

Proposal 3

Change to penalties for mobile phones making a noise.

Proposer: LMC

Explanation

The proposal is designed to simplify the sanction process for mobile phones making noise. The current penalty for a first occurrence of a phone making a noise is to add two minutes to the clock of the opponent. This is sometimes awkward, distracting and may require other players to stop their games to attend to the clock. The inconvenience and disruption is especially felt if it occurs towards the end of a game.

The removal of this requirement and instead the issue of a warning is considered to be adequate and there is no change to the intent of the rule which is two offences and the game is lost.

Proposal

Modify rule 3.2e

3 General Rules of Team Competitions

3.2 Rules of Play

- e. Any player whose mobile phone, or other portable electronic device, makes an audible noise shall have their opponent awarded an extra two minutes for the first offence claimed and shall lose their game for any subsequent offence during the same game.

A player who has a reasonable necessity may request permission of the captains to keep their phone switched on in silent mode.

A player who, without such permission, makes or answers a phone call or text or consults a mobile phone, or other portable electronic device, in any way other than to switch it off shall lose their game immediately.

As follows :-

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