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of interference (e.g., with only limited physical action, intercepting a pass, interference with the reception of the ball, not releasing the ball);

- d) if during the last minute of a game the ball is in play, and the opponents, through an action falling under Rule 8:5 or 8:6, prevent the team in possession from being able to take a shot on goal or to obtain a clear scoring chance; this is not just to be punished with a disqualification under 8:5 or 8:6,; a written report must also be submitted.

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- b) there is an unwarranted whistle signal at the time of a clear chance of scoring;
- c) a clear chance of scoring is destroyed through the interference of someone not participating in the game, for instance a spectator entering the court or stopping the players through a whistle signal (except when 9:1

granted to the opponents. It applies to **any type** of interference (e.g., with only limited physical action, **interfering with the execution of a throw such as** intercepting a pass, interference with the reception of the ball, not releasing the ball).

- d) **if during the last 30 seconds of a game the ball is in play, and the opponents**
- a) **through an infringement by a player of the Rules 8:5 or 8:6 as well as 8:10a or 8:10b (II)**
 - b) **through an infringement by an official of the Rules 8:10a or 8:10b (I)**
- prevent the team in possession from being able to take a shot on goal or to obtain a clear scoring chance, the guilty player or official is disqualified according to the corresponding Rules and the team in possession is granted a 7m throw.**
If the player who was fouled, or a teammate, scores a goal before the game is interrupted, the 7m throw shall not be granted.

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Last *minute* (Rules 8:10c, 8:10d)

‘Last ~~minute of the game~~’ occurs during regular playing time (end of 2nd half) as well as at the end of the second half during both overtime periods.

Not respecting the distance (Rule 8:10c)

“Not respecting the distance” only leads to a disqualification (~~to be reported in writing~~) if a throw during ~~the last minute~~ of the game (!) cannot be executed

If the throw is executed and blocked by a player standing too close, normal progressive punishment shall be applied ~~during the last minute of the game~~.

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d) there is an infraction according to Rules 8:10c or 8:10d (however, see 8:10 last paragraph).

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Guidelines and Interpretations

Last *30 seconds* (Rules 8:10c, 8:10d)

The ~~last 30 seconds of the game~~ occur during regular playing time (end of 2nd half) as well as at the end of the ~~second~~ half during both overtime periods. ~~The start of the last 30 seconds of the game begins when the clock indicates 59 minutes 30 seconds (or 69:30, 79:30) or 0 minutes 30 seconds.~~

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“Not respecting the distance” only leads to a disqualification ~~+ 7m throw~~, if a throw ~~during the last 30 seconds~~ of the game (!) cannot be executed.

If the throw is executed and blocked by a player standing too close, normal progressive punishment shall be applied ~~during the last 30 seconds of the game too~~, as the ball has left the hand of the thrower (see Rule 15:2 1st paragraph).

The Rule is applicable if the infraction is committed during the last 30 seconds of the game or at the same time as the final signal (see Rule 2:4, 1st paragraph). In this case, the referees will

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Disqualification ~~during the last minute of the game~~ (Rule 8:10d)

In cases of a disqualification according to Rule 8:5 ~~during the last minute of the game~~, only infractions according to Rule 8:6, Comment (infraction with the purpose to prevent a goal) lead to a disqualification to be reported in writing (according to 8:10c).

make a decision on the basis of their observations of facts (Rule 17:11).

If the game is interrupted during the last 30 seconds due to an interference that is not directly related to the preparation or the execution of a throw (for example faulty substitution, unsportsmanlike conduct in the substitution area), Rule 8:10c is to be applied.

Disqualification during the last 30 seconds (Rule 8:10d)

In case of a disqualification of a defending player according to Rules 8:5 and 8:6 during the last 30 seconds of the game, only infractions according to Rule 8:6 Comment lead to a disqualification to be reported in writing + 7m throw. Infractions of a defending player according to Rule 8:5 during the last 30 seconds of the game lead to a disqualification not to be reported in writing + 7m throw.

Gaining an advantage during the last 30 seconds (8:10d, last paragraph)

The referees interrupt the game and award a 7m at the latest when the player receiving a pass does not score a goal or continues the game by making another pass.

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Disqualification of the goalkeeper in accordance with Rule 8:5 (leaving the goal area) basically ~~does not lead to a disqualification to be reported in writing. This might occur in the last minute of the game provided it refers to an infraction according to Rule 8:5 a-c.~~

*A disqualification of the goalkeeper according to Rule 8:5 Comment (Leaving the goal area) **leads to a 7m throw during the last 30 seconds of the game if the conditions according to Rule 8:5, last paragraph, are fulfilled or an infraction is committed according to Rule 8:6.***