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Updates to Laws of the Game 2020-21

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Updated LOTG 2020-21

- No major changes this year
 - Mostly clarifications or consistency updates
 - Will ignore VAR clarifications in this presentation
- Effective June 1, 2020
- Documentation may be found at
 - www.theifab.com/log-documents

Law 1: The Field of Play

Change addresses the shape of the goal posts:

10. Goals

A goal must be placed on the centre of each goal line.

A goal consists of two vertical posts equidistant from the corner flagposts and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The goalposts and crossbar must be made of approved material. They must be square, rectangular, round, elliptical or a combination of these shapes and must not be dangerous.

No significant impact on AYSO matches

Law 2: The Ball

Replacement of a defective ball during play:

2. Replacement of a defective ball

If the ball becomes defective:

- play is stopped and
- restarted with a dropped ball

Change made to be consistent with Law 8

Law 4: The Players' Equipment

Update addresses wearable technology:

Electronic performance and tracking systems (EPTS)

Not applicable for AYSO matches

Law 10: Determining the Outcome of a Match

Update addresses KFPTM:

3. Kicks from the penalty mark

Kicks from the penalty mark are taken after the match has ended and unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game apply. A player who has been sent off during the match is not permitted to take part; warnings and cautions issued during the match are not carried forward into kicks from the penalty mark.

Warnings and cautions are not carried forward for players or team officials

Law 10: Some Background

- When updates first released in April there was a lively discussion on application among Section 1-2-10-11 administrators because text only mentions players
 - Chris Doucette (Asst SDRI 10) initiated discussion
 - Alan Lee (SRA 2) emailed IFAB:

Yes, team official warnings are also not carried forward

Best wishes

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Law 10: KFTPM (cont.)

During kicks from the penalty mark:

- If the goalkeeper commits an offence and, as a result, the kick is retaken, the goalkeeper is warned for the first offence and cautioned for any subsequent offence(s)
- If both the goalkeeper and the kicker commit an offence at the same time, the kick is recorded as missed and the kicker is cautioned

Please remember we are dealing with youth players
and apply any discipline accordingly

Law 11: Offside

Provides clarification when “deliberate handball” is also a “deliberate play”:

2. Offside Offence

A player in an offside position receiving the ball from an opponent who deliberately plays the ball, including by deliberate handball, is not considered to have gained an advantage, unless it was a deliberate save by any opponent.

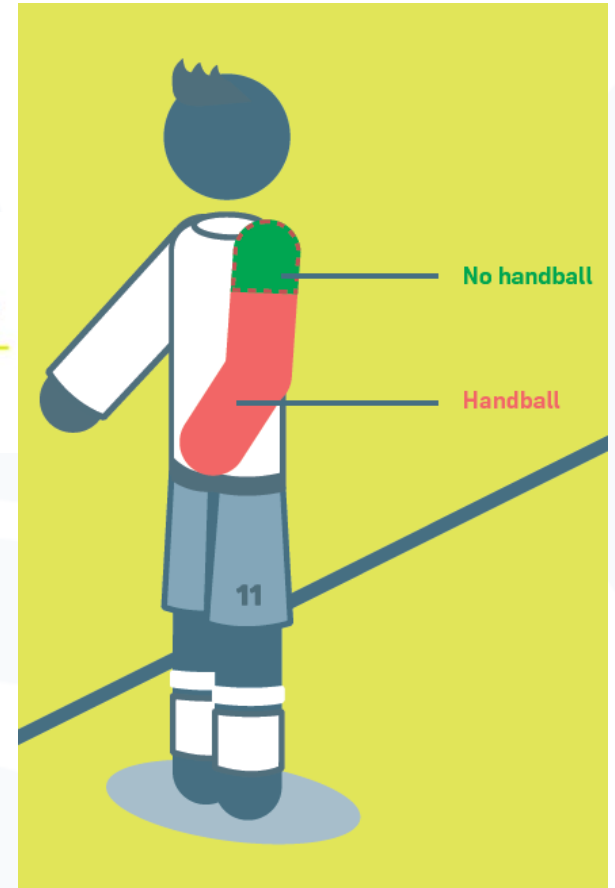
A “deliberate handball” is considered to be a “deliberate play” when judging a potential offside offence

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct

Clarifications to handball offence:

Handling the ball

For the purposes of determining handball offences, the upper boundary of the arm is in line with the bottom of the armpit.



Law 12: Handball Offence (cont.)

It is an offence if a player:

- deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm, including moving the hand/arm towards the ball
- scores in the opponents' goal directly from their hand/arm, even if accidental, including by the goalkeeper
- after the ball has touched their or a team-mate's hand/arm, even if accidental, immediately:
 - scores in the opponents' goal
 - creates a goal-scoring opportunity

Added “immediately” to clarify the Spirit of the Law

IFAB Commentary on “Immediately”

The wording of Law 12 has therefore been amended to clarify the ‘spirit’ (intention) of the Law:

- if the ball touches an attacking player’s hand/arm and then goes to another attacker and a goal or scoring opportunity occurs immediately, this is a handball offence
- it is not an offence if, after an accidental handball, the ball travels some distance or there are several passes or there is a notable ‘time interval’ between the ‘handball’ and the goal or scoring opportunity.

For example:

- there are a number of passes and/or a long pass
- a player runs some distance (dribbles) with the ball

The key word when applying this part of the Law is immediately.

Taken from IFAB presentation: [Laws of the Game 2020/21, Clarifications and associated Law changes](#)

Law 12: “Illegal” 2nd Touch by GK

Specifies sanction on GK when “illegal” 2nd touch stops a promising attack:

The goalkeeper has the same restrictions on handling the ball as any other player outside the penalty area. If the goalkeeper handles the ball inside their penalty area when not permitted to do so, an indirect free kick is awarded but there is no disciplinary sanction. However, if the offence is playing the ball a second time (with or without the hand/arm) after a restart before it touches another player, the goalkeeper must be sanctioned if the offence stops a promising attack or denies an opponent or the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.

Apply discipline in an age-appropriate manner

Law 12: No “Delayed” Caution after Quick FK

Clarifies sanction on quick free kick after DOGSO/SPA offence:

Delaying the restart of play to show a card

Once the referee has decided to caution or send off a player, play must not be restarted until the sanction has been administered, unless the non-offending team takes a quick free kick, has a clear goal-scoring opportunity and the referee has not started the disciplinary sanction procedure. The sanction is administered at the next stoppage; if the offence was denying the opposing team an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, the player is cautioned; if the offence interfered with or stopped a promising attack, the player is not cautioned.

Makes downgrade of sanction for SPA offence consistent with DOGSO offence when play is restarted via quick FK

Law 12: No “Delayed” Caution after Advantage

Advantage

If the referee plays the advantage for an offence for which a caution/ sending-off would have been issued had play been stopped, this caution/ sending-off must be issued when the ball is next out of play. However, if the offence was denying the opposing team an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, the player is cautioned for unsporting behaviour; if the offence was interfering with or stopping a promising attack, the player is not cautioned.

Makes downgrade of sanction for SPA offence consistent with DOGSO offence when advantage is allowed

Law 12: FRRD Caution for Dropped Ball

Failure to respect the required distance when play restarted by a DB is now a YC:

Cautionable offences

- **failing to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a dropped ball, corner kick, free kick or throw-in**

Provides consistency with similar offences

Law 12: Caution for USB

Clarifies that USB caution may be for an offence that is not a foul:

Cautions for unsporting behaviour

- commits any other offence which interferes with or stops a promising attack, except where the referee awards a penalty kick for an offence which was an attempt to play the ball

Maintains consistency with other sections of Law 12

Law 14: The Penalty Kick

Clarifies sanctions if GK commits an offence during PK:

- the goalkeeper offends:
 - if the ball enters the goal, a goal is awarded
 - if the ball misses the goal or rebounds from the crossbar or goalpost(s), the kick is only retaken if the goalkeeper's offence clearly impacted on the kicker
 - if the ball is prevented from entering the goal by the goalkeeper, the kick is retaken

If the goalkeeper's offence results in the kick being retaken, the goalkeeper is warned for the first offence in the game and cautioned for any subsequent offence(s) in the game

Age-appropriate application!

Law 14: Both Kicker and GK Commit Offences

Clarifies sanction when both kicker and GK commit offences at same time:

- both the goalkeeper and the kicker commit an offence at the same time, the kicker is cautioned and play restarts with an indirect free kick to the defending team

IFAB rationale is that this is a rare event and usually caused by “illegal” feinting by the kicker

Law 14: Summary Table Updated

	Outcome of the penalty kick	
	Goal	No Goal
Encroachment by attacking player	Penalty is retaken	Indirect free kick
Encroachment by defending player	Goal	Penalty is retaken
Encroachment by defending and attacking player	<u>Penalty is retaken</u>	<u>Penalty is retaken</u>
Offence by goalkeeper	Goal	<u>Not saved: penalty is not retaken (unless kicker is clearly impacted)</u> <u>Saved: penalty is retaken and warning for goalkeeper; caution for any further offence(s)</u>
Goalkeeper and kicker offend at the same time	<u>Indirect free kick and caution for kicker</u>	<u>Indirect free kick and caution for kicker</u>
Ball kicked backwards	Indirect free kick	Indirect free kick
'Illegal' feinting	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker
Wrong kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for wrong kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for wrong kicker

Glossary: Holding

Holding offence

A holding offence occurs only when a player's contact with an opponent's body or equipment impedes the opponent's movement

IFAB: Football does not expect “minor” holding to be penalized.

Glossary: Restart Position

Restart position

A player's position at a restart is determined by the position of their feet or any part of their body which is touching the ground, except as outlined in Law 11

- Offside

Clarifies how to judge player position on restarts.
Impacts judgement of encroachment.
Motivated by VAR issues.

Body Language, Communication, and Whistle

Penalty kick

If the goalkeeper blatantly moves off the goal line before the ball is kicked and prevents a goal from being scored, the AR should indicate the encroachment according to the pre-match instructions from the referee.

Update to standard team mechanics on a PK

Get Familiar with Updated Laws

- Download documents from the IFAB
- Recommend using the phone app from IFAB

Updated AYSO Manuals Available

Available at aysovolunteers.org

