

Points of Emphasis

1. Wearable Technology
2. Coaching and Team Area Decorum
3. Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity (DOGSO)
4. Substitutions



Rules Revisions

1. Once the referee stops the clock and beckons medical professional or coach onto the field, the player must leave the field of play. If a medical professional or coach is not beckoned on, the player does not have to leave the field.
2. A player should re-enter the game from the official area at midfield.
3. Players should exit the field from the bench side when the substitute(s) is beckoned on by the referee unless the player(s) is unable to do so because of an injury.
4. New rule defines how wearable technology may be worn.
5. Criteria has been added for deliberately playing the ball when determining an offside infraction.
6. Definitions have been developed for "careless and reckless fouls" and "excessive force."
7. Neither accidental nor deliberate contact with the hand/arm results in a goal.
8. Language has been added to clarify goalkeeper handling not permitted outside and inside the penalty area.
9. Criteria has been added that must be present for "Denying an Obvious Goal-Scoring Opportunity" infraction to be called.

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