

2019-2020 OFFICIATING CHANGES

Law 3: THE PLAYERS

A player who is being substituted must leave the pitch at the nearest point on the boundary lines, unless otherwise directed by the referee. (safety/security or injury issues)

Law 5: THE REFEREE

Team officials guilty of misconduct can be shown a YC/RC: if an offender cannot be identified, the senior coach in the technical area receives the YC/RC.

If a penalty kick is awarded, the team's penalty taker can receive assessment or treatment and then stay on the pitch and take the kick.

Law 8: THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

Dropped ball - ball dropped for the goalkeeper (if play is stopped in the penalty area) or for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the location of the last touch; all other players (of both teams) must be at least 4 m (yds) away.

The team that wins the toss may choose to take the kick-off or which goal to attack.

Law 9: THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Dropped ball if the ball touches the referee and goes into the goal, possession changes or an attacking move starts.

Law 10: DETERMINING THE OUTCOME OF A MATCH

Goalkeeper cannot score by throwing the ball into the opponent's goal.

Law 12: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Handling the ball is an offense if a player:

Deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm.

Gains possession/control of the ball after it has touched their hand and then:

- Scores in the opponent's goal
- Creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- Scores in the opponent's goal directly from their hand/arm, even if accidental

Touches the ball with their hand/arm when:

- The hand/arm made their body bigger
- The hand/arm is above/beyond their shoulder level

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Handling the ball is NOT an offense if:

- Directly from the player's own head or body (including the foot)
- If the hand/arm is close to the body and does not make the body bigger
- When a player falls and the hand is between the body and the ground to support the body, but not extended laterally or vertically from the body.

If after a throw-in or deliberate pass from a teammate, the goalkeeper unsuccessfully kicks or tries to kick the ball to release it into play, the goalkeeper then can handle the ball.

Referee can delay issuing a YC/RC until the next stoppage, if non-offending team takes a quick free kick and creates a goal-scoring opportunity.

The yellow card for an "illegal" goal celebration remains if the goal is disallowed.

All verbal offenses are punished with an IFK.

Law 13: FREE KICKS

For defending team free kicks in their penalty area, the ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves. The ball does not have to leave the penalty area.

When there is a defensive wall of at least 3 players, all attacking team players must be at least 1 m (yd) from the wall. IFK if they encroach.

Law 14: THE PENALTY KICK

Goalposts, crossbar and nets must not be moving when a penalty kick is taken.

When the ball is kicked, the defending goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on or in line with the goal line.

Law 15: THE THROWN IN

Opponents must be at least 2 m (yds) from the point of the throw-in on the touchline, even if the thrower is back from the line.

Law 16: THE GOAL KICK

At goal kicks, the ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves. It does not have to leave the penalty area. Opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.

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