



Laws of the Game Change Summary – 2022/23

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](#)

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

LAW 8. The Start and Restart of Play:

The referee tosses the coin to determine the 'ends' and kick-off. the team that wins the toss decides which goal to attack in the first half or to take the kick-off

LAW 10: Determining the Outcome of the Match:

A team official (coach) guilty of misconduct shall be shown the yellow/red card. If a team official cannot be identified, the yellow/red card shall be shown to the senior team official (coach) in the technical area.

LAW 12. Fouls and Misconduct:

Where a player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a handball offence, the player is sent off wherever the offence occurs (except a goalkeeper within their penalty area).

If the referee stops play for an offense committed by a player, inside or outside the field of play, against an outside agent, play is restarted with a dropped ball unless a an indirect free kick is awarded for leaving the field of play without the referee's permission; the indirect free kick is taken from the point on the boundary line where the player left the field of play.

LAW 14. Penalty Kick

When the ball is kicked, the defending goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot touching, or in line with, or behind, the goal line.

This summary reflects some of the most common situations in BAYS matches. Full changes with interpretations/explanations can be found in the [2022/2023 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.