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These are the modifications to the IKF's The Rules of Korfball 2026 which will be applied to Scottish Korfball League competitions. This document will be updated after each subsequent edition of the IKF rules document. Other competitions organised by the SKA may issue their own competition regulations and other relevant guidance.

Rule	Exemption
1.2 - Field of play	The field of play is permitted to be smaller than 40 x 20 m. The field of play may differ from the length to width ratio of 2:1.
1.9 - Substitution spot	The field of play does not require substitution spots.
3.3 - Shot clock	Shot clocks will be used in SKL Division 1. Shot clocks will not be used in other SKL divisions.
4.2 - Substitute players	A maximum of 8 substitutes can be named, with a maximum of 4 male and 4 female players.
4.4 - Coach	Coaches will be permitted to take part in a match as a player while maintaining their coaching rights, such as to request a time-out or substitution.
4.5 - Assistant Coach	Assistant Coaches are not permitted in the Scottish Korfball League.
4.7 - Referee duo	Referee duos are not permitted. All references to a referee duo in the rules shall be considered as referring to the single officiating referee.
4.8 - Jury	A jury will not be required.
4.9 - Timekeeper	The roles of timekeeper and scorekeeper may be performed by the same person. A timekeeper will not be required - in this case the timing of the game will be the responsibility of the referee. Periods will be ended by the referee's whistle, not by the timekeeper.



4.11 - Scorekeeper	The roles of scorekeeper and timekeeper may be performed by the same person. A scorekeeper will not be required - in this case the scoring of the game will be the responsibility of the referee.
5.2 - Playing time	Technical time-outs dividing each half will not be used. Golden goal will not be used. The half time break will be 4 minutes. Real playing time will not be used, instead each half will have 20 minutes total time.
5.5 - Goals	A match may end with both teams having the same score, in which case the result will be a draw.
5.8 - Time-out	Each team will be allowed two time-outs. Coaches may request a time-out to the referee directly.
5.9 - Substitutions of players	Coaches may request substitutions to the referee directly. If there is no substitution spot, players need only be ready by the side of the playing area.
6.9 - To passive play	Since real playing time will not be used it will also be considered passive play to delay the recommencement of the game by: throwing the ball far outside the field; kicking the ball when the game has been stopped; wasting time changing zones; wasting time taking a throw off, or wasting time during substitutions. In these situations, the referee may, at their discretion, add time on to compensate for the time lost.
6.16 - To exceed the allowed time-limit in the attack zone	This rule will be used in SKL Division 1. This rule will not be used in other SKL divisions.



6.17 - To shoot when one plays without a personal opponent	This additional rule will be used: When the defence zone has only three players playing against four attackers, due to one side being unable to field a full team, or after agreement with the referee, the following rules apply: The coach of the attacking team must nominate a non-shooter and inform the referee and opposing coach at once. If a player who is playing without a personal opponent throws the ball and it hits the korf, then this shall be considered to be a shot and is penalised under this rule.
7.6 - Disciplinary	The jurisdiction of the referee will be from the beginning of the 1 hour slot for that match until either the following match begins (if one exists) or match forms have been fully completed (if this is a single fixture or the final match in a triple fixture). If a person who has been given a yellow or red card is a coach who is currently playing in the match, the team will be permitted to use a substitution to replace that player, after which the usual consequences of a coach being shown a card will apply. A person who has been shown a red card may be asked to leave the hall altogether, at the referee's discretion.