

REFEREE DEVELOPMENT



MEMORANDUM

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At its 126th Annual General Meeting the International Football Association Board (IFAB) approved the following amendments to the Laws of the Game (additions are in blue, ~~deletions are in red~~):

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

At its meeting (AGM) in Surrey, England, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) approved the following amendments, instructions and directives.

LAW 3 – THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Infringements and sanctions

If a named substitute enters the field of play instead of a named player at the start of the match and the referee is not informed of this change:

- The referee allows the named substitute to continue the match
- No disciplinary sanction is taken against the named substitute
- The number of substitutions allowed by the offending team is not reduced
- The referee reports the matter to the appropriate authorities

NZF Advice to Referees

- *This corrects those rare situations where a player is injured during the warm-up and recognises that changing the status of a player and a named substitute is a minor technical breach of the Laws. Previously the referee was required to stop the game, caution the player and restart play with an indirect free kick.*
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LAW 4 – THE PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:

- Stockings – **if tape or similar material is applied externally it must be the same colour as that part of the stocking it is applied to**

NZF Advice to Referees

- *This assists referees and assistant referees identify the sock colour correctly as increasing numbers of players had been using tape, braces, ankle socks etc. on top of socks so changing the basic colour.*
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LAW 8 – THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

Dropped Ball

Infringements and sanctions

If the ball enters the goal:

- If the ball is kicked directly into the opponent's goal, a goal kick is awarded
- If the ball is kicked directly into the team's own goal a corner kick is awarded

NZF Advice to Referees

- *There have been occasions when goals have been scored from an uncontested dropped ball arising from the practice of fair play. Please note the ball must be kicked directly into the goal; a player may still flick the ball up with one foot and volley it into the goal with his second touch.*

INTERPRETATION OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME AND GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES

LAW 1 – THE FIELD OF PLAY

Commercial Advertising **on the ground** shall be at least 1m (1 yd) from the boundary lines of the field of play.

Upright advertising shall be at least:

- 1 m (1 yd) from the touch lines of the field of play
- The same distance from the goal line as the depth of the goal net and,
- 1 m (1 yd) from the goal net

LAW 4 – THE PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

Other equipment

The use of **radio electronic** communication systems between players and/or technical staff is not permitted.

LAW 12 –FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Handling the ball

A caution for unsporting behavior is required when a player deliberately handles the ball e.g. when a player:

- Deliberately and **blatantly** handles the ball to prevent an opponent gaining possession