

REFEREE DEVELOPMENT



MEMORANDUM

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**FUTSAL LAWS OF THE GAME
2014/2015**

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

At its meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, a sub-committee of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) approved the following amendments, instructions and directives (**additions are in blue**):

LAW 3 – THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Substitution Procedure

A substitution may be made at any time, whether the ball is in play or not. To replace a player with a substitute, the following conditions must apply:

- The player enters the pitch **via his own team's** substitution zone
- The substitution is completed when the substitute enters the pitch via **his own team's** substitution zone, **after passing the bib to the player being replaced unless this player is leaving the pitch via another zone for any reason provided for in the Laws of the Game, in which case the substitute shall pass the bib to the third referee**

NZF Advice to Referees

- *The use of a bib to control the substitution procedure has simplified the procedure and helped reduce the number of yellow cards. Players are no longer permitted to throw the bib in the air to gain a couple of metres advantage when substituting.*

Infringements and Sanctions

If a substitute enters the pitch by infringing the substitution procedure or causes his team to be playing with an extra player, the referees must:

- Stop play, although not immediately if the advantage can be applied
 - **Send him off if he denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity. In addition to the substitute sent off, another of the players must leave the pitch so his team is playing with one player less, as specified in Law 3 "Players and substitutes sent off."**
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LAW 8 – THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

Infringements and Sanctions

The ball is dropped again at the same place where it was dropped the first time:

- If it is touched by a player before it makes contact with the ground

- **If the ball leaves the pitch after it makes contact with the ground without a player touching it**
- If any infringement is committed before the ball makes contact with the ground

If a player, after the ball has made contact with the ground, kicks it once directly towards one of the goals and:

- The ball goes directly into the opponent's goal, a goal clearance is awarded
- The ball goes directly into the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team

If a player, after the ball has made contact with the ground, kicks the ball repeatedly towards one of the goals and:

- **The ball enters one of the goals, a goal is awarded**

PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF A MATCH OR HOME AND AWAY

Extra time

Competition rules may provide for two further equal periods, not exceeding **three or five minutes** each, to be played. The conditions of Law 8 will apply. **The competition regulations must state the precise duration of the two periods of extra time.**

Procedure

- Subject to the conditions below, both teams take **three five** kicks

NZF Advice to Referees

- *This gives competition organisers flexibility in extra time*
- *The change to the procedure reduces the time of a Futsal match*

INTERPRETATION OF THE FUTSAL LAWS OF THE GAME AND GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES

LAW 4 – THE PLAYERS’ EQUIPMENT

When protective headgear is used, it must:

- Be either black or the same colour as the main colour of the shirt (provided players from the same team are wearing the same colour)
- Be in keeping with the professional appearance of the player’s equipment
- Be separate from the shirt
- Be secure and not pose any risk for the player wearing it or for any other play (e.g. with a fastening around the neck);
- Not have any protuberances

LAW 12 – FOULS & MISCONDUCT

Offences committed against goalkeepers

Restart of play

- If play was stopped because of an offence committed against the goalkeeper as specified in the above paragraph and the referees cannot apply the advantage rule, thereby stopping play, play will be restarted with an indirect free kick from the position where the offence occurred, except if the attacker jumped at, charged or pushed the goalkeeper...

LAW 15 – THE KICK-IN

Procedures - infringements

If the ball enters the opponents’ goal directly from a kick-in, the referees must award a goal clearance.

If the ball enters the taker’s own goal directly from a kick-in, the referees must award a corner kick.

If the ball does not enter the pitch from a kick-in, the referees shall order a player from the opposing team to take it.

NZF Advice to Referees

- *If the ball does not enter the pitch the kick-in has not been completed correctly within 4 seconds*

Use of cameras and/or microphones by referees for distribution purposes

Such devices are not permitted.