

1989-1990 Playing Rules Changes

For the convenience of our many players, following are the **PLAYING RULES CHANGES** for the upcoming season:

PLAYING RULE C-10 (Touching Live Disc)

A player making a shot that causes one or more discs to jump, slide or roll over any end of the court's backstop and **COMPLETELY** enters the area beyond such backstop shall be assessed a 10-POINT PENALTY. If a disc **COMPLETELY** enters the area beyond the backstop and rebounds or returns by **ANY** means back on the court, the PENALTY IS STILL IN EFFECT.

If a disc leaves the playing area on an END court from the side that is not adjoined by another court and does not go over any backstop at the end of a court, PENALTY IS NOT ASSESSED.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: More than 60 proposals were received by the Rules Committee regarding Rule C-20-d. NONE offered any alternative solution. It was the unanimous consensus of the F.S.A. Board that Rule C-20-d had a noticeable effect on the problem of hard shooting, thus proving itself to be an effective rule, one to be retained, despite the many complaints. It was therefore clarified (as above) and will continue to be one of our standard Playing Rules.)

One additional change was officially included in the Playing Rules (although it had been in effect all last season). It is an addition to **PLAYING RULE, SECTION E — OFFICIALS** (added to the paragraph on Divisional Referees):

If a Divisional Referee observes a violation of a rule by a player in his/her assigned section in a match on a court without an assigned referee, the Divisional Referee will notify the Tournament Director of the violation. With the Tournament Director's approval, the Divisional Referee will assign a referee to that court for the remainder of the match.

Above are the three changes of note for our players for the 1989-90 season. President Marousch reminded our Board of our long-standing policy regarding rules changes; namely, to limit changes in the playing rules to every three years, or upon the election of a new president, except in extreme emergencies. It is hoped that adherence to this policy will eliminate confusing our players over indiscriminate, frequent rules changes. Henceforth, all rules change proposals will be held in abeyance for research and study until a new president takes office, at which time they will be introduced to the Board and voted on. This will be our F.S.A. Board policy unless, as previously stated, an emergency situation exists.

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