

What is the Instant Review System (IRS)?

A quick guide for fans - SLB 2026/27 Season

This season, you might see the referees stop play to check a big call using video replay.

Here's what's going on.

IRS lets referees double-check certain decisions using game footage, so the big calls get made right. It's there to support the referees, not replace them - it's only used for specific situations, not every decision.

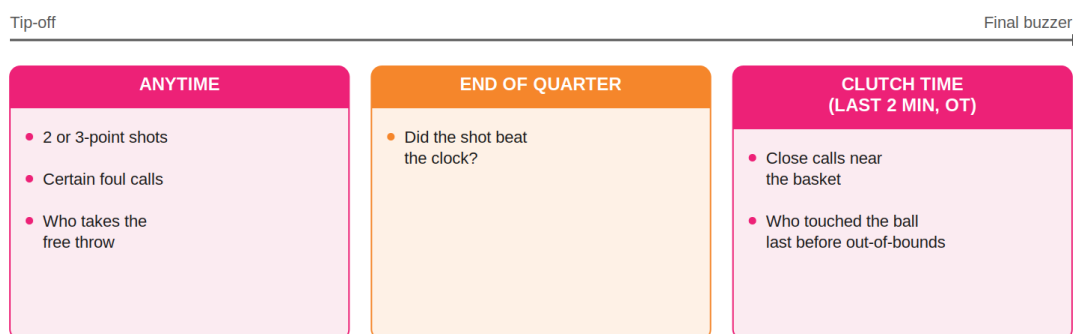


How a review happens

How will I know it's happening?

- Referee review: the referee rotates their hand with a finger pointed out.
- Coach challenge: the Head Coach draws a rectangle shape in the air with their fingers.

What can be checked?



What IRS can check, and when

New this season: coach challenges

Each Head Coach gets one challenge per game. There's no penalty for getting it wrong, so don't be surprised if a coach uses theirs - it's a free shot at getting a close call right.

IRS is brand new to SLB this season, so bear with us while everyone - referees, coaches, players and fans - get used to it!