



To EHF Beach Handball Officials

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Dear beach handball friends,

We would like to share with you the latest update on the IHF Rules of the Games clarification.

Please be informed, that the rule clarifications are immediately in force.

Any further questions or explanation you might have please contact:

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Rule 7 – Playing the Ball, Passive Play

Passive Play

Former clarification 2019

After the ball has been returned in a clear chance of scoring (i.e. 'back-pass' in a clear chance of scoring), the attacking team may have 1 (one) pass before shooting at the goal. If the team in possession of the ball miss to shot at the goal, a free throw must be awarded to the defending team for delay of the game (i.e. passive play) (Rule 13:1a). The free throw must be taken from the sport where the ball was when the play was interrupted.

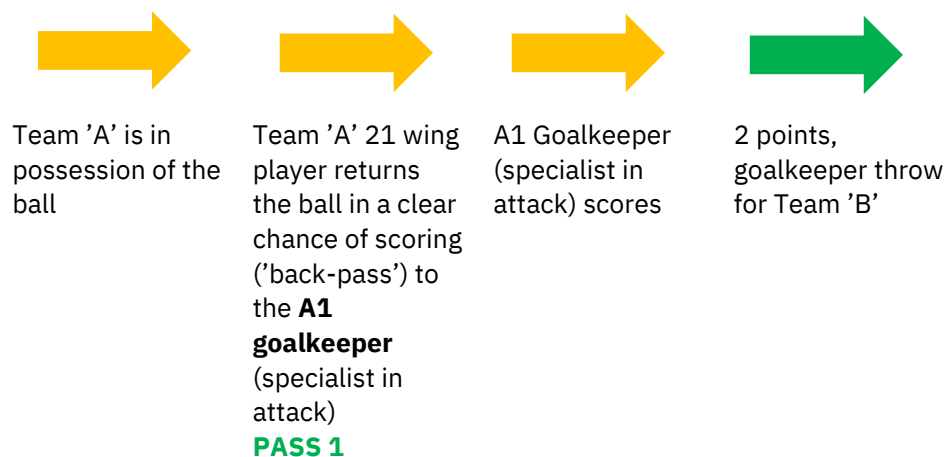
New clarification 2023

For the sake of spectacle, the following clarifications apply from the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023:

After the ball has been returned with a clear chance of scoring (i.e. 'back-pass' in a clear chance of scoring) the attaching team may have a maximum of 2 (two) passes before shooting at the goal. This is only valid if the action serves the purpose of scoring a goal.

What is permitted?

CASE STUDY 1.



Team 'A' is in possession of the ball. The wing player receives the ball and attacks in a clear chance of scoring, however, he passes the ball back to the goalkeeper (specialist in attack). The goalkeeper (specialist in attack) scores.

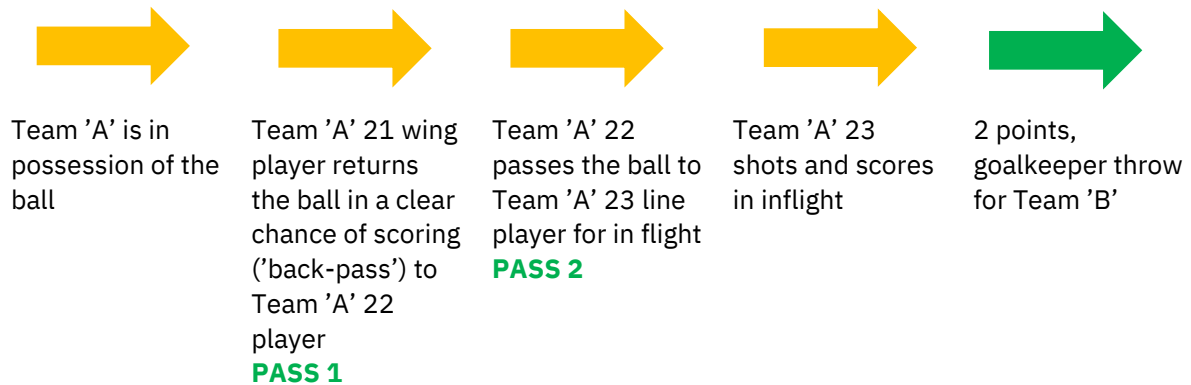
Explanation:

The wing player immediately passed the ball to the goalkeeper (i.e. specialist) from a clear chance of scoring position, who shot at the goal. A total of 1 pass was completed without delay of play.

Correct decision:

2 points goal for Team 'A', the match continues with a goalkeeper throw for Team 'B'.

CASE STUDY 2.



Team 'A' is in possession of the ball. The wing player receives the ball and attacks with a clear chance of scoring, however, he passes the ball back to his teammate no. 22., then he plays the ball for inflight for the A23 line player, who scores.

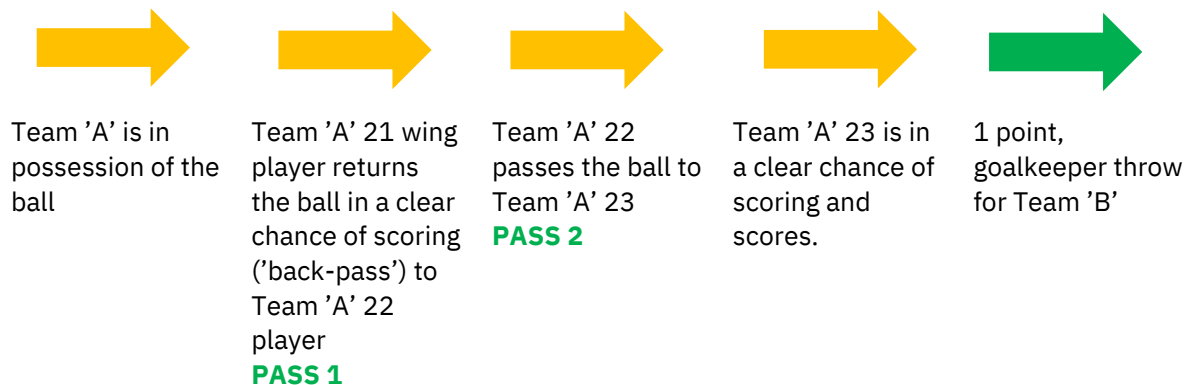
Explanation:

The offensive situation was focused on creating the inflight goal, therefore it serves the purpose of spectacle. Moreover, a total of 2 passes were made by Team 'A'.

Correct decision:

2 points goal for Team 'A', the match continues with a goalkeeper throw for Team 'B'.

CASE STUDY 3.



Team 'A' is in possession of the ball. The wing player receives the ball and attacks with a clear chance of scoring, however, he passes the ball back to his teammate no. 22., then he passes the ball to A23 who is in clear chance of scoring – he jumps and scores.

Explanation:

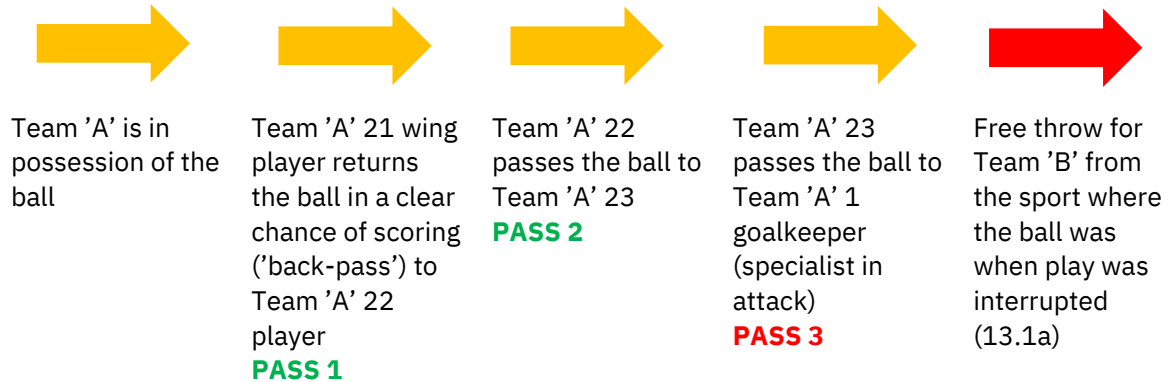
A total of 2 passes were made by Team 'A'.

Correct decision:

1 point goal for Team 'A', the match continues with a goalkeeper throw for Team 'B'.

What is not permitted?

CASE STUDY 1.



Team 'A' is in possession of the ball. The wing player receives the ball and attacks with a clear chance of scoring, however, he passes the ball back to his teammate no. 22., then he passes the ball to A23. A23 passes the ball to the A1 goalkeeper (specialist in attack) who scores.

Explanation:

A total of 3 passes were made by Team 'A' which led to the delay of the game and did not serve the purpose of spectacle.

Correct decision:

Free throw for Team 'B' from the spot where the ball was when play was interrupted (13.1a) due to passive play (7.11).

Rule 10 — Referee Throw

Former clarification 2022

10.5 The ball may be played only after it has reached its highest point.

*The ball can be acquired by slapping it after the referee throw. It is **not permitted** for the jumping players to catch the ball during the throw.*

For such actions, the opposite team must be awarded a free throw from the spot where the ball was when play was interrupted.

Clarification 2023

The clarification presented in 2022 will remain in, but an addition will come into effect:

1. Both players participating on the referee-throw must jump for the ball.
2. After slapping the ball by a jumping player the ball is not allowed to be caught or intentionally touched by him before:
 - 2.1. The ball is touched by another player (can be a teammate or opposing team)
 - 2.1. The ball is touched by the sand

What is permitted?

CASE STUDY 1

'A2' and 'B5' after the whistle are ready to jump for the ball at the referee throw. When the ball reaches its highest point player 'A2' slaps the ball to his teammate 'A3' then he passes the ball back to 'A2'

Correct decision:

Nothing irregular, play on.

CASE STUDY 2

'A2' and 'B5' after the whistle jump for the ball at the referee throw. When the ball reaches its highest point player 'A2' slaps the ball in the direction of the back of player 'B1'. The ball returns to the hands of 'A2'.

Correct decision:

Nothing irregular, play on.

CASE STUDY 3

'A2' and 'B5' after the whistle jump for the ball at the referee throw. When the ball reaches its highest point player 'A2' slaps the ball and falls down in the sand. Then the ball is caught after by player 'A2' who passes the ball to his teammate 'A3'.

Correct decision:

Nothing irregular, play on.

CASE STUDY 4

'A2' and 'B5' after the whistle jump for the ball at the referee throw. When the ball reaches its highest point player 'A2' slaps the ball and falls down in the sand. Then the ball is caught after by player 'B5' who passes the ball to his teammate 'B3'.

Correct decision:

Nothing irregular, play on.

CASE STUDY 5

'A2' and 'B5' after the whistle jump for the ball at the referee throw. When the ball reaches its highest point player 'A2' tries to slap the ball in the direction of his teammate 'A3'. 'A2' do not slap the ball correctly and after the slap the ball falls on the shoulder of player 'A2' Then the ball finally reaches 'A3' who catches the ball.

Correct decision:

Nothing irregular, play on.

What is not permitted?

CASE STUDY 6

'A2' and 'B5' after the whistle jump for the ball at the referee throw. When the ball reaches its highest point player 'A2' catches the ball in the air.

Correct decision:

Free throw for Team 'B' from the spot where the ball was when play was interrupted.

CASE STUDY 7

'A2' and 'B5' after the whistle jump for the ball at the referee throw. When the ball reaches its highest point player 'A2' slaps the ball upwards and catches the ball in the air.

Correct decision:

Free throw for Team 'B' from the spot where the ball was when play was interrupted.

CASE STUDY 8

'A2' and 'B5' after the whistle waiting for the referee throw. When the ball reaches its highest point player 'A2' slaps the ball while he is standing still on the sand. The ball goes to player 'A3'.

Correct decision:

Free throw for Team 'B' from the spot where the ball was when play was interrupted.