

Key Changes for 2024 to the USPA Outdoor Rules & Play-Related Tournament Conditions	
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Outdoor Rule 1.f (American Rule)	In 2024, Outdoor Rule 1.f (the American Rule) will allow a designated sponsor or playing sponsor who is an Affiliate Player Member to use an immediate family member as a substitute.
Former Outdoor Rule 3.g	Former Outdoor Rule 3.g has been eliminated due to inconsistency with the American Rule.
Outdoor Rule 4.b	In 2024, Outdoor Rule 4.b will require teams to wear jerseys made up of at least 75% dark or light color which adequately distinguish the players on one team from the players on another.
Outdoor Rule 5.e	Outdoor Rule 5.e has been revised for 2024 to clarify Umpire-initiated horse removal procedures.
Outdoor Rule 6.a	In 2024, Outdoor Rule 6.a will require issuance of a red card to the responsible player (rather than team forfeiture) for any violation of the heel calk limitations.
Outdoor Rule 14.d and Tournament Condition Section VI B.2.g	Outdoor Rule 14.d and Tournament Condition Section VI B.2.g have been revised for 2024 to standardize shootout procedures.
Outdoor Rule 17 and Tournament Condition Section VI B.2.c	Outdoor Rule 17 and Tournament Condition Section VI B.2.c have been revised for 2024 to standardize round robin procedures.
Outdoor Rule 21	In 2024, Outdoor Rule 21 will specify that forfeiture is the penalty for returning a horse to play that has been excused by the Umpire(s) under its provisions f(1)(ii) or f(4).
Outdoor Rule 24.d	In 2024, additional Interpretations and Examples have been added for Outdoor Rule 24.d (Right of Way) specifying in detail the standard of enforcement for turning on the ball.
Outdoor Rule 33	In 2024, Outdoor Rule 33 has important new yellow and red card procedures. Please review the rule to familiarize yourself with these changes, which are extensive.
Outdoor Rule 36	In 2024, Outdoor Rule 36 will require a Penalty 1 when a yellow card is issued on a Penalty 2.
Outdoor Rule 37	In 2024, an additional Interpretation has been added for the Penalty 7 description in Outdoor Rule 37 to explicitly allow the fouling team to substitute back up to the original non-removed players' handicap limit after it is reduced to 3 players.
Former Optional Tournament Condition XII	Former Optional Tournament Condition XII (concerning the treatment of half goals in High Level Polo) has been eliminated.

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Tournament Condition VIII	Tournament Condition VIII (Instant Replay) has been revised to update instant replay procedures.
Optional Tournament Condition IX	Former Optional Tournament Condition IX (Fair Play Thow-In) has been revised to allow the use of a Fair Play Free Hit procedure instead.
Optional Tournament Condition X	Optional Tournament Condition X is unchanged in 2024.
Optional Tournament Condition XI	A new Optional Tournament Condition XI has been added for 2024. It will allow Host Tournament Conditions to use a single mounted USPA Professional Umpire in events with an upper handicap level of 8 goals and below and events with an upper Women's Handicap level of 12 goals and below.
Optional Tournament Condition XII	Optional Tournament Condition XII has been added for 2024. In Club Events only, it will allow Host Tournament Committees to round down individual handicaps of -0.5 goals to -1 goal; 0.5 goals to 0 goals; and 1.5 goals to 1 goal, when calculating the team handicap.
Optional Tournament Condition XIII	Former Optional Tournament Condition XI (Improper Blocking in Live Play) has been re-numbered as Optional Tournament Condition XIII in 2024.
Optional Tournament Condition XIV	Former Optional Tournament Condition XIII (concerning injury substitutions under Outdoor Rule 2.a) has been renumbered as Optional Tournament Condition XIV.
Optional Tournament Condition XV	For 2024, Optional Tournament Condition XIV (the "Buzzer-Beater") has been renumbered as Optional Tournament Condition XV and revised to clarify that the ball is dead where it stops or is touched after the whistle.