



### Summary of Key Revisions for 2020 to the USPA Arena Rules

Arena Rule	Revision for 2020
Overview – All Rules	The 2020 USPA Arena Rules complete the planned consolidation of the Arena Rules and the Optional Tournament Conditions for Arena Polo into one set of rules in which the Optional Tournament Conditions (in effect since 2017) replace the former Arena Rules for which they were previously options. There are other important changes to the Arena Rules. Those changes and the Optional Tournament Conditions now incorporated as rules are identified in the remainder of this table.
Rule 3a(2) and Interpretations; Rule 4b(7)	New for 2020 – As of June 1, 2020, players and Umpires in USPA Events and Club Events must wear a helmet certified to meet the NOCSAE ND050 Standard Performance Specification for Newly Manufactured Polo Helmets.
Rule 4a	The 2020 Rule contains a list of the considerations each Host Tournament Committee should address before an Event begins. That list and those considerations (including rule options and Alternative Rules) are printed in blue in the Arena Rules.
Rule 6	Former Arena Rule 6, which governs scoring, has been replaced by Optional Tournament Condition 6.
New Alternative Rule 7	This Alternative Rule, which (like Rule 7) governs procedures for initiating play after a “dead ball” or a ball hit out of bounds, has been adapted for arena use by the Arena Rules Subcommittee from 2019 USPA Outdoor Rule 22e, and may be used instead of Rule 7 at the election of the Host Tournament Committee.
Rule 8c(7), 8d	New for 2020 - If the Umpire(s) inadvertently permit all players on both teams to line up the wrong way, the teams must play on until a goal is scored or the period ends and any goal scored that is consistent with the “wrong-way line-up” counts for the team that scored it.
Rule 9	Former Arena Rule 9, which governs penalty procedures, has been replaced by Optional Tournament Condition 9. (As before, the Defended Penalty 3 is only available at the option of the Host Tournament Committee in Events with a lower handicap limit of 12 or more goals).
Rule 10	Former Arena Rule 10, which governs calling of fouls and penalty selection, has been replaced by Optional Tournament Condition 10.
Rule 15a(4)	As before, a legal hook must be made below the level of the mount’s back, except that at the option of the Host Tournament Committee in Events with a lower handicap limit of 12 or more goals, a player may hook or strike the mallet of an opponent with the mallet provided that the hooking player’s mallet head is below the level of the shoulder of the player being hooked.



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Handicap Matrix	For ease of reference, the Arena Handicap Matrix now appears in Appendix A at the end of the Arena Rules (as well as in the Umpire Guide).
Penalty Mis-execution Matrix	For ease of reference, the Penalty Mis-Execution Matrix now appears in Appendix A at the end of the Arena Rules (as well as in the Umpire Guide).