



STOPPAGES

RULE REFERENCE

9.3

ACTIVITY OBJECTIVE

To provide umpires with a basic knowledge of **Stoppages** rule through a game of Heads or Tails.

AREA REQUIRED

Your choice of indoor or outdoor playing area.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1 x Rule Book per umpire

1 x Stoppages Heads or Tails game card

10-15 MINUTES DURATION

WHAT TO DO

- Using the rules of Heads or Tails, umpires are to select 'Heads' by placing their hands on their head for yes or 'Tails' by placing their hands on their backs for no.
- All umpires are to start the game from a standing position.
- Read out the first question from the **Stoppages** Heads or Tails game card.
- Before providing the answer, umpires are to select whether they think the answer is yes (hands on head) or no (hands on back).
- Provide the answer.
- All umpires who answered incorrectly are to sit down and all umpires who were correct are to stay standing.
- Repeat the process with the next question.
- Continue the game until there is only one umpire standing.
- Use the **Ask the Umpires** questions to promote further discussions around the topic and reinforce the most important aspects of the learning by referencing the **Umpire Coaching Tips**.

UMPIRE COACHING TIPS

- Use a loud whistle and correct hand signal for 'Time' to stop play for injury/illness or blood.
- It is important to make sure a player has possession of the ball before calling time, to allow a quick restart of play following the Stoppage. If the umpire is unable to determine who had the ball when play was stopped, a Toss Up is required.
- During a stoppage for blood, the umpire should check:
 - Any blood-stained clothing has been replaced: and
 - The ball and court are clean.
 - When play is stopped for injury/illness or blood, the injured or ill player for whom play was stopped must leave the court within 30 seconds.
- Use a loud whistle and correct hand signal to restart play after a Stoppage for injury/illness or blood.
- An umpire may stop play for other Stoppages such as the equipment, court, weather, or injury/illness of an umpire.

ASK THE UMPIRES

- Why is it important to make sure a player has possession of the ball before calling time for injury/illness or blood?
- What should an umpire check before restarting play when time has been called for blood?
- What are some examples of other stoppages that an umpire may call time for?

HEADS OR TAILS

During a Stoppage may any team official approach players at the Sideline for hydration?

YES

Do umpires have the discretion to stop play?

YES

Blue Centre injures herself and calls time. May the umpire stop play?

YES

To restart play after a Stoppage for injury/illness or blood, should the umpire signal to the timekeeper and blow the whistle for play to be resumed?

YES

If, after a Stoppage for injury or illness the umpire was unable to say who was in possession of the ball, would a Toss Up be taken between any two opposing players allowed in that area where the ball was when play was stopped?

YES

If an injured or ill player returning to the Court infringes any of the rules for re-entering the game, is this player required to leave the Court until the next goal is scored, the next interval or the next stoppage for injury/illness or blood?

YES

During a Stoppage may team officials approach players at the Sideline for coaching?

YES

During a Stoppage may bench players approach the Sideline if coaching occurs?

YES

During a Stoppage is the Primary Care Person/s permitted on the Court to assess the player's medical condition?

YES

Play was stopped for the Blue Wing Attack who was bleeding. Do they need to leave the court to receive treatment?

YES

During play the umpire notices that the Goal Post padding is dislodged. May the umpire stop play to adjust the Goal Post padding?

YES

During a Stoppage, is the coach permitted on court?

NO

Blue Centre injures herself and calls for Time. Can the Red team make substitutions during the Stoppage?

YES

Blue Centre injures herself and calls for Time. The Blue Centre then leaves the Court. May the Blue team leave this playing position vacant?

NO

Blue Centre notices the Blue Wing Attack is bleeding and calls for time. May the umpire stop?

YES

To stop play for injury or illness, should the umpire blow the whistle to signal the timekeeper to hold time?

YES

Blue Centre had possession of the ball when a stoppage was called. Do they need to be in possession of the ball when play restarts?

YES