



**2018 and 2019 NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Official Rules Interpretations,
Clarifications and Situations**

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<u>Rule</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Interpretation/Clarification/Situation</u>
5.6.1 and A.R. 5.6.1.e	8/30/2018	<p>WATER AND SAFETY BREAKS</p> <p>Water or hydration breaks are encouraged by the NCAA as a mechanism to protect the health and safety of student-athletes.</p> <p>Pursuant to Rule 5.6.1, the referee is empowered to stop the game for "...other cause, such action is deemed necessary." Further, A.R. 5.6.1.e states, "May the referee allow for stoppages due to extreme heat or humidity? RULING: Yes."</p> <p>By rule, the referee has the sole discretion to determine when, and how many such breaks are needed. This is a player safety issue. The referee does not need permission from the coaches or site administrators to do so. It is recommended that the referee discuss the issue prior to the game with the coaches and plan for a break at a mid-point of a period during a goal kick or throw in near midfield. However, the referee can call for a stoppage whenever, and as many times it is deemed appropriate. If any medical personnel, trainer or site administration requests or recommends a stoppage, the referee should give strong consideration to doing so. When in doubt, err on the side of student-athlete safety.</p> <p>Additional information is available on the NCAA Sport Science Institute's website at https://www.ncaa.org/sport-science-institute/heat-and-hydration</p>
12.7.4 Penalty	8/22/2018	<p>LOCATION OF EJECTED PERSONNEL</p> <p>The penalty for being ejected in violation of Rules 12.7.4.1 to 12.7.4.10 is as follows:</p> <p>"A player, coach or other bench personnel ejected from the game must leave the venue, be out of sight and sound and is prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches and/or bench personnel until the completion of the contest, including overtime periods."</p> <p>It is permissible for the ejected individual to go to the locker room, team bus or other designated facility as long as the individual is out of sight and sound.</p> <p>However, the ejected individual is strictly prohibited from any contact with other team personnel during the remainder of the contest. Illegal contact and violation of this rule will result in</p>

		additional penalties including a forfeit and extended game suspension. See Rules 12.8.1 and 12.8.2 on page 72 of the 2018 and 2019 NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Book.
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