

Q1 At the approach to Hoop 13, both Blue and Red have gone off the court over the Northern boundary, and have been replaced on the boundary line, Red directly in line with the hoop and Blue a foot or so closer to Corner III. At Blue's next turn, Bab plays a stun shot which hits Red and drives it across court to the vicinity of Corner II, leaving Blue in line with Hoop 13. Is this legal? If not, what is the remedy?

A1. The stroke on Blue is legal, however, Red is an outside agency because it left the court and remains so until it is next played - Rule 6(e). Therefore, Blue suffered interference from an outside agency and as the outcome of the stroke is not in doubt – Bab was not trying to clear a legal ball – Blue should be placed where it would otherwise have come to rest (which would be beyond where Red ended up) – Rule 9(f). Red is replaced on the boundary where it had previously left the court (and where it was before Bab's turn) – Rule 6(e). Bab's turn having ended, it is now Red to play.

Q2. At the start of a singles game, Bab plays in Blue. Ray then plays in Yellow. The wrong ball play (of a partner ball) is realised and Ray returns Yellow to the Corner IV starting quadrant. Ray then places Red behind and in contact with Yellow and, using an (Association) croquet stroke, strikes Red, driving both balls to in front of Hoop 1. Is this legal? If not, what is the remedy?

A2. The recovery of Yellow and the playing of Red are legal – Rule 11(b) (1). However, Yellow should have been replaced off the court, which was its position prior to the wrong ball play. Red has suffered interference from an outside agency (Yellow) – Rule 9(d) and as the outcome of the stroke was not in doubt, Red not being intended to run Hoop 1 nor to clear Blue from the vicinity of Hoop 1 (assuming that Blue is in the vicinity of the hoop), it should be placed where it would have otherwise come to rest had it not suffered the interference. As the power of the stroke required to drive two ball to the vicinity of Hoop 1 would have driven a single ball twice the distance, Red would have left the court and should be placed on the Eastern boundary in an extension of the line from the starting quadrant at Corner IV to where it actually came to rest. Yellow, an outside agency which has not yet been played into the game, is placed off the court (where it should have been placed after the initial wrong ball play)..

Q3. In a singles game, Bab runs a hoop with Blue. Ray then plays Yellow, which is not discovered. Bab then plays Black, and Ray stops play, claiming that Bab has played a wrong (partner) ball. How is this resolved?

A3. The playing of Black is playing a partner (out of sequence) ball. However, this playing of Black condones the previous playing of Yellow which was also a wrong (partner) ball play. There is no remedy for the playing of Yellow – Rule 11(c) and "*play continues until a wrong ball play is identified, when Rule 11(b)(1) is applied*" - Rule 11 (c)(1) and "*After whichever ball was last played, the next ball in this sequence is known as the striker's ball....*" (Rule 1(e). Now that a wrong ball play (the playing of Black) has been identified, Bab replaces Black (and any other balls moved) and plays Blue – Rule 11(b) (1).

Q4. In a singles game, Bab attempts to clear Yellow from in front of the hoop with Blue, but fails to do so. Ray then runs the hoop with Yellow, the wrong (partner) ball play not

being noticed. Bab plays Black and Ray stops play, claiming that Bab has played a wrong (partner) ball, as Blue should follow Yellow. How is this resolved?

A4 The playing of Black is playing a partner (wrong, or out of sequence) ball. However, this playing of Black condones the previous playing of Yellow which was also a wrong (partner) ball play. There is no remedy for the playing of Yellow and the hoop point is scored for Yellow - Rule 11(c) - and then "*play continues until a wrong ball play is identified, when Rule 11(b)(1) is applied*" - Rule 11 (c)(1) and "*After whichever ball was last played, the next ball in this sequence is known as the striker's ball....*" - (Rule 1(e) Now that a wrong ball play (the playing of Black) has been identified, Bab replaces Black (and any other balls moved) and plays Blue – Rule 11(b) (1).