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To: Officials and clubs of EA

Ref: Introduction of VAR for the next phases of the EA Club Competitions

Dear all,

Following the proposal submitted by WWR, the TWPC leadership has adopted the following decision:

1. Introduction of VAR Equipment

Effective from the next phase of the EA Club Competitions, the use of VAR equipment shall be introduced.

2. Partial Implementation of the VAR Protocol

The VAR protocol shall be partially implemented in accordance with WA Water Polo Rules 20.7., Appendix 7, specifically as outlined below:

20.7.2 Situations for Review During the Match

The use of VAR is limited to the following categories of decisions:

2. A goal scored at the expiration of the shot clock or at the end of a period.
3. Jury table errors and/or failures of the electronic system, including timeout buttons.
4. A shot taken at the end of a period when there is an excluded player.
5. Review of a violent action.
6. Interference with the taking of a penalty throw.
7. Improper or illegal entry or re-entry of players.



3. Situations Not Subject to Review

Due to insufficient camera angles, the following situations are not reviewable:

1. Goal / No Goal decisions.
2. Corner Throw or Goal Throw decisions.

4. Equipment and Responsibilities

Required Equipment:

- Laptop
- Reliable internet connection
- Livestreaming system
- Additional screen

The match delegate shall be responsible for providing the laptop required for VAR review.

The host club shall be responsible for ensuring the best available and most stable WiFi connection at the venue and additional screen available for referee.

5. Review Process

The situations listed above may be reviewed using the available livestreaming cameras at the pool.

If the referees determine that a review is necessary, or upon information provided by the delegate, the review shall be conducted using the delegate's laptop connected to a second screen available for the referees, utilizing the livestreaming feed.

With respect,

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