Video Replay Regulations

Introduction

Video replay offers the possibility to the referees to immediately watch a situation on a TV screen if they were not able to see the complete action on the court and if they wish to check again before reaching a decision. This specifically refers to key-match situations where the referees decide to consult the TV picture in addition to their view on the court.

Situations in which the Video Replay (VR) may be used						
#	Situation	Description				
1		Determine whether (or not) the ball has completely crossed the goal line				
2	Goal/ No goal	Determine whether the time has expired or the game was interrupted before				
		(or after) the ball has completely crossed the goal line				
3	Serious and unfair	A situation without the ball that occurs outside the referees' line of sight				
	actions					
4	Disqualification (red	For the referees to accurately identify the jersey number of the guilty player				
	card)					
5	Conflict on court	A confrontation involving two (or more) players (and the referees have				
		serious doubts on which player(s) should be punished)				
6	Faulty substitution	That is not clearly identified from the table				
7	Simulation	If the referees have serious doubts regarding whether a player should be				
		given a progressive punishment or if a player is attempting to mislead the				
		referees through simulation				
8	Rule 8	If the referees have serious doubts about whether a 2-minute suspension or a				
		disqualification under Rule 8:5, 8:6, 8:9 or 8:10 shall be given				
9	Game changing	If the referees have serious doubts about a 7-metre throw decision or a				
	situations in the last	technical foul committed by a player scoring a goal				
	30 seconds					
10	Electronic team	In the case of a technical malfunction of the electronic team time-out system,				
	time-out	uncertainties by the delegate or referees as to which team had possession of				
		the ball when the buzzer was pressed, or doubts by the delegate as to who				
		pressed the buzzer				
11	Other	In the case of a decision that may lead to a protest				

Remarks:

- In all circumstances, the referees must take a decision based on their observation of facts as they
 relate to what they see on the court. VR is only used when the referees have serious doubts about
 taking the correct decision or when, for various reasons, they were unable to view the situation well
 on the court.
- 2. If the referees observe another situation during the VR review in which an incorrect decision was made or a foul was not called, they must correct that decision based on the facts verified in the VR. This is only applicable to situations that occurred at the same time as the reviewed situation or immediately before it.
- 3. The delegate(s) may only use the VR in situations involving the points 6, 10 and 11, or in situations involving disqualifications that occur off the court. They may request that the referees use the VR in a situation involving point 3.
- 4. Only the referees (or the delegate(s)) may decide whether to use the VR, after which the teams and public are notified that a decision/situation should be reviewed. Progressive punishment(s) according

to Rule 8:7-8:8 will be given to players or team officials who aggressively make the "VR" signal to a match official.

Protocol to follow				
Step	Action			
1	Both the delegate(s) and the referees may be able to request the VR. Time-out is mandatory.			
2	The referees will call for a time-out and show a public signal ("VR") as information that the situation is being analysed with the VR.			
3	The referees consult with the delegate(s) and explain why the VR will be used. If the use of the			
	VR in the given situation is not permitted according to the Rules, the delegate(s) must intervene.			
4	While and until a decision is taken, both referees will be at the VR table/screen while the			
	delegate(s) will control the players and team officials.			
5	After the VR review, the decision of the referees may be taken (or corrected) only if the VR			
	provides clear and conclusive visual evidence.			
6	If the referees are not able to decide because the VR is not conclusive, they must decide			
	according to their observation of facts. The referees are permitted to seek advice from the			
	delegate(s) if they have serious doubts.			
7	If the VR has been requested just before or at the end of any half of the match, including			
	overtime, the referees shall keep both teams on the court until a decision based on the VR has			
	been taken.			
8	A VR review shall be carried out as fast as possible. The duration may be extended if technical			
	problems appear with the VR.			
9	After the VR review has ended, the final decision shall be clearly communicated by the referees			
	to the responsible team officials of both teams, the table, and the public in the arena.			
10	During the VR review, only the referees (or the delegate(s)) may be at the VR table/screen, while			
	no non-authorised people are allowed at the VR table/screen.			
11	The delegate(s) and the referees must check the VR equipment sufficiently in advance of the			
	beginning of each match.			
12	The delegate(s) and the referees must follow the basic principle to have the fewest possible			
	interruptions.			

Task distribution for each VR situation					
Situation	Who calls for	Who takes the			
	using the VR	final decision			
Goal or no goal, the decision if the ball has crossed the goal line	Referees	Referees			
completely					
Goal or no goal, if the time has expired before or after the ball has	Referees	Referees			
completely crossed the goal line					
Serious and unfair actions that occur outside of the referees' line of	Referees,	Referees			
sight and without the ball	delegate(s)				
If the referees show a red card (disqualification) to the wrong player	Referees	Referees			
In case of confrontation involving two or more players	Referees	Referees			
If a faulty substitution is not clearly identified by the table	Delegate(s)	Delegate(s)			
Team time-out buzzer (mis)use	Delegate(s)	Delegate(s)			
If the referees have serious doubts about whether a disqualification	Referees	Referees			
under Rule 8 should be imposed					

If the referees have serious doubts (or the delegate(s) call(s) them) in the last 30 seconds of action under Rules 8:10c or 8:10d	Referees	Referees
In the case of actions in the last 30 seconds with an empty goal (if the referees are not sure whether a 7m-throw must be granted)	Referees	Referees