IISHF Rules of the Game – Proposal - Denmark

Proposal for correction of §8.28.7 and §8.28.8

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Proposal no. 1
8.28.7 The referee shall only signal for the time clock to be stopped if one of the following occurs:
► A player is injured,
► The ball goes over the boards and the game cannot be restarted immediately,
► The ball becomes unplayable due to becoming lodged in surrounding equipment,
► The referees need to confer with each other or another official,
► When a time penalty or penalty shot is given,
► In an emergency
► A goal is scored

Proposal no. 2 only if proposal 1 is not approved
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► The ball goes over the boards and the game cannot be restarted immediately,
► The ball becomes unplayable due to becoming lodged in surrounding equipment,
► The referees need to confer with each other or another official,
► When a time penalty or penalty shot is given,
► In an emergency
► A goal is scored (applies only for deciding games in International Title Events including quarterfinals, semifinals and the finals).

Proposal no. 3 if proposal 1 is approved
8.28.8 In the last 2 minutes of a game or in the last 2 minutes of overtime the game clock must be stopped when the referee blows the whistle for a stoppage in play. In the quarterfinal, semifinal and the final of an international Title Event the following applies: The game clock must be stopped when the referee blows the whistle for a stoppage in play during the entire game.

⇨ The argument for the proposals are that the current system is not very fair in regards to sportsmanship. In fact stopping the time at the described situations should create a better setup for games at International Title Events in the future. In regards to game management it might be that we can actually shorten some of the deciding games because time will not be wasted in the same way as we have been doing so far.