

# LAW CHANGES 2020

## COIN TOSS

The team that wins the toss  
can now choose to kick off  
(or the direction they will  
run in the first half)



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## INTERCHANGE

Players will now leave at the nearest point on the boundary lines unless:

- It is quick to leave at halfway
- It is unsafe/unsecure to leave
- Because of injury

Failure to comply is a Yellow Card

Interchange players who refuse to leave are not punished by a Yellow, the game will just restart (unless they are doing it to waste time).



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## DROP BALLS

If play is stopped and a dropped ball is needed:

- Ball is always dropped for the Goalkeeper if play was stopped in the penalty area
- Otherwise the ball is dropped for the team who last touched it

In both cases all players of **both** teams must be at least 4m away

If the ball hits the ref and:

- Goes directly in the goal
  - Any promising attack starts
  - Possession changes
- a drop ball is given.



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## GOAL KICKS & FREE KICKS INSIDE THE PA

For the defending team in their own Penalty Area, the ball is in play as soon as it is kicked and moved.

Players from the other team need to leave, remain outside until the ball is kicked and moved, and if the kick is taken quickly, they cannot touch the ball until after they have left the PA.

Under 12s + 13s - 25m rules still apply

*(Don't try tricks to take advantage of this change - It's a retake.)*



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## QUICK FKS

Referees who give a free kick in an attacking position and decide to caution or send off the offender, may allow a quick free kick if there is a goal scoring opportunity and then come back and complete the caution or send off after the ball goes out.



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## WALLS

When a defensive wall has three or more players, attackers must be 1m away from the wall. Indirect Free Kick if they encroach.



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## HANDBALL PART 1

### ATTACKERS

FK if they score a goal with their hand or arm, or set up a goal scoring opportunity with their hand or arm, even if accidental



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## HANDBALL PART 2

### HAND TO BALL

FK if the hand or arm plays the ball – this has not changed



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## HANDBALL PART 3

### HAND OR ARM HIGH

FK if the ball hits a hand or arm raised above or level with their shoulders or raised while sliding EXCEPT if they were last to play it



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## HANDBALL PART 4

### HANDS/ARM LOW & AWAY FROM BODY

FK if the ball hits their hand or arm and it is away from the body EXCEPT if:

- They were the last to play it
- Ball comes directly from close
- They are sliding and it hits the arm supporting their body weight and that arm is not extended away from body



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## COACHES

If a member of the coaching staff is guilty of misconduct and the offender cannot be identified, the senior coach in the technical area at the time will receive the YC/RC



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## PEN TAKERS

If an offence occurs after the ref has signalled for the kick to be taken BUT it has not been taken, the kick is stopped, the sanction given and the kick then taken.

If a penalty kick is awarded and the team's penalty taker was injured in the foul, they can receive treatment and then stay on the field and take the penalty (even if not a YC)



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## PEN SAVERS

Goalposts, crossbars and nets must not be moving when the penalty is taken and the goalkeeper must not be touching them.

Goalkeepers must have at least part of one foot on or above the goal line when the penalty is taken.

GKs cannot stand behind the goal line.

*(If the GK breaks one of these and the goal is missed, it is a YC – if scored then only the goal is given)*

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## GOALKEEPERS

Goalkeepers can no longer score by throwing the ball into an Opponent's goal

*(They can still score own goals by throwing it backwards)*



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## PASS BACK

On a throw-in or deliberate pass from a teammate, if the goalkeeper unsuccessfully tries to kick the ball into play, the goalkeeper can then pick up the ball (even if an air swing)



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## THROW INS

Opponents must be at least 2m from the point where the throw in is to be taken even if the thrower is back from the line

*(But if the thrower throws it at the defender with excessive force, it is still a send off)*



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Yellow cards for illegal celebrations stand even if the goal is disallowed



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