

## FIFA/USSF Memorandum for 2010-2011: Summary only June 12, 2010

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In May 19, 2010 FIFA approved a few amendments/changes to the *Laws of the Game*. Here I only have summarized the changes. You should be able to access the *Memorandum* once it is available online at **ussoccer.com**. In the meantime here is a brief summary. Note especially (a) **Law 5** re: referee's authority includes **allowing *injured players from the same team* to remain on the field when game is stopped for injury**. This adds to existing exceptions regarding removing a player when game is stopped for an injury, and (b) **Law 14** adds language re: **distinguishing a legal from an illegal act by a *kicker taking a penalty kick***.

1. **Law 1:** re: goalposts and crossbars, the word "must" has been added: ". . . **must** be square, rectangular, round, or elliptical in shape."
2. **Law 5:** referee authority now includes **allowing *injured players from the same team* to remain on the field**.
3. **Law 5:** re: **allowing stretcher-bearers on field when referee signals o.k.**
4. **Law 14:** "Feinting in the run-up to take a penalty kick . . . is permitted. . . . **However, feinting to kick the ball once the player has completed his run-up is considered an infringement of Law 14 and an act of unsporting behavior for which the player must be cautioned.**"
5. **Other miscellaneous items:**
  - a. Re: fourth official and reserve assistant referee revised language reads this way: "**He assists the referee to control the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game.**"
  - b. Miscellaneous comments about logos, emblems, English as authoritative language, and FIFA as the only body authorized to issue instructions and interpretations of the Laws.

Remember to read the entire Memorandum when as soon as it becomes available. These changes are in effect as of July 1, 2010.