



Implementation of New Stoppage Rule

Rule 7: Stoppages

Timing for stoppages

- First stoppage for injury or illness each quarter for each team is up to 2 minutes
- Subsequent stoppages for each team in each quarter is up to 30 seconds – player must immediately leave the court – can be replaced or left vacant.
- Extra time is equivalent to a quarter
- Note blood stoppage is different – umpire decides length of stoppage. A blood stoppage called by an umpire is not considered an injury stoppage.

Implications for centre

- Adapt the rule as is for all grades? (or just premier and senior)
- Score card will need to have space to note when each team have used their 2 minute stoppage in each quarter (or half if 2 x 20 minutes)
- In playoffs where no draws are allowed and extra time is to be played – note that the whole of extra time is equal to 1 quarter – therefore each team can have 1x2 minute stoppage at that time

Coaching at stoppages

- Only Primary Care person allowed on court to assist injured player for the first 2 minute injury stoppage.
- Manager is allowed to bring drinks to sideline.
- No coaching allowed at all during all stoppages (including blood, emergencies)

Implications for centre

- Most teams will not have a primary care person, many will not have a coach, some may have player coaches.
- Umpires check before game who will be attending to injuries on court (may be the coach, and who takes drinks to sideline (could be coach, manager or a player who is on the bench at that time)
- No coaching will be allowed from any off court player or team official during the stoppage. If the coach is playing then they can coach – too hard to control this.
- If umpires notice coaching from team officials or off court players at a stoppage the penalty will be a free pass on court to the non offending team where the ball was when play stopped, or if the non offending team in possession of ball – advance the pass or award a penalty pass/shot. If a team persistently breaks this rule – refer to Rule 19.