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# QA Gameplay Forum: Rulebook Amendments

2020-2021 Rulebook Amendments Forum Minutes



# 2020-21 Open Forum

## Meeting Date:

06.01.21

## Attendees:

Kelsey Collins (Gameplay Director), Logan Davis (Gameplay Committee), Matt Blissenden (Gameplay Committee), Natalie Astalosh, Mark Kelly, Steven Poletti, Kieran Ponusamy, Yukitoshi Imaizumi-Zhou, Benjamin Pinto, Isobel Rennie, Justine Herring, Paul Harrison, Rajtilak Kapoor, Matthew Ingram, Zoe Cheong

## Opening:

This Forum is for community feedback and discussion regarding the new IQA Rulebook, the final decisions upon Quidditch Australia amendments lies with the Gameplay Department and the Quidditch Australia Board.

We will go through the Proposed Amendments first please keep any suggestions for other amendments for the end.

## Proposed Amendments - refer to document

### **1.2.1.A.C**

- Nat.A:

Minimum eligible positions - must at least have a keeper

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Concern on not having enough players - unsafe

- Justine.H:

Discussion on clarification when is 5 allowed

Steven.P:



Question on whether state bodies can decide on minimum numbers, no they can decide on minimum ROSTER numbers

Kelsey:

Clarified that this means the team starts with the minimum number of 7 but if they fall below this due to injury DURING the game, they may continue.

### **2.4.1.A**

Nat.A

Concern about “other materials” and people rocking up with a metal broom, and worried about the Head Ref saying “fuck it” and allowing them to play. Discussion on the fact that there are more materials (such as Carbon Fiber) than just wood and plastic.

Steven.P

Asking about why wood is allowed - Logan clarified that we do not have any non-anecdotal evidence to prove wooden brooms as unsafe

Benjamin Nimmo

Asked for clarification on broom caps.

Nat.A

Requested injury evidence statistics.

### **2.5.2.E**

unknown:

It makes sense not to have mouthguard requirement as new players will not necessarily have it.

Justine.H

Point that mouthguard situation is up to team leadership.

Isobel.R

Mouthguards provide minimal protection against concussions and only protect teeth.

### **2.5.3.C.iii**

Nat.A



Concerned about the rule not being consistent with hat rule. Discussion on that there may be cultural reasons a player cannot put a headband over the top of the headwear, also in the case of a turban, the headband may not fit. Point of breaking down the barriers for these players.

Paul.H

Add to the amendment that this information needs to be disseminated.

### **2.5.5.A.iv**

Kieran.P

Can it be covered by tights. Discussion on editing the wording to give socks as an example.

Nat.A

Disadvantage/safety concern with it not being a requirement. Discussion on whether it is unsafe for another player if one player is wearing shin guards and the other is not in the case of a collision. Clarification that shin guards are designed to absorb impact to protect both players in the event of a collision.

### **2.5.5.F.i**

Mark.K

Medical issues requires hat to protect vision. Discussion on medical exemption for equipment. Discussion on the sun safety/protrusion trade off, access to soft brim hats etc as alternatives.

### **2.5.10.B.iv**

Nat.A

Clarification on whether a “new” piercing is medical or professional.

### **7.4.1.C.ii.a**

Steven.P

Clarification on whether brooms down affects this substitution. Matt- if a player on field needs to broom down and wait until it is brooms up again to do substitution.

Benjamin.N



Clarification on if this happens whenever the ball goes out of bounds.

Paul.H

Questioning whether the delay of the game still apply. Clarification that this amendment is an exception, and the rest of the rules regarding reset still apply, at ref's discretion.

Paul.H

Comment that this amendment may disadvantage teams with aggressive beaters.

## Any suggestions for additional amendments

### **Starting procedure**

Steven.P

Will there be clarification on the starting procedure and training material regarding what you should and shouldn't do. Nat- yes there is a plan for material to be released regarding the starting procedure and other changes (CASE BOOK).

Justine.H

Clarification on whether Dropbears would train under these amendments or not. Matt - our amendments are more technical and do not affect actual gameplay drastically and thus will not affect their strategic planning from an Australian perspective.

### **Gender**

Nat.A

International discussion on current max gender rule moving to 3. Discussion on whether this will be in QA's radar

Justine.H

Can fantasy tournaments trial a 3 max. Kelsey - QA happy to discuss proposals regarding.

Zoe.C

Concern on max 3 gender rule, when seeker is on, does this count.

Mark.K



Seeker not counting towards gender is better than saying max 4 during snitch on pitch as teams may stack their quaffle/beater.

## Further Questions (anything Gameplay Related)

NIL