

Checklist For Key Changes To 2016-17 Laws Of The Game

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Restarts	
Kickoffs	Ball can move in any direction
Free Kicks	Ball is in play when it is kicked and <i>clearly</i> moves
Dropped Ball	Goal cannot be scored until ball touches <i>two</i> players
Offense by player leaving field as part of play	Direct free kick or PK at nearest touchline or goal line
Substitute/ team official on the field interferes with play	Direct free kick or PK
Offside	Restart is where offside player touches ball or interferes with defender (even in own half)
Fouls	
Foul with contact	Direct free kick (including impeding)
Now includes:	Direct free kick (or PK) for offenses inside the field of play against substitutes, team officials, or referees while ball in play
Misconduct	
Before the Match	No cards are shown until referee enters field to start the match. Players can be sent off before match. Other misconduct included in match report but is not a first caution.
Player injured	May stay on field for treatment if minor injury & card shown to opponent
DOGSO	Yellow card shown for DOGSO if penalty kick awarded, unless: (1) foul is holding, pulling or pushing; (2) foul itself is red card (i.e., VC/SFP); or (3) player does not attempt to or has no possibility to challenge for the ball
Violent Conduct	Attempted violent conduct is red card even if no contact is made Striking on head/face when not challenging for the ball (unless force used is negligible)
After Advantage on Red Card Offense	If offender gets involved in play, stop play, send off, and IFK to opponent.
Substitute	Caution reported as Entering Field Without Permission
Penalty Kicks	
Keeper infringes	If ball does not enter the goal, YC to keeper, PK retaken.
Kicker infringes	IFK if: (1) wrong player takes the kick (cautioned); (2) if ball is kicked backwards; (3) feint when kicker reaches the ball (cautioned).
Both teams infringe	Retake unless player commits more serious offense (illegal feint)
Offside	Defender off the field of play is not considered for offside position after: (a) defending team has played the ball toward the halfway line and (b) ball is outside their penalty area.
KFTPM	
First coin toss	Decides which goal to be used
Equal number of players	Reduce to equate during all phases of KFTPM