

RULE 7 – THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

Periods of Play

The match lasts two equal periods of 25 minutes, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the referee and the two teams. Any agreement to alter the duration of the periods of play (for example to reduce each half because of insufficient time left in the booking period) must be made before the start of play and must comply with competition rules.

Half-Time Interval

Players are entitled to an interval at half-time.

The half-time interval must not exceed 3 minutes.

Competition rules must state the duration of the half-time interval.

The duration of the half-time interval may be altered only with the consent of the referee.

Provision for Stopped Time

The clock will not be stopped during the game for any reason except during the last minute of each half, when the clock must be stopped whenever the ball is out of play.

Local competition rules may allow for some amount of stopped time, other than in the last minute of each half, for time-outs or injuries etc.

Penalty Kick

If a penalty kick has to be taken or retaken, the duration of either half is extended until the penalty kick is completed.

Abandoned Match

An abandoned match is replayed unless the competition rules provide otherwise.