

West Yorkshire Netball Rules Forum

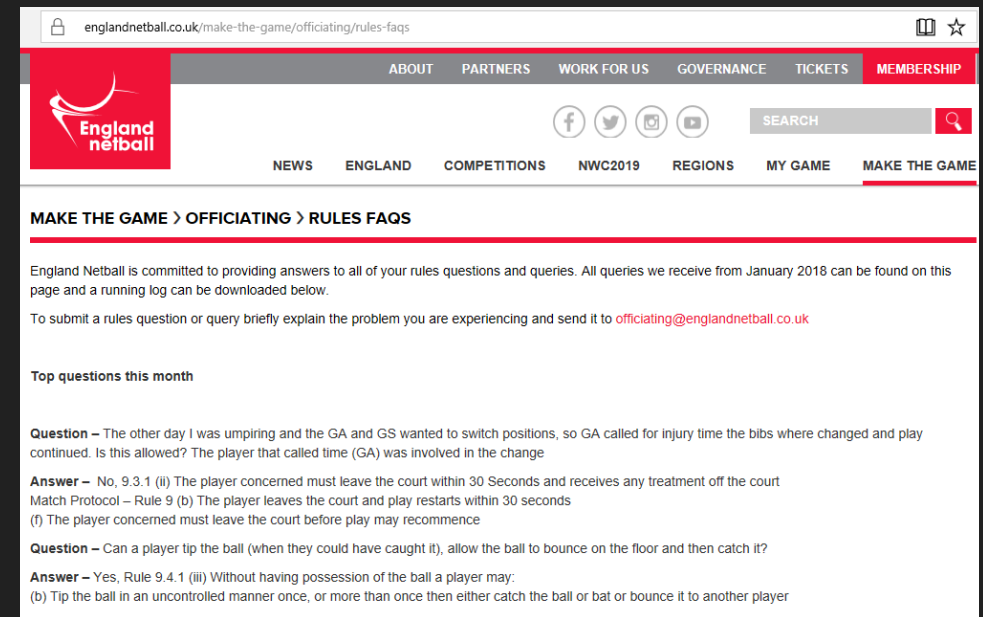
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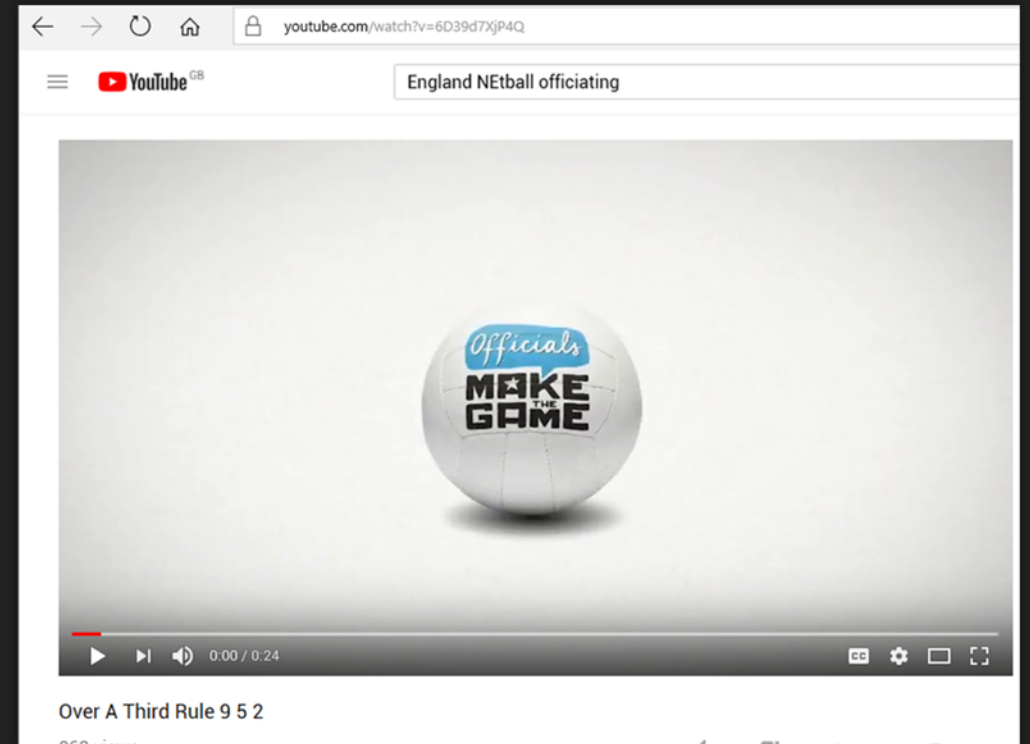
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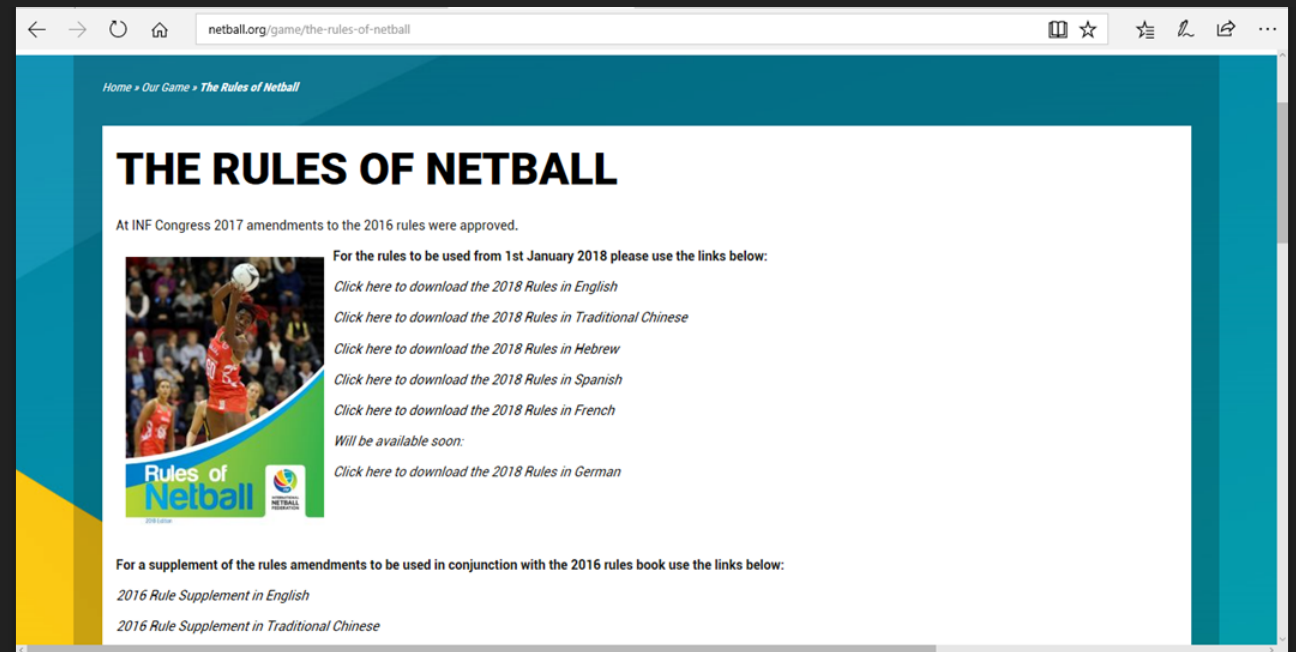
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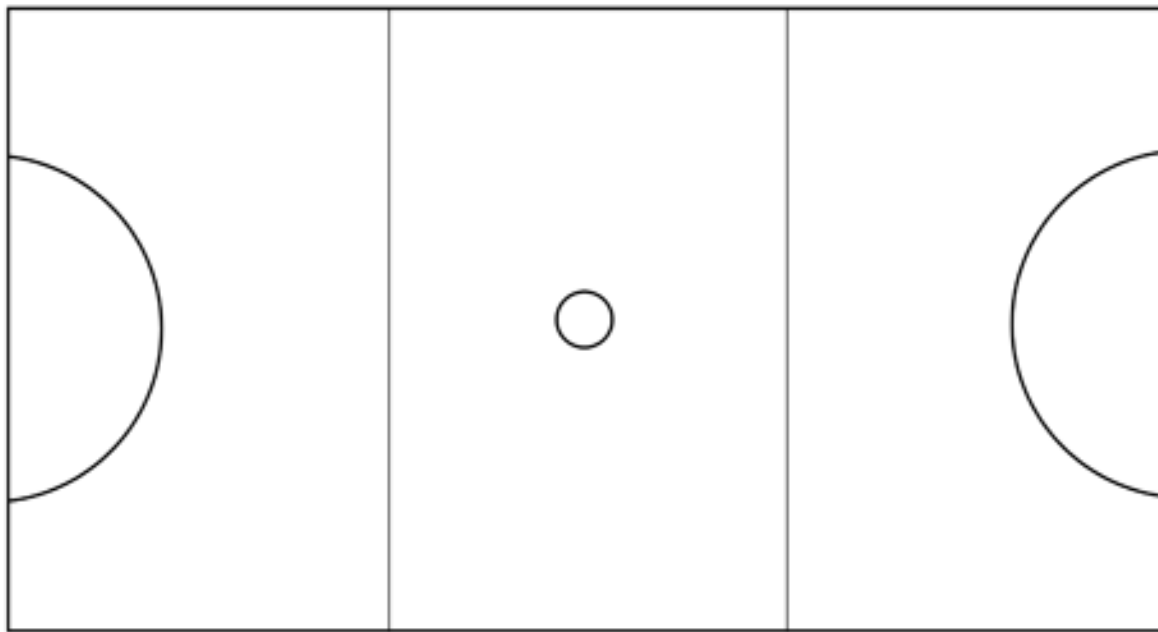
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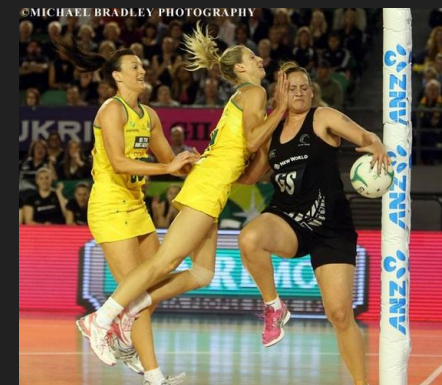
Umpires corner



Positioning is key



Contact v contest



Playing the ball

- This is a difficult rule to umpire.
- It is down to the umpire's interpretation of the situation and their position in relation to play.

9.4 PLAYING THE BALL

9.4.1 Methods of Playing the Ball

- (i) To gain possession a player may:
 - (a) Catch the ball with one or both hands
 - (b) Roll the ball to oneself
 - (c) Catch the ball if it rebounds from the goalpost.
- (ii) A player who has possession of the ball may throw or bounce it in any direction to another player with one or both hands. The player with the ball:
 - (a) May not throw it deliberately at another player
 - (b) May not roll it to another player
 - (c) Must release the ball within 3 seconds
 - (d) After releasing the ball, may not replay the ball until it has been touched by another player or it rebounds from the goalpost.

Sanction: *Free pass*

- (iii) Without having possession of the ball a player may:
 - (a) Bat or bounce the ball to another player but may not bat it deliberately at another player
 - (b) Tip the ball in an uncontrolled manner once or more than once, then either catch the ball or bat or bounce it to another player
 - (c) Bat the ball once before either catching the ball or batting or bouncing it to another player
 - (d) Bounce the ball once before either catching the ball or batting or bouncing it to another player.

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- (iv) A player may not deliberately:
 - (a) Kick the ball
 - (b) Fall on the ball to gain possession
 - (c) Strike the ball with a fist.

Sanction: *Free pass*

- (v) A player who falls to the ground while holding the ball must regain footing before playing the ball and release it within 3 seconds of first catching it.

Dissent with an umpire

- A player may not dispute a ruling given by an umpire or direct any offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures at an umpire. If you can't hear the call, ask.
- If you are unsure as to why you are being penalised what should you do?
- Please note, a match bench (coach, substitutes) and spectators fall under the same category and can be subject to the same game management sanctions as a player.

Stoppages

- The umpires hold time for injury/illness upon appeal from an on-court player or for blood
- The player concerned must leave the court within 30 seconds and should receive any treatment off-court.
- If the injury is deemed to be serious and the player is not able to move or should not be removed, the umpire will extend the time.

Game Management

- Quiet word
- Caution
- Warning
- Suspension (2 minutes)
- Ordering off

Questions raised by delegates

- 1. Contact vs Contest – what to ignore and what to pull.
- 2. Replaying
- 3. Obstruction under the post when a player has their arms up to get a rebound.

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- 4. Going offside to collect the ball for a throw in/free pass. Is this allowed?
- 5. Retaliation comes under the unfair play rule (13.2.1). Could you give some examples if what you would describe as retaliation. I have seen on occasion a player, having been contacted and penalised, use the ball to push or hit a player in frustration. In this scenario would you penalise for retaliation (which would carry a caution) or simply call for contact and award the penalty to the other team?
- 6. Rule about obstruction under the post waiting for a rebound. Can any of the players have their arms reached out above themselves waiting for the ball within or not within 3 feet?

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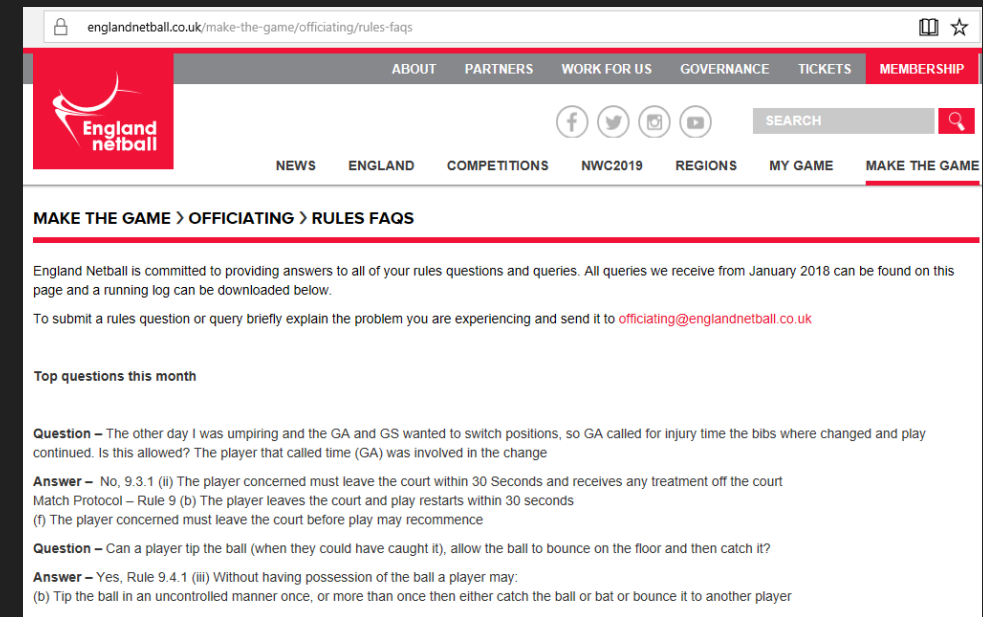
- 7. 12.1 Contact and Contest. I play GS and recently played against a GK who faced marked me so close she could have kissed me! I felt that she was so close to me that it interfered with my movement. I felt that she used her body to gain an unfair advantage.
- 8. 13.2.2 Dangerous Play. Again, being a GS, I often get pushed by the defenders, often not seen by the umpires. However I appreciate they would say the same of us shooters.
- 9. Delaying play at a centre pass and also contest and contact in the goal circle. What is and isn't allowed.
- 10. Can you please explain the contact on the post ruling i.e. when shooting, can they ask to move the post? Some players think that if you ask beforehand it is ok.

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- 11. Shooter waiting under the post for a rebound from her fellow shooter with arms up. Allowed or not?
- 12. What are the rules around marking a player who has gone off court? Can mark off court as long as you don't go off court too? Too simplistic?

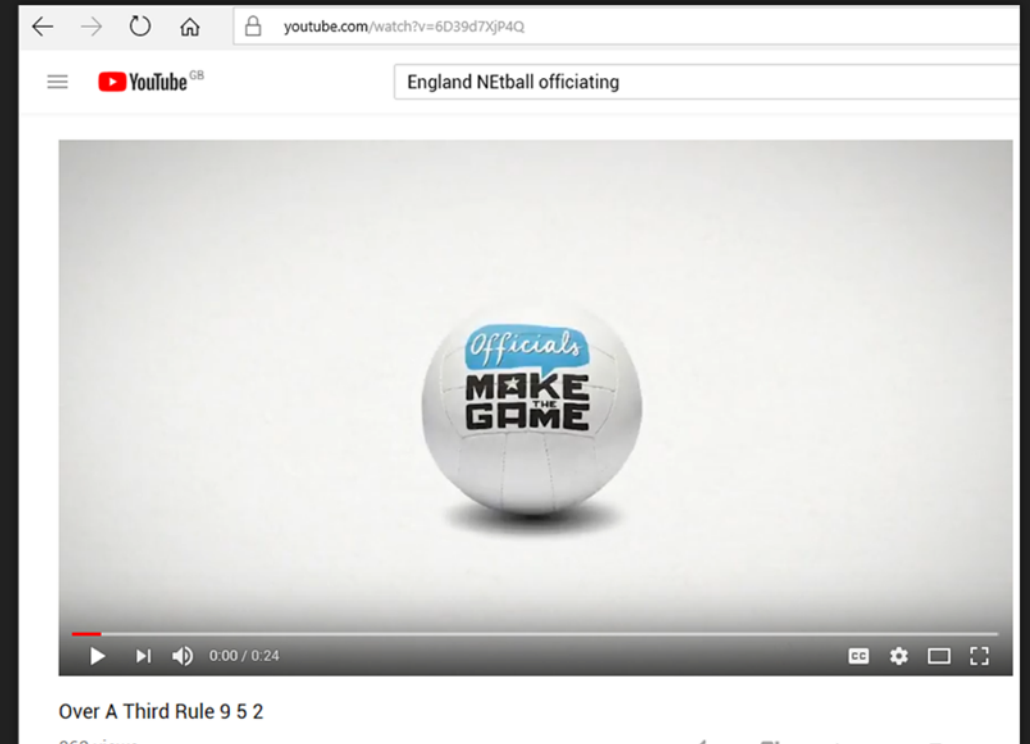
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