



## Coin Toss

### Team winning the toss now chooses to...

- Take the kick or Choose the goal to attack

## Dropped Ball

### The ball is always dropped to only one player...

- INSIDE THE PENALTY AREA: Drop the ball to the goalkeeper
- OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA: Drop the ball to One Player of the team that last touched the ball at the point of the last touch
- All other players (both teams) must be at least 4.5 yards away from where the ball is dropped
- The ball is in play when it touches the ground
- Can't score directly from a dropped ball

## Ball Hits A Referee

### Drop the ball if the ball touches a match official, stays on the field, and...

- Goes into the goal
- Team possession changes
- A promising attack starts

*\*If any of those three things happen, play stops and there is a dropped ball for the team that last touched the ball at the spot it touched the referee, UNLESS that's in the penalty area (in which case drop to the goalkeeper)*

## No Attackers In The Wall

### IF three (or more) defenders form a wall for the taking of a free kick...

- Then all attackers must be at least 1 yard from the wall until the ball is in play
- Restart for Offense is an Indirect Free Kick for the Defenders

## Penalty Kick Modifications

- Goalkeeper must keep ONE FOOT on or above the line until the ball is kicked
- Goalkeeper may not be touching goalposts/crossbar/nets
- Goalposts/crossbar/nets may not be moving

## Goal Kick & Defensive Free Kick

- Ball is in play when kicked and clearly moves
- Does NOT have to clear the penalty area
- Opponents STILL MUST be outside the penalty area when the kick is taken
- B10U WITH BUILD-OUT LINE: On a goal kick, opponents may cross BOL when ball is kicked and clearly moves

## Handling The Ball

### It is an offence (DFK/PK) if a player...

- Deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm
- Gains possession/control of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then either Scores in opponent's goal, or Creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- Scores in the opponent's goal directly from their hand/arm, even if accidental, including by the goalkeeper

### It is NOT an offence if...

- The ball touches a player's hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body unnaturally bigger
- If a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body, but not extended laterally or vertically

### Goalkeeper Offences...

- Restart if goalkeeper throws the ball directly into the opponent's goal: Goal Kick
- It remains an offense for a goalkeeper to handle the ball received directly from the goalkeeper's team throw in, or if the ball is deliberately kicked to the goal keeper by a teammate
- **New Exception:** If the goalkeeper clearly kicks or attempts to kick a throw-in or deliberate kick from a team-mate to release it into play but the 'clearance' fails, the goalkeeper then can handle the ball

## Indirect Free Kick Signal Can End Sooner

- On indirect free kicks, the referee signals that the free kick is indirect by raising one arm straight up in the air (this is not new)
- The referee may lower the arm as soon as it is clear that the ball will not enter the attack goal untouched

## Disciplinary Action Against Team Officials

### Team Officials (e.g. Coaches) may be...

- Warned, Cautioned (shown Yellow Card), Sent Off (shown Red Card)
- If the offender can't be identified, the senior coach gets the card
- Some examples of each sanction are given in Law 12
- Cards may NOT be used with parents or other spectators
- As with players, all cards issued to coaches must be reported on Matchtrak