

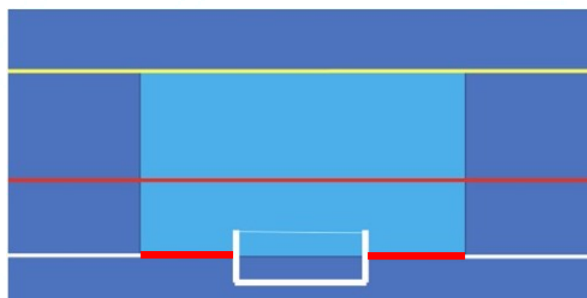
13/11/2023 AWP REFEREE MEMO

This memo is intended to clear up the process for calling off ball exclusions, for defenders inside the extended goal area, as well as regarding players not playing the ball after a turnover has been called, in a counterattack situation. The below excerpts have been taken from the AWP Referee Manual available on <https://www.aucklandwaterpolo.co.nz/resources>.

Related to Calling Off-Ball Exclusions, inside the Extended Goal Area

“Should the exclusion foul occur within the defending team’s light blue area (Figure 8), without the ball, a clear and definite procedure shall be followed.

Figure 8



In this situation, the Referee:

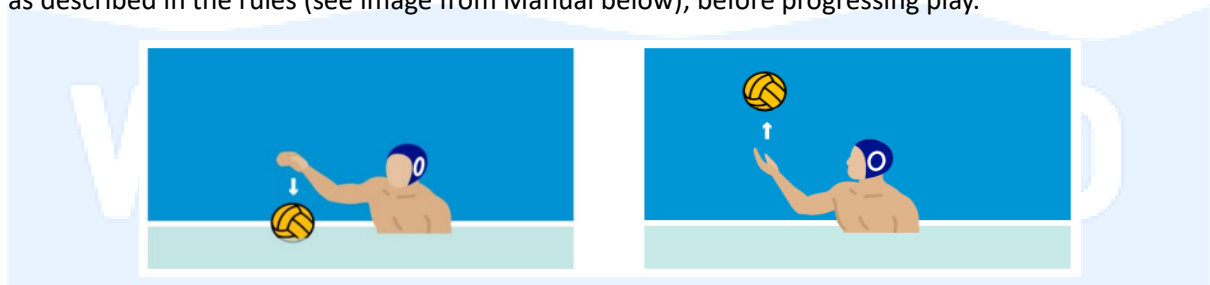
- signals the exclusion by whistling,
- signals the number of the excluded player,
- allows the restart of the game by a visible hand signal.

Only after completing the procedure can the free throw be taken.

If the free throw is taken too quick, the referee must indicate that the free throw has to be retaken from the spot where the ball is.”

Players Not Playing a Free Throw Correctly

There have been a few situations in the last weeks, where players do not play the free throw to initiate a counterattack but rather swim onto the ball, and proceed up the pool without having played the free throw at all. This should result in a turnover immediately- players must play the ball as described in the rules (see image from Manual below), before progressing play.



The following descriptions regarding the taking of a free throw are taken from the Manual:

“There should be no undue delay in taking a free throw, goal throw or corner throw, which must be taken in such a manner so as to enable the other players to observe the ball leaving the thrower’s hand.” And, “Throwing the ball from left to right hand is considered to put the ball in play. It is not allowed to put the ball in play by foot.”