



**THE RULES OF BEACH
KORFBALL**

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**EXCEPTIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

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INTRODUCTION

The Rules of beach Korfball are the normal rules used in adult matches, in particular, IKF Tournaments and Friendly International Matches. However, certain rules may be adapted to suit different competitions and local circumstances.

In this document are published all exceptions of the rules or recommendations where Competition Regulations (“CR”) may change or adapt the requirements of the main rules of korfball.

It is not allowed the use of any other deviation of the rules in korfball competitions besides the exceptions and recommendations published in this document, except in experiments authorised by IKF - Playing Rules Committee upon official request.

1 FIELD

1.2 Field of play

CR may allow different dimensions but the length to width ratio must always be 2:1.

1.7 Border area

For Top Level, it is recommended the CR prescribes a border area of at least 2 m.

2 MATERIAL

2.1 Posts

CR can prescribe or permit posts made of other materials, shorter posts, resulting in the top of the korf being less than 3.50 m above the ground, e.g. for matches with young players.

2.2 Korfs

CR may allow:

- ✓ another approved colour, when the red colour does not contrast sufficiently from the background;
- ✓ advertising on the korfs as long as it complies with the IKF Korf Regulations;
- ✓ other korfs to be used, for example, in youth or in recreational competitions.

3 EQUIPMENT

3.1 Jury table

CR may allow matches to be played without jury table.

3.2 Time clock

CR may allow matches to be played without time clock.

3.3 Scoreboard

CR may allow matches to be played without scoreboard.

3.4 Shot clock

CR may allow matches to be played without time clock.

4 PERSONS

4.1 Players

CR may allow uniforms without numbers.

4.2 Substitute players

CR may prescribe a different number of substitute players.

4.5 Referee

When CR allows matches without jury, all the tasks of the jury shall be the responsibility of the referee.

When CR allows matches without timekeeper the referee controls the playing time and whistles for the end of each period.

When CR allows matches without a scorer, the referee controls the scores and the result of the game.

4.6 Third Referee

CR may allow matches without third referee.

When CR allows matches without timekeeper, the third referee can be asked to assist the referee to control the playing time.

When CR allows matches without a scorer, the third referee can be asked to assist the referee to control the scores and the result of the game.

CR may prescribe additional means of communication to be used between the referee and the assistant referee other than just the flag, (e.g. microphone and earpiece; buzzer system incorporated into the flag etc.).

4.7 Jury

CR may allow matches without a Jury. If so, all the tasks of the jury shall be the responsibility of the referee.

4.8 Timekeeper

CR may allow matches without a timekeeper; if so, the timing of the game shall be the responsibility of the referee.

CR may allow the timekeeper and the scorekeeper being combined.

4.9 Scorekeeper

CR may allow matches without a scorekeeper.

CR may allow the scorekeeper and the timekeeper being combined.

4.10 Shot clock operator

CR may allow matches without a shot clock operator.

Other persons attached to the team

CR may allow the presence of other persons attached to the team in addition to the coach.

CR may determine whether a person serving a disciplinary measure is allowed to remain in the team's area and, if not, where such a person may be situated during a match.

5 THE GAME

5.1 Teams

CR may allow that the starting team does not have to be reported in advance.

5.2 Playing time

CR may prescribe different playing time and breaks.

5.4 Start of the game

CR may determine the home team starts with the ball in the first half of the match and no toss is needed.

5.5 Goals

CR can prescribe a match can end with both teams having the same score after regular playing time.

7 SANCTIONS & DISCIPLINARY

7.5 Disciplinary

CR can prescribe different times when the jurisdiction of the referee starts and ends with respect to occurrences of misconduct for which a card can be shown.

Misconduct outside this period may still be reported to the appropriate authority in accordance with the CR.

CR can prescribe or allow that yellow and red cards are not used when a formal warning is given to a player, or when a player is sent off if the players taking part in the game are under a certain age limit.