



STUDY GUIDE FOR RECERTIFICATION TESTING

2017

Summary of Law Changes (short form – read and clarify with your own study any points that do not make sense)
(additional questions can be submitted to the State Director of Instruction)

LAW 1 – THE FIELD OF PLAY

Artificial turf may be used for the lines on a grass field if not dangerous

LAW 3 – THE PLAYERS

National FAs can allow a maximum of five substitutions (except at the top level)

National FAs can now allow return substitutions in youth, veterans and disability football

Clearer wording for the substitution procedure

A substitution made at half-time without informing referee is not a caution (YC) offence

Changing the goalkeeper at half-time without informing the referee is not a caution (YC)

Player who enters the field of play without the referee's permission (if it is required) and interferes is punished with a direct free kick (FK)

Team scoring a goal with an extra person on the field is punished with a direct FK

LAW 4 – THE PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

Goalkeeper caps are not included in the list of restrictions on head covers

Players are not permitted to wear/use any electronic or communication equipment, except electronic performance and tracking systems/EPTS); technical staff may only use communication equipment for safety/welfare issues

All EPTS equipment must bear a minimum safety standard mark

LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

Important statement that decisions made by match officials must always be respected

National FAs can allow temporary dismissals (sin bins) for some/all cautions (YC) in youth, veterans, disability and grassroots football (Guidelines for both systems will be published)

A medical official guilty of a dismissible offence may stay/treat players if no other medical person is available for the team

LAW 7 – THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

A short drinks break is permitted at half-time of extra time

LAW 8 – THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

Kicker can stand in the opponents' half at the kick-off

LAW 10 – DETERMINING THE OUTCOME OF A MATCH

Extra time must be two equal periods, maximum 15 minutes each

Kicks from the penalty mark (KFPM)

Corrected wording for goalkeeper who is unable to continue

Excluded player may replace a goalkeeper even if team has used all its permitted substitutes

Kicker may not play the ball a second time

A goalkeeper who offends and the penalty has to be retaken must be cautioned (YC)

If the kicker offends the kick is forfeited (recorded as 'missed')

If the goalkeeper and kicker offend at the same time:

Retake and two cautions (YCs) if no goal is scored

If a goal is scored the kicker is cautioned (YC) and kick recorded as 'missed'

LAW 11 – OFFSIDE

An offside player can be penalized if the ball rebounds/deflects off a match official

Addition of 'attempts to' to the definition of a 'save'

Offside guidance:

Player in offside position who impedes an opponent must be penalized

A player in offside position who is fouled before committing an offside offence – foul penalized

Player in offside position who is fouled when already committing an offside offence – offside penalized

LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Verbal offences are punished with an indirect FK

If an advantage is played for a sending-off (RC) and the player commits another offence, that offence is penalized

A player 'stopping a promising attack' in the penalty area is not cautioned (YC) if the offence was an attempt to play the ball

Addition to list of cautions (YCs) for a 'denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity' (DOGSO) offence in the penalty area which was an attempt to play the ball

Caution (YC) for goal celebration which causes safety/ security issue

If player moves diagonally to pass the last defender/goalkeeper this can still be a DOGSO

Clearer DOGSO wording for a penalty area offence which is an attempt to play the ball

Entering the field of play without permission and stopping a goal or DOGSO is a sending off

Off-field offence by/against a player involving opposing player/substitute/team official (or against a match official) is penalized by FK on the boundary line if the ball is in play

Direct FK for throwing or kicking ball/object onto the field to interfere with play/someone

Direct FK on boundary line for throwing or kicking ball/object at someone off the field

LAW 13 – FREE KICKS

Attacker in or entering the penalty area before a defensive FK has left the area cannot play or challenge for the ball until it has been touched by another player

LAW 14 – THE PENALTY KICK

Kicker must be clearly identified

If the goalkeeper and kicker offend at the same time:

Retake and two cautions (YCs) if no goal is scored

If a goal is scored the kicker is cautioned (YC) and kick recorded as 'missed' (see Law 10)

Goal can be awarded after outside interference if the ball still goes in the goal

LAW 16 – THE GOAL KICK

Attacker entering the penalty area cannot play or challenge for the ball until it is touched by another player

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF STUDY:

If two players from the same team, enter the field while the ball is in play and get in a fight, what do you as a referee do?

If handling is committed from a throw-in, can there be a DOGSO? If so, how?

If an attacker doesn't like the referee's decision and decides to punch the referee while on the field of play, what do you as a referee do?

What are the mandatory times you, as the referee, must use your whistle?

What action can a referee take toward a team official that is acting inappropriately?

Outline the restarts and locations of the ball when there are offenses on a penalty kick execution. For the attacker, for the defenders and for both at the same time.

What are the requirements to award a caution for dissent? When does it move to foul and abusive? What is the restart for any of these conditions?

What is the requirement stated for when a referee can display either yellow or red cards?

What is the restart if a defender and a goalkeeper attempt to circumvent the law by using trickery on a restart?

What determines the restart if there are simultaneous fouls by players of the same team?



SEE NEXT PAGE FOR RESTARTS!

DIRECT FREE KICKS				
Charges, jumps at, kicks or attempts to kick, pushes, strikes or attempts to strike, tackles or challenges, trips or attempts to trip	Stop play. Free kick taken from the point of the offence.		Takes appropriate disciplinary action if reckless or excessive force is used.	
Handles the ball deliberately, holds an opponent, impedes an opponent with contact, spits at an opponent	Stop play. Free kick taken from the point of the offence.		Takes appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	
Extra person on the field of play (team official, substitute, substituted or sent off player)	Only If play is stopped because of interference. Restart from point of interference	No interference, remove person at next stoppage.	Take appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	If offence occurred in penalty area, penalty kick
Ball in play inside field of play, offence committed against opponent	Stop play and restart with DFK from where offence occurred		Take appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	If offence occurred in penalty area, penalty kick
Ball in play inside field of play, offence committed against teammate, substitute, substituted or sent off player, team official or match official	Stop play and restart from where offence occurred.		Take appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	If offence occurred in penalty area, penalty kick.
Ball in play and offence outside field of play, committed against a match official, opposing player, substitute, substituted or sent off player or team official	Stop play. Restart play with DFK on boundary line nearest to where offence or interference occurred.		Take appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	If offence occurred in penalty area, penalty kick
Ball in play and offence outside field of play by substitute, substituted or sent off player or team official	Stop play. Restart play with DFK on boundary line nearest to where offence or interference occurred		Take appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	If offence occurred in penalty area, penalty kick
Player standing on or off field throws an object at an opposing player, substitute, substituted or sent off player, team official or match official	On field of play. Stop play. Restart play from the position where the object struck or would have struck the person or the ball	Off field of play, restart is taken on the nearest point on the boundary line	Take appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	If offence occurred in penalty area, penalty kick.

DIRECT FREE KICKS				
Substitute, substituted or sent off player, player temporarily of the field of play or team official throws or kicks an object on field of play and it interferes with play, an opponent or match official	Stop play. Restart where the object interfered with play or struck or would have struck opponent or match official		Take appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	If offence occurred in penalty area, penalty kick.
Player requiring permission to re-enter, re-enters.	If interferes with play, stop play and restart from where ball was when play stopped	No interference, allow play to continue until next stoppage	Caution player if play is stopped immediately or at next stoppage	
Extra player scores a goal.	If observed before restart, disallow the goal. Restart from position of extra person	If match restarted, goal is good. Remove extra player	Take appropriate disciplinary action if necessary	
INDIRECT FREE KICKS				
Extra person on the field and not interference	Remove person and restart where ball was when play was stopped			
Player re-entering without permission and does not interfere.	Stop play. Restart where ball was when play was stopped		Caution the player.	
Player leave field without permission and does not interfere	Stop play. Restart where ball was when play was stopped		Caution the player	
Any other offence not covered by direct free kick or penalty kick	Play restarted from where ball was when play was stopped			