

This document outlines the approved changes to the International rules for Underwater-Rugby agreed at the 10th CMAS Underwater-Rugby European Championships in Helsinki June 2017.

The CMAS BoD have approved these amendments to the International rules for Underwater-Rugby on January 27th, 2018.

Rule	Old rule	New rule	Reason
2.3.2.j	If the cap number is (partially or fully) covered, the player must write his/her number on the outside of the shoulder...	If the cap number is (partially or fully) covered, the player must write his/her number on the <b>upper part of the arm</b> ...	Clarification
2.4.2	If a player uses a rubber swim cap, or any other remedy, all visible parts must be of the same colour.	If a player uses a rubber swim cap, or any other remedy, all visible parts must be <b>dark or light coloured in accordance with the cap colour</b> .	Clarification
2.4.3	Each team must be in possession of a dark blue or black set and a white set of swim-suits and caps in corresponding colours. The swim-suits may have small areas with flag colours, team/country names, etc., but the suit colour must be clearly dominant. <i>Shoulder straps and top front part of the female swimsuit must follow suit colour.</i>	Each team must be in possession of a <b>dark</b> set and a <b>light</b> set of swim-suits and caps in corresponding colours. The swim-suits may have small areas with flag colours, team/country names, etc., but the suit colour must be clearly dominant.	Correct white to light and remove "Shoulder straps and top front part of the female swimsuit must follow suit colour" as this limits the swim-suits possible to use for no real reason. Germany didn't accept the change.
2.4.4	The team captains' names should be marked as captain in the match protocol...	The team captains' names should be marked <b>with a C</b> in the match protocol...	Clarification based on what is used in the match protocol.
2.4.5	It must not be possible to hook fingers onto the wristbands.	It must not be possible to hook fingers <b>into</b> the wristbands.	Correction.
3.2.3	The water referees shall wear a dark T-shirt or a diving suit.	The water referees <b>shall</b> wear a dark <b>or red</b> T-shirt or a diving suit.	Clarification that red is also allowed.
4.2.2.e	A player who has been taken out may join the game again, but this counts as the second substitution.	A player who has been taken out may join the game again, but this counts as the second <b>or third</b> substitution.	Clarification
4.3.6.b	Any player in the water or any person in the exchange area may claim a time out for the team.	Any player in the water or any person in the exchange area <b>belonging to the team</b> may claim a time out for the team.	Clarification.
4.3.6.d	The duration of the time-out is one minute.	The duration of the time-out is one minute (4.3.6.h).	Add a reference for clarification.

Rule	Old rule	New rule	Reason
5.1.2	When a player holding the ball has been caught around the legs by an opponent, the player may not kick uncritically to get free. Referees shall stop dangerous behaviour before anyone is hurt.	When a player holding the ball has been caught around the legs by an opponent, the player may not <b>endanger the opponent in the process of trying to get free</b> . Referees shall stop dangerous behaviour before anyone is hurt.	Clarification.
5.1.18	If necessary, playing time may be extended (3.1.9).	If necessary, playing time may be extended (3.1.8).	Wrong reference. Should refer to rule 3.1.8 and not 3.1.9
6.5.2	When a referee considers that a rule infringement might not affect the advantage held by the offended team, the referee may allow the play to continue for a short while, to see how the situation develops.	When a referee considers that a rule infringement might not affect the advantage held by the offended team, the referee may allow the play to continue for a short while, to see how the situation develops. <b>A visual signal, (3.1.9) is given by the referees.</b>	Missing.
Appendix 4	Chapter 3.1.7 Separation of teams refers to a visual signal missing in Appendix 4. Suggested addition to chapter 6.5.2 Delayed call would need a hand signal added.	Add visual signal picture for Separation of teams. Add visual signal picture for Delayed call. <b>Add visual signal picture for Team ball.</b>	Missing.

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