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LAWS OF THE GAME

The International F. A. Board made several amendments to the Laws of the Game at their AGM. These changes to Laws 4, 10, 12, 14 and 17 will take effect in New Zealand in the 2006 National Women's League (NWL) and 2006-7 New Zealand Football Championship (NZFC) and in New Zealand from January 1, 2007.

These are minor changes that will have very little effect on the way the game is played or officiated. They cover:

- LAW 4 Players compulsory equipment must comprise separate items
- LAW 10 Competition Rules for home and away matches
- LAW 12 Players who do not respect the required distance at a throw-in
- LAW 12 Cautionable offences for substitutes and substituted players
- LAW 12 Sending-Off offences for players, substitutes and substituted players
- LAW 14 The position of the restart when players commit offences at the taking of a penalty kick
- LAW 17 Opponents to be 9.15m from the corner arc until the ball is in play ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS DELAYING THE RESTART
- Players who provoke a confrontation by deliberately touching the ball after the referee has stopped play

RECRUITMENT COURSES

FEDERATION	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>INSTRUCTORS</u>	NO.	<u>DATE</u>
Central	Waipukurau	Level 1	T. Body	1	30.03.06
Central	Sport Taranaki	Intro.	N. Briggs	9	05.04.06
United Soccer 1	Sport North Harbour	Level 1	G. Gallop	10	06.04.06
Central	New Plymouth BHS	Intro.	N. Briggs	3	12.04.06
United Soccer 1	Sport North Harbour	Level 1	G. Gallop	11	19.04.06
Central	Sport Taranaki	Intro.	N. Briggs	4	19.04.06
Soccer 2	Metro AFC	CBR	A. MacLennan	21	20.04.06
Central	Wanganui	Level 1	A. Leggett	1	27.04.06
Central	Feilding	Intro	D. Lawrie	26	03.05.06
Central	PN Marist AFC	Intro	D. Lawrie	37	03.05.06
Soccer 2	Bay Olympic AFC	CBR	A. MacLennan	9	04.05.06
Soccer 2	Clevedon	Intro	A. MacLennan	17	09.05.06
Central	Stratford	Intro.	N. Briggs	12	15.05.06
Soccer 2	Three Kings AFC	Intro	A. Maclennan	9	16.05.06
Soccer 2	Otahuhu College	Intro	A. MacLennan	7	17.05.06
Central	Taranaki	Level 1	N. Briggs	4	23.05.06
Central	Taradale	Level 2	B. Whitlock, T. Simmonds	7	24.05.06
Central	Wanganui	Intro.	D. Lawrie	31	25.05.06
Capital	Raumati	CBR	S. Sargent, P.Lark	16	16.05.06
Soccer 2	Papakura AFC	CBR	G. Keegan, H. Sentch	14	23.05.06
Capital	Otaki	CBR	C. Harrison, C. Dickinson-Burrows	16	23.05.06
Capital	Levin	CBR	C. Harrison, C. Dickinson-Burrows	12	24.05.06

NEWS

The Scottish FA has called for players to stop kicking the ball out of play when teammates or opponents are injured.

David Taylor, Chief Executive, said today: "It is for the match referee to decide whether a break in play is necessary for treatment to be given to injured players.

"In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the referee controls the match and allows play to continue until the ball is out of play if a player is, in his opinion, only slightly injured. The referee will stop the match if, in his opinion, a player may be seriously injured."

The practice of kicking the ball out has grown in recent years, but rather than aid fair play it has led to problems. Already this season there have been matches in Scotland, where sides have disagreed over whether to kick the ball out, leading to arguments on the touchline and on the pitch.

David Taylor added: "Whilst a referee cannot dictate what a player can or cannot do with the ball, the practice of deliberately kicking the ball out of play to secure attention for an injured player is unnecessary. Frequent instances of this practice can disrupt the flow of a game and can even be used as a tactical ploy. This can create disagreements and tensions, particularly regarding whether and in what manner the ball is returned to play.

"The Scottish FA is therefore encouraging clubs to make their coaching and playing staff aware of the role and responsibilities of the match referee in order to remove any possible confusion about where responsibility lies for the treatment of injured players."

CONGRATULATIONS

NZS REFEREES METAL BADGE AWARDS

Campbell-Kirk Waugh	Taranaki	2108
Damien Duff	Canterbury	2109
Isaac Trevis	Taranaki	2110
James Nimmo	Wellington	2111
Sion Stavrovski	North Harbour	2112
Paul Thompson	Napier	2113
Dorothy Underhill	Napier	2114

DAVID ELLERAY



David Elleray (seated) conducted a very successful coaching and speaking tour of New Zealand last month. All those who attended his sessions around the country gained an excellent insight into both the theoretical and practical aspects of refereeing and an understanding of the pressures of officiating at the top level from his entertaining presentations.

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