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Amendments to the Laws of the Game 2009/2010



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The 123rd Annual General Meeting of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) took place in Northern Ireland on 28 February 2009. The amendments to the Laws of the Game approved at this meeting and the various instructions follow.



Law 1 – The Field of Play

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Law 1 – The Field of Play

Current Text

Matches may be played on natural artificial surfaces, according to the rules of the competition.

The colour of artificial surfaces must be green.

Where artificial surfaces are used in either competition matches between representative teams of member associations affiliated to FIFA or international club competition matches, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept for Artificial Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard, unless special dispensation is given by FIFA.

New Text

Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces, according to the rules of the competition.

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Law 11 – Offside

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Law 11 - Offside

*Interpretation of the Laws of the Game and
Guidelines for Referees*

Current Text

New Text

When an offside offence occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to be taken from the position of the offending player when the ball was last played to him by one of his team mates.

If a defending player steps behind his own goal line in order to place an opponent in an offside position, the referee must allow play to continue and caution the defender for deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission when the ball is next out of play.

When an offside offence occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to be taken from the position of the offending player when the ball was last played to him by one of his team mates.

Any defending player leaving the field of play for any reason without the referee's permission shall be considered to be on his own goal line or touch line for the purposes of offside until the next stoppage in play. If the player leaves the field of play deliberately, he must be cautioned when the ball is next out of play.



Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match or Home-And-Away

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Kicks from the Penalty Mark

Current Text

If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than their opponents, they must reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded.

New Text

If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than their opponents, it must reduce its number to equate with that of its opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded.

Any player thus excluded may not participate in kicks from the penalty mark.



The Technical Area

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The Technical Area

Current Text

- only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions and he must return to his position after giving these instructions
- the coach and the other officials must remain within its confines except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player
- the coach and other occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner

New Text

- **only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the technical area**
- the coach and other officials must remain within its confines except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player
- the coach and other occupants of the technical area **must** behave in a responsible manner



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Reminder to referees

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Referees are reminded that Law 5 states that the referee must stop the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured.

Implementation

The decision of this year's Annual General Meeting of the Board regarding changes to the Laws of the Game are binding for confederations and member association as from 1 July 2009 but confederations or member associations whose current season has not ended by 1 July may delay the introduction of the adopted alterations to the Laws of the Game in their competitions until the beginning of their next season.



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Serious Foul Play



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Basic Requirements of a Foul

- “Careless” means that the player has shown a lack of attention or consideration when making a challenge or that he acted with out precaution
- Careless = free-kick only



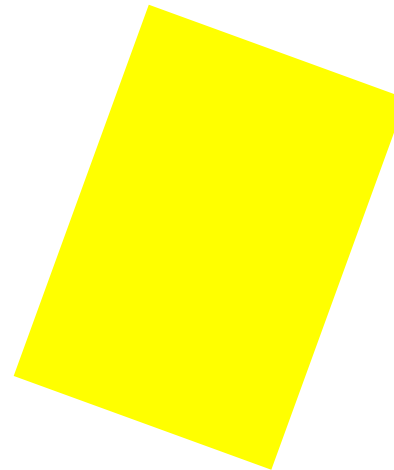
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Basic Requirements of a Foul

- “Reckless” means that the player has acted with complete disregard to the danger to, or consequence for, his opponent
- Reckless = caution





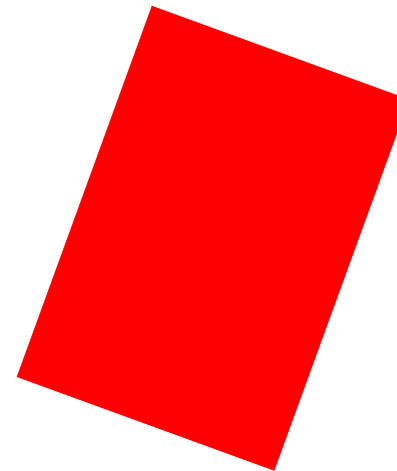
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Basic Requirements of a Foul

- “Using excessive force” means that the player has far exceeded the necessary use of force and is in danger of injuring his opponent
- Excessive force = red card





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Serious Foul Play

- A player is guilty of serious foul play if he uses excessive force or brutality against an opponent when challenging for the ball when it is in play
- Any player who lunges at an opponent in challenging for the ball from the front, from the side or from behind using one or both legs, with excessive force and endangering the safety of an opponent is guilty of serious foul play



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Assessing serious foul play

- Element of malice or intent
- Speed of the player's actions (intensity)
- Tackler's chances of playing the ball
- Is the safety of his opponent endangered?



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Incident One



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- Assessing the nature of the first challenge
- Assessing the nature of the second challenge
- Managing confrontation
- Team-work



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Incident One

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Managing Confrontation

- Instigators
- Players who have inflamed the incident
- Minimum of one caution per team
- Do not forget to get the player that caused the incident
- If assistants, teamwork and pre-match instructions



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Incident Two



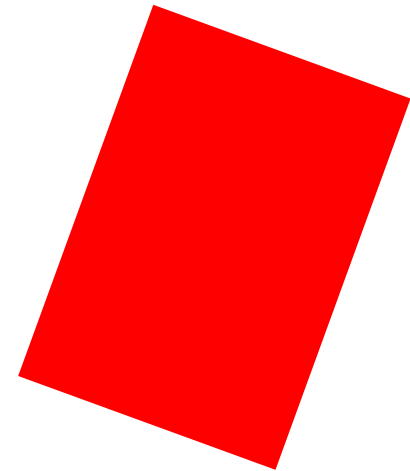
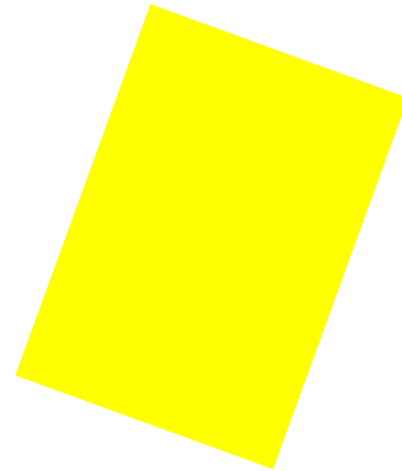
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Incident Two

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Illegal Use of Arm and Elbow

- Positioning
- Concentration
- Courage
- Tool
- Weapon





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Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity



Goal Scoring Opportunity

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- Position on the field
- Control of the ball
- Position of opponents
- Opportunity to have a clear shot on goal

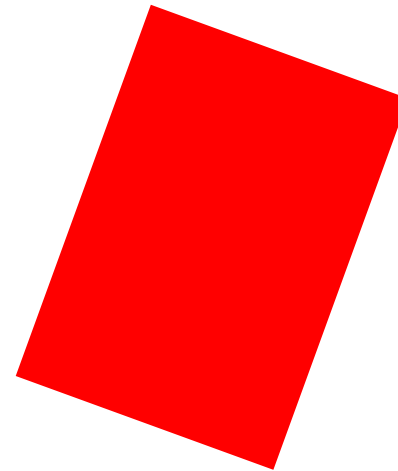
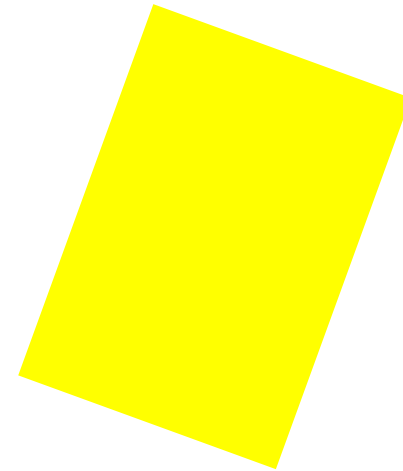


Goal Scoring Opportunity

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- Promising attacking move =
- Obvious goal scoring opportunity =





Goal Scoring Opportunity

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Getting the decision correct

- Positioning: optimum viewing angle
- Awareness
- Anticipation
- Concentration



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Good luck for the season!



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