



POSSESSION CLOCK – STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION

In accordance with Rules 3-8 and 4-9, each state association may adopt a 90-second possession clock. The following procedures apply to states that choose to implement the possession clock.

POSSESSION CLOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. Two visible 90-second possession clocks, one at each end of the field, are recommended.
2. If only one clock is used, it is recommended that it be located at midfield opposite the team benches for optimal visibility.
3. A visible backup possession clock is recommended in case of malfunction.

POSSESSION INDICATOR REQUIREMENTS

A visible possession indicator shall be used to identify the team in possession.

This requirement may be satisfied by:

1. A possession arrow pointing toward the bench of the team in possession;
2. A possession marker placed on the side of the table nearest the bench of the team in possession; or
3. A possession indicator displayed on the scoreboard.

OFFICIALS' GENERAL DUTIES

Officials shall use the possession clock to administer the 90-second possession period once a team gains possession.

POSSESSION CLOCK VIOLATION SIGNAL

To indicate a possession clock violation, the official shall:

1. Give the appropriate directional signal;
2. Show illegal procedure signal; and
3. Reset the Possession Clock.

POSSESSION CLOCK RESET SIGNAL

To indicate a possession clock reset, the official shall use a rolling motion of the pointed index finger above the head.

THE POSSESSION CLOCK OPERATOR SHALL

Have direct communication with the scorer's table throughout the match, and it is recommended that the timer and possession clock operator be seated next to one another.

Start the Possession Clock When:

1. A player gains and maintains possession of the ball.
2. There is a change in team possession.

Reset the Possession Clock When:

1. There is a change in team possession.
2. Save by the goalkeeper of the team without possession, inside or outside of the goal circle, and whether possessed or deflected off the goalkeeper.

- Shot on goal by the team with possession that hits a pipe or rebounds off a save and the team that shot the ball has retained possession.

NOTE: Shots that go wide of the pipes or above the crossbar do not reset the 90-second possession clock.

- Any green, yellow or red card issued to either team.
- Offside violation.

NOTE: Clock restarts after the penalty is administered.

Stop the Possession Clock When:

- The game clock is stopped.
- Any defensive foul is called in the critical scoring area. The game clock will continue to run during administration of the foul.

POSSESSION CLOCK EXPIRATION

If the 90-second possession clock expires before a reset event or change of possession occurs:

- The timer shall sound the horn once and the official shall immediately blow the whistle.
- A free position shall be awarded to the opposing team at the spot of the ball within the playing area at the time of the violation.
- Any player on the field for the team awarded possession may take the free position.
- No player may be positioned within 4 meters of the player taking the free position.
- If the ball is in the air at the time of the violation, the free position shall be administered relative to where the ball lands.
- If the ball is out of bounds at the time of the violation, the free position shall be administered relative to the spot where the ball crossed the boundary line.
- The player taking the free position may self-start.

POSSESSION CLOCK OFFICIALS SIGNALS



Possession Clock Reset



Possession Clock Start



Possession Clock Stop