

QA Gameplay Rules Meeting

Meeting opening: 8:05pm AEST

Attendees: Kelsey Collins (Quadball Australia, Gameplay), Matt Blissenden (QA, G), Logan Davis (G), Hannah Walravens (G), Josh Lindley (QAQ, G), Nat Astalosh (invite), Mark Kelly (VQA), Brandon Frison (QA), Jessica Lindley (QA), Rebecca Robb (QA)

Apologies: Max Brenner (QNSW)

Chair: Kelsey Collins

Minutes: Kelsey Collins

Meeting closed: 9:48pm AEST

1. Review of changes to the Rulebook - Matt Blissenden

Update to eligibility of player numbers.

Technical error - skipped

Speaking captain update - if you aren't on the field as a player, you must be in the sub box. This rule allows the coaches to leave the bench to move along the side line to conduct coaching, this traditionally has been allowed in Australian Quidditch in the past and so has minimal effect on us.

Bench surface area can be increased.

Dodgeball specifications have changed.

Updated broom taping rules - we have an amendment for this

Metal studs are now allowed, based on the international Rugby standards, using the QA amendment as a basis.

Shin guards are now allowed - plastic (knock test exemption).

Medical Alert bracelets are now allowed (jewellery exemption).

Updated restart procedure - there are penalties for multiple false restarts.

HW: do goals count if they occur after a false restart?

MB: false restart and false brooms up are different situations, goal would be no good

Heat Policy - ignore, we will have an amendment to adhere to QA

Snitch timings 19 mins, seekers, 20 mins, Handicaps: 25, 30, 35 mins.

Legality of head beat

Excessive force and negligible force are defined in an appendix.

LD/NA: concerns with messiness of this rule and how it will be enforced.

KC: amendment to simplify.

MK: summary of relevant changes to rulebook.

Wrap

Beater Immunity Update

LD: does the player who calls for immunity have to go and get that bludger with the immunity hand still up? As in - once I put my hand up, I am obligated to retrieve that ball whether or not it makes sense (subbing, other things happening).

MB: this is to clarify that once immunity is established that player is obligated to go and get the ball. To avoid people putting their hand up, then down again then saying they called immunity.

NA: clarification on unpossessed bludger

MK/LD: someone dropping their bludger to make another player no longer immune?

JL: amendment for players to change their mind about calling immunity?

Clarification that you can stop calling immunity but you are still obligated to go get that ball (but you are no longer immune).

Contact from behind

Both feet planted and no substantial forward momentum, contact can be initiated from behind.

MK: picks/screens are different to this circumstance.

NA: we need more clarity and consistency on the interpretation of this rule.

MB: need to explain this to the community well so refs and players adhere to the same standard.

NA: over-ref this in the next 6 months so that people get used to high standards.

MK: side momentum ok?

LD: behind contact may only be viable in very specific situations (beaters on hoops etc).

Leaving feet before a charge

LD: you can take a shots around/over people, but can barrel through people. NOW you can go through someone to shoot the goal.

MB: excessive force rule applies

LD: head high rule applies

Stalled quaffle resolution

NA: can we just count from 10 seconds

LD: some indication of the count starting

BF: inbounding clarification

HW/KC: hand signal 10 seconds (like snitch refs do the 3 second indication)

MK: does this apply to beaters as well?

MB: not relevant to beaters (usually) and no movement towards hoops as they are not trying to score

LD: definition of grounded clarification

MB: grounded is in the definitions section

Reset over both lines

Illegal Force out

Ejection Penalty wording

Opportunity to concede before a forfeit

LD: seems bad, if you are forced to forfeit, you should be forced to forfeit

NA: this loop should be closed, but it has been done in the wrong direction

MB: allowing teams to concede due to inability to field a team (due to injuries or something similar), but updating wording may be required here.

NA: clarification if conceding or forfeiting is different for scoresheet or tournament purposes.

New Definitions

2. Review/adjust previous QA amendments - Logan Davis

Minimum required players

MK/NA: question regarding 3 max rule

KC: recommended for Dropbears (and part of the discussion for HC), implemented for State Shield 2023, encourage community teams to head towards during 2023, implementing for 2024 with similar structure as Germany.

MB: need to change numbers here?

Leave player area

Broom material rules

KC: no evidence that there is danger/injury regarding broom material we have allowed, therefore no need to change the rule.

Broom size rules

LD: amendment has timed out do we remove?

HW: difference with EG brooms and VIC were significant

KC: weight was more of an issue for me than size as their material is heavier

JeL: longer brooms appear to be easier to break and increase costs

JeL: not all our community members play at Dropbears level and European/US broom sizes should be something that may be available at training camps or during pre-training week

NA: having different sets of brooms is a cost we may not be able to absorb

MK: changing the broom size for teams may be a big cost if this amendment is cut

MK: clarification on the old broom sizing

LD: recommendation for correct sizing, but offer a greater range of broom sizes, keep using old ones

HW: recommend to Dropbears players that they get their own brooms for training

LD: ok we are going to extend the amendment indefinitely

HW: State Shield implement the broom size for the tournament.

Tape for brooms

HW: Removed the line, the rule is done. Europe is exotic, we are not. The end.

Metal studs

Remove this amendment as the Rulebook allows these now with the exception of the venue allowing the studs.

Mouthguards

MB:

JoL: align our rules with the other sports

JeL: benchmarking against other sports is a good idea as we move towards getting legitimised to be a sport

NA: are we really going to bench players who do not have a mouthguard?

KC: mouthguards required at Dropbears camps and State Shield and recommended for community members

HW: is dental covered in our insurance

KC: email, social media and website - insurance and recommendations plus Dropbears.

LD: reviewed - strongly recommend

Relaxation of headwear rule for cultural headwear

KC: At QUAFL Brandon had a white bandage on his head and players were told that if he was not wearing a green headband, he was acting as a chaser and this was fine. Not a cultural example, but proof that this amendment can be implemented fairly easily.

Hard brimmed hat

MK: bucket hats do not help with my sight in bright light so may be a barrier for some

MB/LD/KC: some players have removed the hard bit of their brims

Piercing covering

KC: there are piercings that cant be removed and we should not have a barrier to this

RR: at players risk - strongly recommend as per mouthguard discussion

Amend this to include "remove if it can be".

Substituting Keeper for restarting quaffle

Change quaffle to volleyball

3. Discuss potential new amendments

Update names of balls for all amendments.

Discussions on name changes for players (chaser, beater, seeker) - TBC

New Amendments:

- Apply QA heat policy
- “Quaffle is stalling” between 5-10 second mark

Clarifications/Casebook:

- Head beats
- Change of mind for immunity
- Behind contact
- Charging
- Bludgers leaving the field for stoppage (similar to quaffle rules)