

SOCCER TIME-OUT RULE

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EACH TEAM MAY USE ONE (1) TIME OUT PER HALF AND EACH EXTENDED TIME PERIOD.

UNUSED TIME-OUTS DO NOT CARRY OVER TO THE NEXT PERIOD OF TIME.

THE TIME-OUT MAY BE CALLED BY A HEAD COACH OR ANY FIELD PLAYER BY VERBAL OR VISUAL REQUEST TO EITHER OFFICIAL (DUAL) OR THE REFEREE (DIAGONAL).

THE CALLING OFFICIAL WILL BLOW THE WHISTLE, GIVE A "STOP THE CLOCK" SIGNAL, AND INDICATE WHICH TEAM HAS CALLED THE TIME-OUT. THE TIME-OUT WILL BEGIN WHEN THE TABLE AND COACHES ARE NOTIFIED OF THE TIME-OUT BY THE OFFICIAL. THE OFFICIAL ON THE FIELD WILL THEN KEEP THE TIME.

DURING THE TIME-OUT PERIOD, TEAMS SHOULD GO TO THE AREA OF THE FIELD NEAR THEIR BENCH. PLAYERS MUST REMAIN ON THE FIELD, COACHES CAN COME ONTO THE FIELD, AND BENCH PERSONNEL SHOULD REMAIN ON THE BENCH.

DURING THE TIME-OUT PERIOD, EACH OFFICIAL SHOULD OBSERVE ONE TEAM FROM ABOUT HALF THE FIELD.

DURING THE TIME-OUT PERIOD, BOTH TEAMS ARE ALLOWED UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS; HOWEVER, DURING A PENALTY KICK, THE KICKER MUST BE A PLAYER WHO WAS IN THE GAME WHEN THE PENALTY KICK WAS CALLED. SUBSTITUTES MUST CHECK IN AT THE TABLE AND BE BECKONED IN BY THE OFFICIAL. THIS CAN BE DONE AT ANY TIME DURING THE TIME-OUT PERIOD.

WHEN A CAUTION IS GIVEN, THE PLAYER RECEIVING THE CAUTION MUST REMAIN OUT OF THE GAME UNTIL A SUBSTITUTION OPPORTUNITY AFTER THE CLOCK HAS BEEN RESTARTED.

THE TOTAL DURATION OF THE TIME-OUT SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE (1) MINUTE. IF BOTH TEAMS ARE READY PRIOR TO THE ONE MINUTE, PLAY MAY RESUME. THE OFFICIAL WILL BLOW THE WHISTLE AT FORTY-FIVE (45) SECONDS TO WARN THE TEAMS, AND THE OFFICIAL WILL BECKON THE TEAMS BACK TO THE FIELD AT SIXTY (60) SECONDS. IF A TEAM REFUSES TO PLAY AFTER BEING INSTRUCTED TO DO SO, THE GAME MAY BE TERMINATED.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TIME-OUT, THE MATCH WILL BE RESTARTED BY THE PROPER METHOD OF RESTART AS DICTATED PRIOR TO THE TIME-OUT. THE OFFICIALS WILL CHECK WITH EACHOTHER, ASSESS THE READINESS OF THE PLAYERS, WARN BOTH TEAMS PLAY IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE, MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH FELLOW OFFICIALS, AND BLOW THE WHISTLE TO CONTINUE THE MATCH. THE CLOCK WILL START WHEN THE BALL IS PROPERLY PUT BACK INTO PLAY.

WHICH TEAM IS ALLOWED TO CALL A TIME-OUT?

EITHER TEAM

AFTER A CARD (YELLOW, RED, OR Y/R)
AFTER A GOAL IS SCORED
AFTER AN INJURY TIME-OUT
WHEN A DROP BALL IS CALLED

ONLY TEAM HAVING OFFENSIVE RESTART

PENALTY KICK
CORNER KICK
GOAL KICK
DIRECT FREE KICK
INDIRECT FREE KICK
THROW-IN

COMMENTS

- (1) The intent of this rule is to allow coaches a time to plan, calm down, or talk with their team.
- (2) This time should never be used to confront the officials.
- (3) Teams should never assume a time-out has been granted until a whistle and signal are given.
- (4) Teams should be very clear and emphatic about requesting their time-out.
- (5) Once a ball is properly put into play, a time-out request will be ignored.
- (6) The request of an excess time-out will be ignored by the officials. A caution may be given if this persists or is done tactically against the other team.
- (7) Once asked for, a time-out may not be revoked.
- (8) Consecutive time-outs can be awarded (should not be done in an unsporting manner).