



MEMORANDUM

Laws of the Game 2006



**2006 Annual General Meeting
International Football Association Board
(IFAB)**

**Amendments to the Laws of the Game
Instructions and Directives**

LAW 4 – The Players' Equipment

New Text Referees are expected to enforce this requirement strictly

The basic compulsory equipment of a player **comprised the following separate items:**

Explanation:

Excludes so-called “one-piece” uniforms (shorts joined with jersey)

LAW 10 – Method of Scoring

New Text:

When competition rules require there to be a winning team after a match **or home-and-away tie has been drawn, only the following procedures**

Reason:

Technical change, expands types of ties that may need to be broken

LAW 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

New Text (Cautionable Offenses):

5. Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick **or throw-in**

Reason:

A caution for failing to be at least two yards from the thrower must be reported as “fails to respect the required distance”

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These forms of misconduct are the same as those listed for players and should be implemented the same way

These are the **ONLY** permissible reasons for cautioning a substitute or substituted player

of the following three offenses:

- 1. is guilty of unsporting behavior**
- 2. shows dissent by word or action**
- 3. delays the restart of play**

As with the prior change, this new language confirms that substitutes and substituted players can also be sent off, shown the red card, and are required to leave the field.

New (Send-Off Offenses):

A player, substitute or substituted player is sent off and shown the red card if he commits

However, although all seven send-off offenses are assumed relevant to substitutes, USSF referees who red card a substitute or substituted player for any form of violence should use “violent conduct” as the reason

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The additional language confirms that the location of the restart is where the infringement occurred

New Text:

The player taking the penalty kick infringes the Laws of the Game:

- If the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and restarts the match with an indirect free kick, **from the place where the infringement occurred**, to the defending team

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A teammate of the player taking the kick **infringes the Laws of the Game:**

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A team mate of the goalkeeper **infringes the Laws of the Game:**

LAW 17 – The Corner Kick

Procedure

New Text:

- Opponents remain at least 9.15 m (10 yds) **from the corner arc until the ball is in play**

Reason:

Consistency with Law 1 (sets the minimum distance regardless of where the ball is placed)

Additional Instructions

Delaying the restart of play (new bullet point 6)

Referees must caution players who delay the restart of play by tactics such as:

[List of five specific actions]

- Provoking a confrontation by deliberately touching the ball after the referee has stopped play**

Referees should anticipate this behavior and make every effort to prevent it

• **Provoking a confrontation by deliberately**

Referees should consider a caution if, in their opinion, the player's action is:

- disputed by opponents
- performed in a provocative manner
 - persists despite the referee's instructions
 - likely to lead to a confrontation

when it is not their restart

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**Amendments to the Laws of the Game
will take effect as of **June 1, 2006**
(in time for the World Cup)**

**The additional instruction is in effect
immediately**