

Selected IFAB Law Changes 2019-20

1. **The coin toss (Law 8)** — Team winning the toss chooses: Take the kick-off OR which goal to attack.
2. **Disciplinary action against team officials (Laws 5 and 12)** — Team officials (i.e., coaches) may be warned, shown a yellow card for a caution, or shown a red card for a sending-off. If offending team official cannot be identified, the senior coach receives the sanction. See Law 12 for lists of possible offenses.
3. **Dropped ball (Law 8)** — The ball is dropped to a SINGLE player in all cases. All other players from both teams must be at least 4.5 yards away. Who is ball dropped to and where?
 - IF, when play was stopped, the ball was INSIDE the penalty area or was LAST TOUCHED in the penalty area, drop the ball to the defending team goalkeeper.
 - OTHERWISE, drop the ball TO ONE PLAYER of the team that last touched the ball. Location: at the point of the last touch by a player, outside agent, or match official.
4. **Ball hits a match official (Law 9)** — Play is restarted with a dropped ball if the ball touches a match official, stays on the field, AND one of the following happens: a promising attack starts OR the ball goes directly into the goal OR team possession changes.
5. **Handling the ball (“handball offence”) (Law 12—read for more details)** — It is an offence if a player:
 - Deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm (no change).
 - Gains possession/control of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm—accidentally or deliberately—AND THEN scores in the opponent’s goal OR creates a goal-scoring opportunity.
 - Scores in the opponent’s goal directly from their hand/arm, even if accidental.
6. **Goalkeeper handling change (Law 12)** — On a throw-in or deliberate kick from a player to their goalkeeper, if the goalkeeper clearly kicks or attempts to kick the ball BUT the ‘clearance’ fails, the goalkeeper then can handle the ball.
7. **No attackers in wall of 3 or more defenders (Law 13)** — If three or more defenders form a wall for the taking of a free kick, then all attackers must be at least one yard from the wall until the ball is in play. Restart for the offence: Indirect free kick for the defending team.
8. **Penalty kick modification (Law 14)** — The goalkeeper must keep ONE FOOT on or above the line until the ball is kicked.
9. **Defensive free kicks within a team’s own penalty area and goal kicks (Laws 13 and 16)** — The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves. The ball does not have to leave the penalty area to be in play.

PDI changes in 9-10U, [National Rules & Regulations, June 2019](#)

- On a goal kick, opponents may cross the build-out line when the ball is in play: when it is kicked and clearly moves. If opponents cross before the ball is in play and interfere, retake the goal kick.
- On goalkeeper possession, if opponents cross the build-out line before the ball is released and interfere, an indirect free kick is awarded to goalkeeper’s team at the build-out line.