



### Key Changes for 2021 to USPA Outdoor & Arena Rules, Play-related Tournament Conditions

Rule(s) or Tournament Condition	Change for 2021
Outdoor Rule 4; Arena Rule 3	Outdoor Rule 4b and Arena Rule 3a have been revised to require that beginning <b>January 1, 2021</b> , players in USPA and Club Events (does not include practices, lessons or grooms) must wear a helmet certified to meet the NOCSAE ND050 Standard Performance Specification for Newly Manufactured Polo Helmets.
Outdoor Rule 6; Arena Rule 2	Outdoor Rule 6a, Arena Rule 2e, and related rules have been revised to make forfeiture the penalty for heel calk violations.
Outdoor Rule 11	Revise Outdoor Rule 11c has been revised to allow team captains to question the scorekeeping or timekeeping in the final period only until 15 minutes following the final whistle.
Outdoor Alternative Rule 14	Outdoor Alternative Rule 14 (former International Rule 2) has been eliminated (how the game ends).
Outdoor Rule 21	Outdoor Rule 21b has been revised to add an explicit definition for "Calling the Advantage."
Outdoor Rule 33	Outdoor Rule 33b-e has been revised to clarify that yellow and red card suspensions from the player's next game of equal or higher handicap cannot be served in consolation games, first-round games in subsidiary tournaments, or shootouts; and that such suspensions in USPA Events cannot be served in Club Events.
Arena Rules 7, 9	Arena Rules 7 and 9 have been revised to clarify that the arena roof structure and anything suspended from it is out of bounds.
Arena Rule 9	Arena Rule 9 has been revised to clarify that if the defender in goal on a Penalty 4 plays a rolling ball, the ball becomes live for both teams and all Right of Way rules apply.
Tournament Condition VI	Tournament Condition VI has been amended to eliminate the use of shootouts for seeding purposes.
Tournament Condition VIII	Tournament Condition VIII has been amended to allow the use of Dartfish videos for Umpire Reviews only.
Tournament Condition IX	Optional Tournament Condition IX has been added allowing Host Tournament Committees to use a "fair play" throw-in to restart play when it has been interrupted unexpectedly to the significant disadvantage of the team in possession.
Tournament Condition X	Optional Tournament Condition X has been added allowing Host Tournament Committees to use an alternative to the 3/4 rule in USPA Events with an upper handicap limit between 4- and 6-goals that was used successfully by many HTCs as a variance in 2020.
Tournament Condition XI	Optional Tournament Condition XI has been added allowing Host Tournament Committees to use an expanded version of Outdoor Rule 26A that prohibits offensive blocking in live play as well as on set plays.