

# 2000 Law Changes



United States Soccer Federation

## Law 1 – The Field of Play

*There shall be no advertising of any kind within the technical area or within one metre from the touch line and outside the field play on the ground. Further, no advertising shall be allowed in the area between the goal line and the goal nets.*

## Law 3 – The Number of Players

*In other matches, **substitutes** may be used provided that*

- the teams concerned reach an agreement on a maximum number
- the referee is informed before the match

## Law 3 – continued

The coach may convey tactical instructions  
... *and he must return to his position  
immediately after giving these instructions.*

# Law 6 - The Assistant Referees

## Additional Duties:

Two assistant referees are appointed whose duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are to indicate:

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• *when offences have been committed whenever the assistants are closer to the action than the referee (this includes, in particular circumstances, offences committed in the penalty area)*

# Law 6 - The Assistant Referees

## Additional Duties:

Two assistant referees are appointed whose duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are to indicate:

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*whether, at penalty kicks, the goalkeeper has moved forward before the ball has been kicked and if the ball has crossed the line*

## Law 6 - continued

### Assistance:

The assistant referees also assist the referee to control the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game. *In particular, they may enter the field of play to help control the 9.15 m distance.*

## Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following five offences:

- *Takes more than six seconds while controlling the ball with his hands before releasing it from his possession*



## Law 12 - continued

### **New Text:**

Sending-off offences no. 6:

- *uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures*

## Kicks from the Penalty Mark

### **New bullet points:**

*When a team finishes the match with a greater number of players than their opponents, they shall reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. The team captain has this responsibility.*

## Kicks from the Penalty Mark

*Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the referee shall ensure that only an equal number of players from each team remain within the centre circle and they shall take the kicks.*

# Fourth Official

## Amendments to bullet points:

The Fourth Official assists the referee at all times. *He must indicate to the referee when the wrong player is cautioned because of mistaken identity or when a player is not sent off having been seen to be given a second caution or when violent conduct occurs out of the view of the referee and assistant referees. The referee, however, retains the authority to decide on all points connected with play.*

## Other Actions

Referees must be prepared to take action against a player(s) entering the penalty area before a penalty kick is taken. According to the Laws of the Game it is not necessary to caution a player guilty of this offence but the referee must be prepared to order the kick to be re-taken in appropriate circumstances.