



Ten-a-side Variations

Standard set of variations appropriate
to the Ten-a-side Game



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The Laws of the Game apply to the ten-a-side game, subject to the following variations:

LAW 3: NUMBER OF PLAYERS - THE TEAM

3.1 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE PLAYING AREA

Maximum: each team must have no more than ten players on the playing area.

3.4 PLAYERS NOMINATED AS SUBSTITUTES

A team may nominate no more than five replacements/substitutes. Match Organisers may vary the number of players nominated as replacements/substitutes.

A team can substitute or replace any number of players during a match at any time.

Players entering the field of play must do so at the half way line after the replaced or substituted player has left the field of play.

Sanction: Penalty Kick where the match would have restarted.

Match Organisers may decide to vary the number of replacements and substitutes and limit the number of substitutions.

3.12 SUBSTITUTED PLAYERS REJOINING THE MATCH

Delete: 3.12 Substituted players rejoining the match

LAW 5: TIME

5.1 DURATION OF A MATCH

A match lasts no longer than twenty minutes plus lost time and extra time. A match is divided into two halves of not more than ten minutes playing time. Match Organisers may vary the duration of the match.

5.2 HALF-TIME

After half-time the teams change ends. There is an interval of not more than two minutes.

5.6 PLAYING EXTRA TIME

When there is a drawn match and extra time is required, after a break of one minute the extra time is played in periods of five minutes. After each period, the teams change ends without an interval.

LAW 6: MATCH OFFICIALS

6.A.14 EXTRA TIME - TOSS

Before extra time starts, the referee organises a toss. One of the captains tosses a coin and the other captain calls to see who wins the toss. The winner of the toss decides whether to kick off or choose an end. If the winner of the toss decides to choose an end, the opponents must kick off and vice versa.

LAW 9: METHOD OF SCORING

9.B.1 TAKING A CONVERSION KICK

Amend

- (c) The kick must be a drop kick.

Delete (d)

Amend

- (e) The kicker must take the kick within forty seconds of a try having been scored. The kick is disallowed if the kicker does not take the kick in the time allowed.

9.B.3 THE OPPOSING TEAM

Amend

- (a) All players of the opposing team must immediately assemble close to their own 10-metre line.

Delete (b)

- (c) Delete 3rd paragraph "When another kick is allowed..."

9.B.4 EXTRA TIME - THE WINNER

In extra time, the team that scores points first is immediately declared the winner, without any further play.

LAW 10: FOUL PLAY

10.5 SANCTIONS

Note: Temporary Suspension: When a player has been temporarily suspended, the player's period of suspension will be for a period of two minutes.

LAW 13: KICK-OFF AND RESTART KICKS

13.2 WHO TAKES THE KICK-OFF AND RESTART KICK

Amend

- (c) After a score, the team that has scored kicks off with a drop kick which must be taken at, or behind, the centre of the half way line.

Sanction: Free Kick at the centre of the half way line.

13.3 POSITION OF THE KICKER'S TEAM AT A KICK-OFF

Amend

All the kicker's team must be behind the ball when it is kicked. If they are not, a free kick is awarded to the non-offending team at the centre of the half way line.

Sanction: Free Kick at the centre of the half way line.

13.7 KICK-OFF OF UNDER 10 METRES AND NOT PLAYED BY AN OPPONENT

Amend

If the ball does not reach the opponents' 10-metre line, a free kick is awarded to the non-offending team at the centre of the half way line.

Sanction: Free Kick at the centre of the half way line.

13.8 BALL GOES DIRECTLY INTO TOUCH

Amend

The ball must land in the field of play. If it is kicked directly into touch, a free kick is awarded to the non-offending team at the centre of the half way line.

Sanction: Free Kick at the centre of the half way line.

13.9 BALL GOES INTO THE IN-GOAL

Amend

- (b) If the opposing team grounds the ball, or if they make it dead, or if the ball becomes dead by going into touch-in-goal, or on or over the dead ball line, a free kick is awarded to the non-offending team at the centre of the half way line.

Sanction: Free Kick at the centre of the half way line.

LAW 20: SCRUM

DEFINITIONS

Amend 2nd paragraph:

A scrum is formed in the field of play when five players from each team, bound together in two rows for each team, close up with their opponents so that the heads of the front rows are interlocked. This creates a tunnel into which a scrum half throws the ball so that front row players can compete for possession by hooking the ball with either of their feet.

Delete paragraphs 10 and 11.

20.1 FORMING A SCRUM

Amend

- (e) Number of players: five.

A scrum must have five players from each team at all times. All five players must stay bound to the scrum until it ends. Each front row must have three players in it, no more and no less. Two locks must form the second row by binding together so that their heads are between a prop and the hooker.

Sanction: Penalty kick

Delete

Exception

20.10 ENDING THE SCRUM

Amend

- (c) No player in the scrum may unbind to play the ball.

Sanction: Penalty kick

LAW 21: PENALTY AND FREE KICKS

21.3 HOW THE PENALTY AND FREE KICKS ARE TAKEN

Amend

- (a) Any player may take a penalty or free kick awarded for an infringement with any kind of kick: punt, drop kick but not a place kick. The ball may be kicked with any part of the leg from below the knee to the toe but not with the heel.

21.4 PENALTY AND FREE KICK OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Amend

- (b) **No delay.** If a kicker indicates to the referee the intention to kick at goal, the kick must be taken within thirty seconds of the penalty having been awarded. If the 30 seconds is exceeded the kick is disallowed, a scrum is ordered at the place of the mark and the opponents throw in the ball.