

Laws of the Game Change Summary - 2023-24

There are only a few changes to the Laws of the Game for this season that affect most BAYS games, and referees should have reviewed these in their courses.

For the full text of the recent changes to the Laws of the Game (LOTG) with interpretations and explanations please see the [IFAB Laws of the Game Changes](#)

Full BAYS league playing rules can be found here: [Playing Rules and Regulations for BAYS Soccer Competition](#)

BAYS Playing Rules

IFAB Laws of the Game

Law 1. Players

When a goal is scored with an extra player on the field, it counts unless the extra player is involved in the play.

Law 6. Other Officials

4th official can assist the referee like any other “on-field” match official.

Law 7. Duration of Match

Time can be added to the end of the game for these reasons: substitutions, assessment and/or removal of injured players, wasting time, disciplinary sanctions, medical stoppages permitted by competition rules e.g. ‘drinks’ breaks (which should not exceed one minute) and ‘cooling’ breaks (ninety seconds to three minutes), goal celebrations, any other cause, including any significant delay to a restart (e.g. due to interference by an outside agent).

Law 10. Determining the Outcome of a Match

“Kicks from the penalty mark” are now just called “Penalties” or “Penalty Shoot Out”.
Warnings and Cards are not carried forward into this phase of the game.

Law 11 Offsides

Clarification on what a deliberate play is. “*‘Deliberate play’ is when a player has control of the ball with the possibility of:

- Passing the ball to a team-mate
- Gaining possession of the ball
- Clearing the ball

- If the defender touches the ball as they try to pass, attempt to gain possession or clear the ball, this does not negate the fact that the player 'deliberately played' the ball.

Law 12. Fouls and Misconduct

If the referee awards a penalty kick for an offence by a defender challenging for the ball (excluding holding, pulling, pushing, no possibility to play the ball etc.), the sanction if the offence stops or interferes with a promising attack (SPA) – no caution (no YC); DOGSO – caution (YC)

Law 14. Penalty Kicks

GK has to behave, no trickery, taunting etc.

This summary reflects some of the most common situations in BAYS matches. Full changes with interpretations/explanations can be found in the [2023/2024 IFAB Laws of the Game](#) as adopted by FIFA.

It is recommended that you download the [IFAB Laws of the Game APP](#) on your smartphone.

Still have questions regarding the changes, contact: referees@bays.org.