



AMERICAN YOUTH
SOCCER ORGANIZATION

Section 7

Selected Law Changes 2019-20

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Law changes for 2019-2020

- Passed by IFAB Annual General Meeting March 2, 2019, in Aberdeen, Scotland
- Many more relevant changes for us than in previous years!
- Source: www.theifab.com
- AND there's an app for that!
- In force for AYSO on August 1, 2019

Some of the relevant changes are:

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The coin toss

- Team winning the toss now chooses to:
 - Take the kick-off OR
 - Choose the goal to attack

Disciplinary action against team officials

- Team officials (e.g. coaches) may be:
 - Warned
 - Cautioned & shown the yellow card
 - Sent off & shown the red card
- If the offender can't be identified, the senior coach gets the card
- Some examples of each sanction are given in the Laws

Dropped Ball

- One-sided dropped balls mandated!
- 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

Ball hits a match official

- 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
- WHERE it touched the match official, UNLESS that's in the penalty area (in which case drop to the goalkeeper)

“Handball offence”

- “Greater clarity is needed for handball, especially on those occasions when ‘non-deliberate’ handball is an offence.”

Handling the ball (“Handball offence”)

- 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
 - Scores in opponents’ goal
 - Creates a goal-scoring opportunity
 - Scores in the opponents’ goal directly from their hand/arm, even if accidental, including by the goalkeeper
- **EXCEPTION:** Restart if goalkeeper throws the ball directly into the opponents’ goal: Goal kick

“Usually” is a “Handball Offence” when:

- A player touches the ball with their hand/arm when:
 - The hand/arm has made their body unnaturally bigger
 - The hand/arm is above/beyond their shoulder level (unless the player deliberately plays the ball which then touches their hand/arm)

Except as noted in preceding slides, NOT “Usually” a “Handball Offence” when:

- The ball touches a player’s hand/arm directly from their own head, body, or foot or
- The head, body, or foot of another player who is close
- 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

IFK for All Verbal Offences

If the ball is in play and a player commits a physical offence inside the field of play against:

- an opponent – indirect or direct free kick or penalty kick
- a team-mate, substitute, substituted or sent-off player, team official or a match official – a direct free kick or penalty kick
- any other person – a dropped ball

All verbal offences are penalised with an indirect free kick.

Handling the ball (Goalkeeper offences)

- If the goalkeeper attempts to 'clear' (release into play) a throw-in or deliberate kick from a team-mate but the 'clearance' fails, the goalkeeper then can handle the ball
- Clarifies no disciplinary action for a goalkeeper handling the ball within their own penalty area when not permitted to do so

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 yd from the wall until the ball is in play
- RESTART FOR OFFENCE: Indirect free kick for the defenders

Penalty kick modifications

- Goalkeeper must keep ONE FOOT on or above the line until the ball is kicked
- PK taker, if assessed quickly for injury, does not have to leave & can take the kick
- 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 (AYSO NR&R)

Quick free kick

- Referee can allow quick free kick after YC/RC offense IF attacking team has a clear goal-scoring opportunity AND the referee has not started the disciplinary sanction procedure
- The sanction (card) is administered at the next stoppage
- YC (caution) and not RC (sendoff) if this is a DOGSO situation

Other changes

- All opponents must stand at least 2m (2 yds) from the point at which on the touchline where the throw-in is to be (should have been) taken.
- Substituted player **must** leave from the nearest point on the boundary line, unless directed by referee.
- Still a caution for “illegal” celebration after a goal even if the goal is disallowed
- Difference between “cooling” breaks (90 sec-3 min) and “drinks” breaks (max 1 min)
- Multicolored or patterned undershirts allowed if they match the sleeve of the main shirt

What does this all mean for AYSO?

- Let's WORK WITH other AYSO Team members (coaches, referees, administrators, spectators) to ease the transition
- Let's not go crazy!

Thank you!

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