



Laws of The Game

2017 Changes

Summary and format

- There are 17 Laws. 16 have changed
- 55 changes in total, but many are:
 - technical
 - clarifications of things we already do
 - will rarely (or never) be seen in GHFA games
- Format:
 - Discuss changes
 - Mention minor changes
 - Top 5
 - Q & A

Law 1 – Field of play

- Pitches must be grass OR artificial
- Non-commercial logos now allowed on corner flags
—(*ie club or association logos are OK, but not advertising or sponsors*)

Law 3 – The Players

- Interference by a named substitute or team official now results in a direct free kick (or penalty kick).
- Advantage can be played if someone other than a player touches the ball and a goal is scored.

Law 4 – The Players' Equipment

- A player who loses a shinpad can continue until the next stoppage (*including scoring a goal*)
- A player who has had to leave to change or fix equipment can return to the field **during play**, with permission, after being checked.

Law 5 – The Referee

- Players injured as a result of a YC or RC challenge can be treated on the field, if done quickly.
- Player can be sent off (but not cautioned) before kick off.
- Simultaneous offences are no longer a drop-ball.
- Referee cannot change decision after leaving the FOP at the end of the half.
- Advantage can be signalled by one arm.

Law 7 – Match Duration

- Drinks breaks are now officially allowed in hot weather conditions

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

- Kick off now just has to **clearly** move in any direction (*backwards, forwards, sideways...*)
- Other restarts (free kicks, corners, etc)
 - ball must **clearly** move.
 - Goal kick, or defenders' free kick inside own penalty area, still must leave penalty area.
- Referee can't “*manufacture*” a dropped ball outcome.

Law 10 – Determining the Outcome of The Game

- Coin toss to choose which goal for shoot-out
- Maintain equal numbers **during** shoot-out
- When is a penalty kick over?
- Replacing the goal keeper during a shootout
- Leaving the Field during a shoot-out
- Injured player off the field, but not substituted, can participate in shoot-out

Law 11 – Offside

- Free kick can be in offender's own half.
- Hands and arms are not considered in the determination of an offside position.
- How long is a defender who's off the field of play considered to be on the goal line for the purpose of determining offside?
- Attacker who returns to the Field of Play and gains a non-offside advantage is cautioned.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- An offence involving contact is always a direct free kick.
- A player who commits a second yellow offence then becomes involved after advantage is played = IDFK
- Physical offence **not against an opponent** is now a direct free kick
- Offences that occur off the field of play
- ***Attempted*** violence is punished the same as actual violence.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- **DOGSO is not always a red**

A foul against an opponent through on goal which is

- inside the penalty area, and
- a genuine attempt to tackle or play the ball

... is now a YC + Penalty

- **Still the same**

- DOGSO by...

- deliberate handball, anywhere = RC
- holding, pulling or pushing, anywhere = RC
- foul outside the Penalty Area = RC
- IDFK offence (eg “high foot”) = RC
- an offence that would have earned a RC anywhere on the pitch (violent conduct, serious foul play) = RC

Law 13 – Free kicks

- Player who intercepts a quick free kick = play on
 - unless deliberately delaying the restart of play (retake and yellow)

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

- Unsporting feinting when taking a penalty kick is no longer a re-take. Now IDFK to defenders + YC
- Keeper infringement that influences a miss is now mandatory caution.
 - Encroachment by attackers is not.
- IDFK if the kick is played backwards.
- IDFK + YC if the wrong player takes the kick.

Law 15 – The Throw In

- Throw in must be with both hands, not just guided by the second hand

Law 16 – Goal Kicks

- MUST be stationary
- An attacker is in the box when the goal kick is taken cannot challenge for the ball or touch it before it touches another player.
 - re-take goal kick

Top 5 changes

- Kick off in any direction
- DOGSO not always a red
- Offside free kick may be in offender's own half
- Quick treatment / assesment of players on the park now ok when the injury a result of YC or RC
- Keeper infringements on penalties now a YC

Questions

- Clip 1: GK trip = YC <https://youtu.be/k1zP0uwtFW8>
- Clip 2: holding = RC <https://youtu.be/ODmuRSPTipI>
- Clip 3: GK trip (hands) = YC (this is still considered as a 'trip') <https://youtu.be/rBCKKH-anBQ>
- Clip 4: holding = RC + Pen <https://youtu.be/47-IIL0MQnA>
- Clip 5: handball = RC + Pen <https://youtu.be/ju1H5msAEME>
- FOUL OFF THE FOP <https://youtu.be/fWkZqyCyocc>
- FFV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYQiEZIBSKQ&feature=youtu.be>