

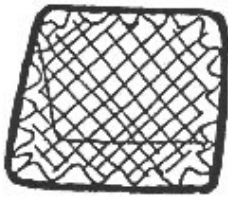
## ***THE REFEREE'S GESTURE***

### ***Foreword***

The present compendium is an indispensable complement to the referee's code of the International Tchoukball Federation. It defines the gestures that allow referees to communicate in a simple and quick manner with all the field players as well as with the spectators. In order to overcome language problems which might arise during international matches, and also in order to prevent fruitless and time-consuming explanations, the referee will make his decisions explicitly visible by using the gestures described below.

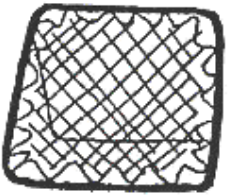
### ***Gestures***

#### **1. End of a playing period (rule # 6)**



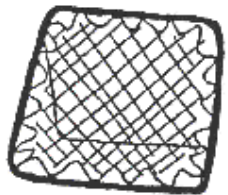
The forearms are crossed in front of the chest at shoulder height. Hands are straight open and fingers are aligned with the forearms.

#### **2. Time-out (rule # 6.4)**



Both hands are open, fingers are aligned with the forearms. The forearms are positioned at right angle in such a way that the tips of the left hand's fingers touch the right hand's palm. Both hands are above the head.

#### **3. Touching the ball with the leg (rule # 7.1.1)**



The left leg is folded, the thigh held level, the right hand's palm touches the left knee.

**4. More than three steps while holding the ball**  
(rule # 7.1.2)



Both hands are straight open, fingers aligned with forearms. Forearms are rotated around each other while being kept level and parallel to the chest.

**5. Player holds the ball for more than 3 seconds**  
(rule # 7.1.3) **or more than 3 consecutive passes**  
(rule # 7.1.4)



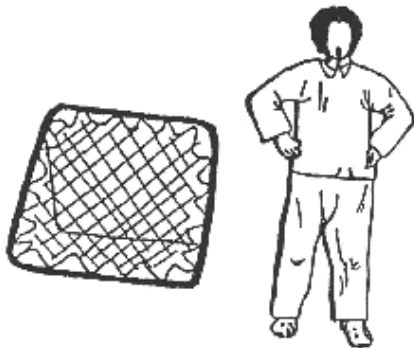
Right arm stretched upward, thumb and first two fingers stretched, ring- and auricular folded.

**6. Player holding ball off field limits** (rule # 7.1.5)



Both hands open fingers aligned with forearms placed vertically at shoulder height. Palms are facing backward. Hands move back and forth together several times.

**7. Obstruction** (rule # 7.1.7)



Hands on hips.

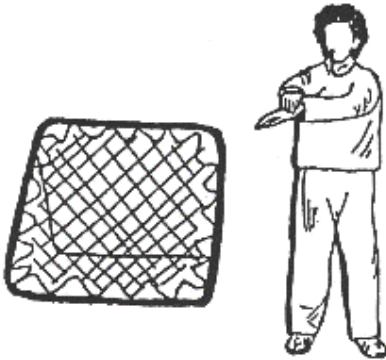
**8. Four consecutive shoots at same frame**  
(rule # 7.1.8)

Right arm stretched upward, 4 fingers stretched, 1 folded.



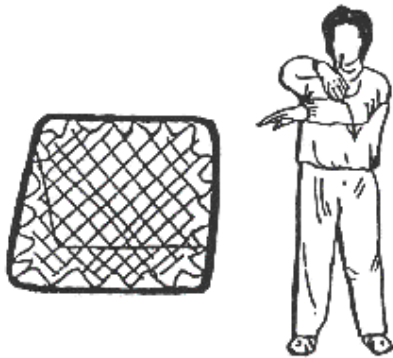
**9. Stepping inside the forbidden zone** (rule # 7.1.10)

Left arm stretched pointing towards the location of the fault while right palm covers left hand's back.



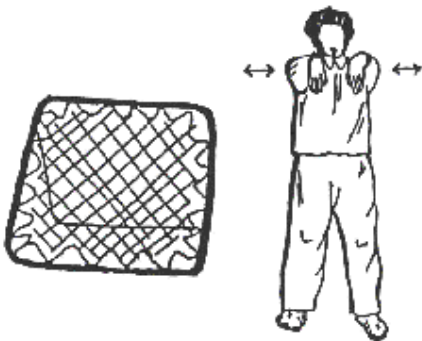
**10. Penetration into forbidden zone before ball throw** (rule # 7.1.10)

Left arm stretched forward, right hand open, palm facing ground, rolls back and forth around left arm.



**11. Shoot at frame where last point was scored before ball crosses median line** (rule # 7.1.12)

Both arms stretched forward with open hands pointing downward. Arms move left and right in opposing motion.



**12. Designating location of a fault and of play restart**  
(rule # 7.2)



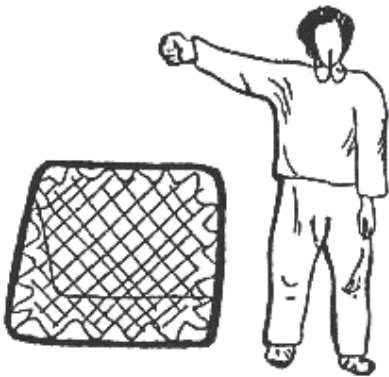
Right arm, stretched with palm facing upward, points towards location.

**13. Point scored by attacking team** (rule # 8.1)



Right arm stretched upward with clenched hand.

**14. Point lost to defending team** (rule # 8.2)



Right arm stretched horizontally pointing sideways with clenched hand.

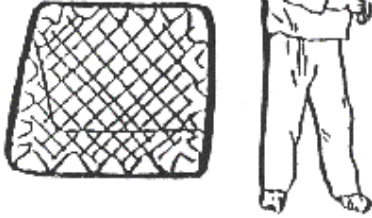
**15. Faulty bounce** (rule # 10)



Both forearms point upwards with elbows at shoulder level, fingertips joined horizontally to symbolically picture the frame.

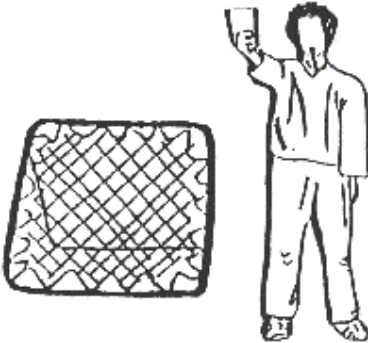
**16. Serious fault implying warning or expulsion**  
(rule # 11)

Right fist hits left palm once, at hip level.



**17. Warning** (rule # 11.2)

The yellow card is presented with right arm stretched towards warned player.



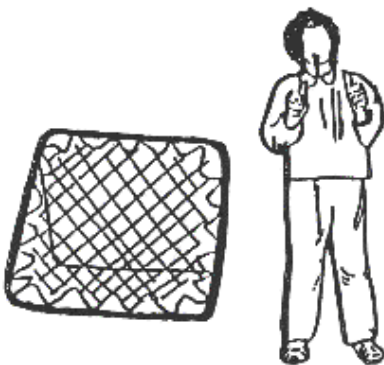
**18. Expulsion** (rule # 11.2)

Red card is presented with left hand stretched towards expelled player while right arm points towards referee's table. The role of the two arms can be exchanged according to circumstances.



**19. Summoning the captains**

Both fist held in front of chest at shoulder level, both thumbs stretched upward.



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