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Rule Change Notification February 2019

Dear Members,

Following a meeting of the State Directors of Umpiring facilitated by the PAA, the following rule changes now apply.

3. **	<p>A free throw at a goal from a central spot outside the 10 metres circle.</p> <p>(a) The ball must be thrown at goal.</p> <p>(b) The No 3 may defend the goal from a stationary position, but cannot stand closer than 8 metres to the spot where the throw is taken, and must remain stationary. C: If the opposing No3 moves forward there will be a penalty 1 awarded after the attempt at goal from centre field. D: if the No1 fails to execute the penalty then there will be a line up from the sideline.</p>
4. **	<p>If in the opinion of the Umpire a player commits a serious or dangerous foul, the side fouled shall be awarded one goal. The match shall be recommenced by the Umpire with a free throw to the offended team from centre field T on the appropriate side.</p>

PAA policies; Facial & dental injuries/ Faceguards;

The introduction of this policy is "Player safety" First and a duty of care to the player, and the teeth need to be protected. After much discussion it was agreed to put by all to the following:

- Helmets must have a minimum rating of ASNZS 3838
- Under 16 players must play in either a faceguard or a mouth guard.
- Over 16 player's faceguard/mouth guard but it is up to the player's discretion.

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