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# **IX. Rules of the Game a) Indoor Handball**

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**Note:** The present Rules of the Game are currently being restructured (to be divided into three separate documents).

## Player Injuries

10. A player who is bleeding or has blood on the body or uniform must leave the court immediately and voluntarily (through a normal substitution), in order to have the bleeding stopped, the wound covered, and the body and uniform cleaned off. The player must not return to the court until this has been done.

A player who does not follow the instructions of the referees in connection with this provision is deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct ([8:7](#), [16:1b](#) and [16:3d](#)).

11. In the case of an injury, the referees may give permission (*through hand signals no. [15](#) and [16](#)*) for two of the persons who are entitled to participate (see [4:3](#)) to enter the court during a time-out, for the specific purpose of assisting an injured player from their team.

After receiving medical care on the playing court, the player has to leave the court immediately. He can only re-enter the court following the third attack of his team (*procedure and exceptions see Clarification No. [8](#)*).

Regardless of the counted number of attacks, the player can re-enter the playing court when the game is continued after the end of a half-time. If the player enters the playing court too early, he shall be punished according to Rule [4:4-4:6](#).

### **Note:**

Only National Federations are entitled to suspend the regulations of Rule [4:11](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, in youth categories.

If additional persons enter the court after two persons have already entered, including persons from the team not affected, it shall be punished as illegal entry, in the case of a player under Rule [4:6](#) and [16:3a](#), and in the case of a team official under Rules [4:2](#), [16:1b](#), [16:3d](#) and [16:6c](#). A person who has been permitted to enter the court under Rule 4:11, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, but, instead of assisting the injured player, gives instructions to players, approaches opponents or referees etc., shall be considered guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct ([16:1b](#), [16:3d](#) and [16:6c](#)).