

## WORLD TEQBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 BANGKOK

# FITEQ CHALLENGE PROTOCOL

### Principles

1. Video Referees have independent access to match footage. Players may request assistance from the Video Referees only in relation to the categories listed below. In all these situations players/teams should request a "Challenge" by showing the 'TV signal' and communicating "Challenge + one of the below-mentioned decisions:

Illegal attack  
Illegal return  
Edgeball  
Repeated Return  
Double Touch

Too many touches  
Table Touch  
**Out\***  
**Net\*\***

**Out\*** - when the ball bounced on the floor before players touching it and more than 1 bounce on the table.

**Net\*\*** - during services if the ball touches the net and for net + 3 bounces.

2. Players/teams may request a "Challenge" **ONCE PER THE ENTIRE MATCH**, if the challenge is successful, their "Challenge" opportunity remains available. If the challenge is unsuccessful, they have no further opportunity to request a challenge.
3. Players may only request a "Challenge" within 5 seconds after the referee's decision.
4. Video assistant referees (VAR) will only 'check' the decision challenged by the players.
5. If the referee interrupts the rally by an incorrect call according to the VAR 'check', the rally must be repeated.
6. The referee must always make a decision, i.e. the referee is not permitted to give 'no decision' and then use the VAR to make the decision.

7. The original decision given by the referee will not be changed unless the video review clearly shows that the decision was a 'clear and obvious error'.
8. If there is no video footage about the challenged decision, then the decision made on the field stands, and players' opportunity for a challenge remains available.
9. There is no time limit for the review process as accuracy is more important than speed.
10. The players and team officials must not surround the referee or attempt to influence if a decision is reviewed, the review process, or the final decision.
11. The referee must remain 'visible' during the review process to ensure transparency.