



WFA – Changes to Laws of the Game for 2007/08 Season



Page	Section	Alteration	Reason
11	Basic Equipment	Inserted 'A clear and visible number'.	Requirement for players to display a playing number during competitive play
20	Kick Off Procedure	Changed 'when the ball has been kicked and played forward' to when the ball has been kicked and moved'.	Allows for the ball to be played backwards as well as forwards from a centre spot kick off.
21	Set Ball Procedure	Changed 'A player from each team comes within 1m of but not in contact with the ball' to 'One player from each team comes no closer than 1 metre from the ball'.	Removed ability of players to come right next to the ball effectively blocking all opportunities.
32	Penalty Kicks Procedures	Remove the word 'forward' from the procedure.	If a penalty kick does not travel forward i.e. in the case of a mis-kick etc, play continues
33	Penalty Kicks - Infringements/Sanctions	Changed 'if the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and restarts the match with an indirect free kick to the defending team, at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred' to 'if the ball does not enter the goal, the referee stops play and restarts the match with an indirect free kick to the defending team, at the point where the infringement occurred'	Removed wording as needs to be, if possible, at the same spot at infringement.
35	Kick in Procedure	Removed the word 'forward'	Allows for the ball to not necessarily have to travel in a forward direction from a kick in.
36	Goal Kick Procedure	Changed 'Opponents remain at least 5m away until the ball is in play unless they are on their goal line' to 'Opponents remain at least 5m away until the ball is in play'	Unnecessary as opponents on their own goal line will be over 20m away

38	Kicks from the Penalty Mark procedure	Deleted the statement 'All players listed on the team sheet are eligible to participate'	Direct contradiction to another law in same section
38	Kicks from the Penalty Mark procedure	Removed the statement 'in the same order' from the regulation concerning who takes the penalties.	Allows for tactical play within penalty shoot outs after the players have taken their first kick
39	Kicks from the Penalty Mark Procedure	Added in 'or suffers from technical failure' to the regulation concerning the goal keeper.	Allows for substitution of a goal keeper if their chair suffers a failure