

LAW 10 – Method of Scoring



GOAL SCORED

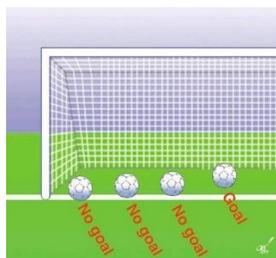
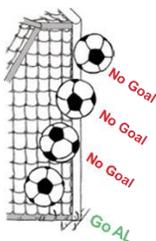
- Except as otherwise provided by these Laws, a goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the cross bar.
- A goal shall not be awarded if the goalkeeper throws the ball directly into the opponent's goal.
- A goal shall not be awarded if it is the result of an offense by the attacking team.
- A goal shall not be awarded if the ball touches the Referee or Assistant Referee and then goes directly into the goal, as defined in **Law 9**.

WINNING TEAM

- The team scoring more goals shall be the winner.
- If both teams score an equal number of goals, or if no goals are scored, the game shall be a draw.

BALL POSITION

- A goal may not ever be allowed if the whole of the ball has not crossed the goal line.



REFEREE DECISION

- The Referee may not award a goal unless in a position to observe and be certain that the ball has completely crossed the goal-line.
- The Referee should award a goal if an Assistant Referee is in such a position and signals that fact to the Referee.

INTERFERENCE BY SUBSTITUTE OR TEAM OFFICIAL

- If the ball touches a substitute or team official, who has come onto the field-of-play without the Referee's permission, play shall be stopped.
- A goal **may be allowed** if the ball
 - does not change direction,
 - continues on into the goal, and
 - the interference does not prevent a defender from being able to play the ball.
- A goal **shall not be allowed** if it never enters the goal.
- A goal **shall not be allowed** if the ball enters the opponent's goal.
- The game shall be restarted with a direct free kick (DFK) or penalty kick (PK) depending upon where the interference occurred.

OUTSIDE AGENT INTERFERENCE

- If the ball is stopped by an "outside agent" play shall be stopped.
- An "outside agent" is defined as anyone not listed as a player, substitute or team official on the team's roster.
- A ball, any other object or an animal (i.e. a dog) are also considered to be "outside agents."
- The game shall be restarted appropriately in accordance with **Law 8**, at the place where the ball touched the "outside agent".
- The Referee or Assistant Referees are not "outside agents"



- A goal **may be allowed** (even when contact is made with the ball) if the ball
 - Is going into the goal, and
 - does not change direction, and
 - the interference does not prevent a defender from being able to play the ball.
- A goal **shall not be allowed** if the ball's direction is changed causing it to enter the goal.
- A goal **shall not be allowed** if the ball that touches an "outside agent" never enters the goal.