to pass to Red C, who is unmarked outside the goal circle. At the same time, Blue GS contacts the arm of Red GK. Red C catches the ball.

Rule/s	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1 (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact or Play Advantage (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Contact rule has been infringed as Blue GS contacted Red GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle using the relevant hand signal to penalise Contact. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Blue GS was standing when they contacted Red GK, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Red GK was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Red team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Red C) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Contact GS' and signal using the relevant hand signal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

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- 1 Blue GD is taking a free pass from within their defending goal third. They pass the ball to Blue C who is standing in the centre but misses the ball. The ball rolls across the centre third and into the Blue team attacking goal third. The ball is picked up by Blue GS close to the transverse line.

Rule/s	<p>Passing Distances and Over a Third</p> <p>Rule 12.3 (1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Over a Third (1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The over a third rule has been infringed as the ball has travelled untouched over the two transverse lines. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Over a Third using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken in the Blue team's attacking goal third, by the transverse line where the ball first entered the goal third incorrectly. (1 Mark)</p> <p>(4 Marks)</p>

- 2 Red C has possession of the ball outside of the goal circle. Blue GD is standing in front of Red GS marking closely. Blue GD keeps their arms outstretched to prevent Red GS moving to receive the pass from Red C.

Rule/s	Obstruction and Player not in Possession of the Ball Rule 16.9 (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Obstruction (1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>A player who is within 0.9 m (3 ft) of an opponent (measured between the nearest part of the nearer foot on the ground) may not, whether attacking or defending, use movements that take the arms away from the body to prevent the movement of an opponent, except as required for natural body stance. Blue GD is infringing the obstruction rule by keeping her arms outstretched to prevent Red GS moving. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will blow their whistle to penalise Obstruction using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass against Blue GD is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Blue GD was standing when they obstructed Red GS, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the obstructed player (Red GS) was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

- 3 Blue WA is taking a penalty pass and is standing just outside their attacking goal circle. Blue WA passes the ball to Blue GA who is standing just inside the goal circle, but at the point of exchange there is insufficient space for an opposing player to be able to deflect or intercept the ball.

Rule/s	Passing Distances and Short Pass Rule 12.1 (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Short Pass (1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>As there is not sufficient space on court for an opposing player to be able to deflect or intercept the ball as it moves from the hands of the passer to those of the receiver, Blue WA has infringed the Short pass rule. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Short Pass using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Red Team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken inside the goal circle, where Blue GA was standing when they caught or touched the ball. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

- 4 Red C takes possession of the ball in the centre third. Blue C quickly takes up a defending position more than 3 feet away from Red C. In an attempt to pass the ball to their GA, Red C rolls the ball past Blue C and it is picked up by Red GA.

Rule/s	Playing the Ball and Prohibited Actions Rule 11.8 c. (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Incorrect playing of the ball (1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>A player may not roll the ball to another player. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise incorrect playing of the ball using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Blue team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken where Red C was standing when they rolled the ball. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

- 5 At a goal line throw in, Blue GK attempts to pass the ball to Blue C who is unmarked outside the goal circle. At the same time, Red GS contacts the arm of Blue GK. Blue C catches the ball.

Rule/s	<p>Contact and Interference</p> <p>Rule 17.1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Contact or Play Advantage</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Contact rule has been infringed as Red GS contacted Blue GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle to penalise contact, using the relevant hand signal. (1Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would award a penalty pass against Red GS to the Blue team. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass would be taken where Red GS was standing when they contacted Blue GK, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the contacted player (Blue GK) was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Blue team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Blue C) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Contact GS' and signal using the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

- 6 Following the half time interval the Red Team have not returned from the changing rooms. The Blue Team take to court and get into position. The next centre pass is going to be taken by the Blue Team. The umpire waits for 30 seconds for the Red team to arrive and they enter the sports hall and get into position within this 30 seconds ready for the start of play.

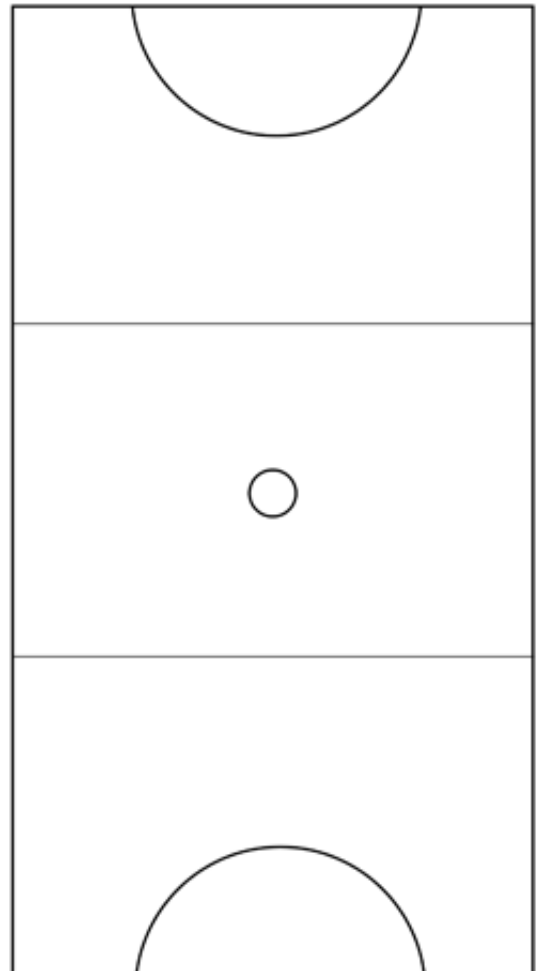
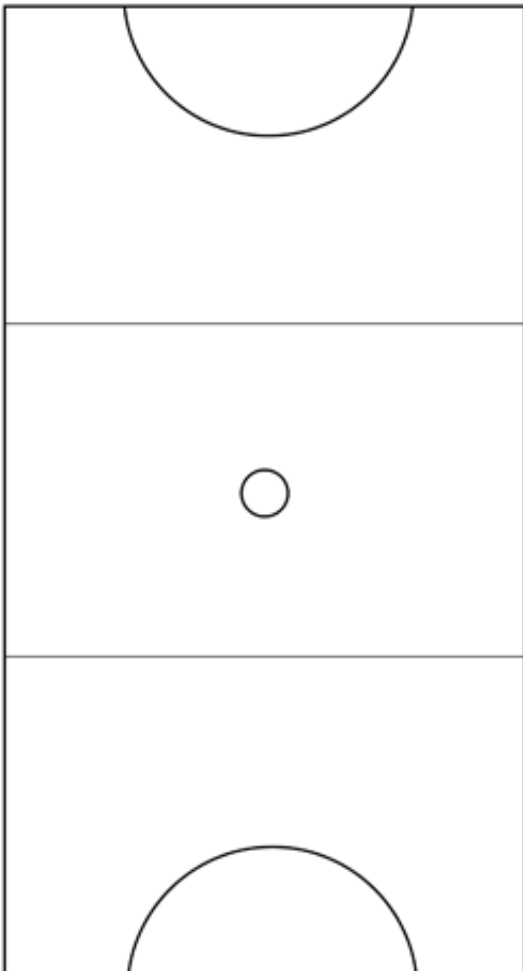
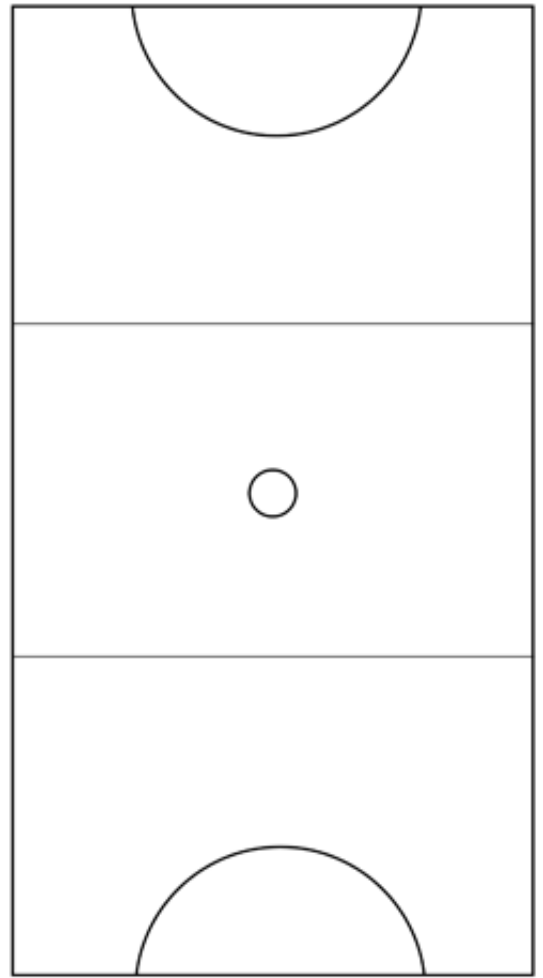
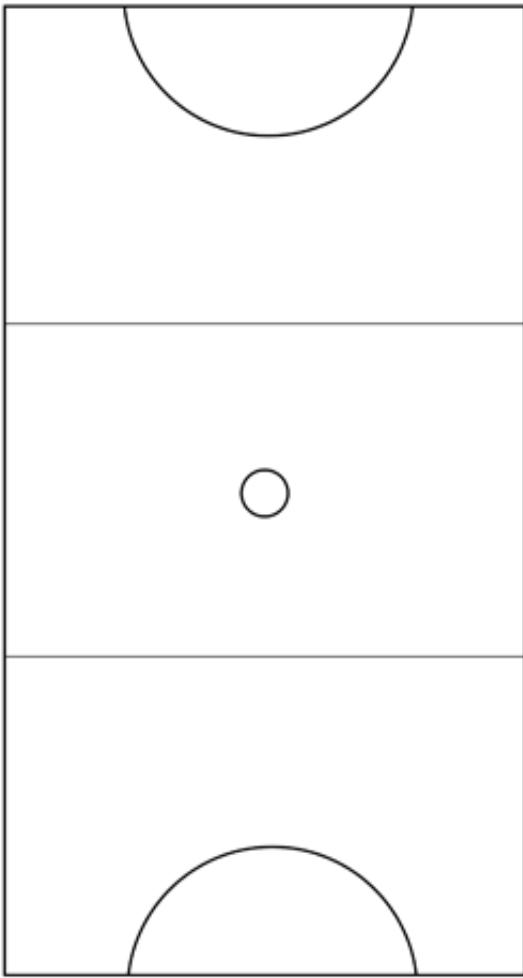
Rule/s	<p>Team and Failure to Take the Court</p> <p>Rule 3.6 a.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Failure to Take the Court</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Red Team have infringed the Failure to Take the Court rule as they did not have five players present at the start of the quarter and they have delayed play. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to start the quarter using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would then immediately blow the whistle a second time to hold time to penalise Failure to Take the Court. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will award a penalty pass against the Red team for delaying play, which will be advanced. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass will be advanced up to half a third to be positioned in the centre third by the transverse line at the goal end of the Blue Team. (1 Mark)</p> <p>No Red team player is required to stand out of play for the penalty pass. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire restarts play with a whistle and the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(7 Marks)</p>

- 7 Red GK is taking a goal line throw in. They pass the ball to Red GD, who catches the ball in the air but lands awkwardly in the goal third. Red GK calls for injury time to the Red GD

Rule/s	<p>Stoppages and Injury/Illness of a Player or Blood</p> <p>Rule 10.9</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Hold Time</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The umpire blows the whistle to hold time using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire asks the Red GK the reason for the stoppage and the Red GD states the reason. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire advises that Red GD needs to leave the court within 30 seconds for treatment off the court. (1 Mark).</p> <p>During the stoppage, both teams may make substitutions and/or team changes, provided these are completed within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires. (1 Mark)</p> <p>If no substitution is made for the Red GD, play may resume with the position left vacant. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The Umpire will restart play with any player from the Red team allowed in the area in possession of the ball, where the ball was in the goal third when play was stopped. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire restarts play with a whistle and the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(7 Marks)</p>

- 8 Near the end of a quarter, the Red WA is in the goal third trying to make a pass to the circle players. The Blue WD intentionally stands within 0.9m (3ft) of the Red WA in an attempt to slow down the play into the goal circle.

Rule/s	Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball Foul Play and Unfair Play (Intentional Infringing) Rules 16.1 and 19.3 <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Obstruction and Penalise Foul Play and Unfair Play (Intentional Infringing) <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The obstruction rule has been infringed as the Blue WD is defending the Red WA from a distance of less than 0.9m (3ft) (1 Mark)</p> <p>The Blue WD is also intentionally infringing (intentional obstruction), to prevent a clear pass into the goal circle. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would penalise the Blue WD for Obstruction, using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would award a penalty pass and advance it up to half a third due to foul play (intentional obstruction). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken in the goal circle (where it is advanced to) by a Red player allowed in that area, and the Blue WD stands out of play at the circle edge closest to where the sanction is set. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire cannot apply the Advantage rule on any incident of unfair play. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>



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