



# **MWFRA**

# **Change of Laws**

# **Presentation**

2025



# Overview of 2025 Law Changes

## **Law 1. The Field of Play**

- Clarification that the goal line technology (GLT) indication that a goal has been scored can be communicated via the referee's earpiece/headset

## **Law 3. The Players**

- The use of additional permanent concussion substitutions is now available to competitions
- Each team must have a captain who wears an identifying armband

## **Law 4. The Players' Equipment**

- Clarification that players are responsible for the size and suitability of their shinguards
- Clarification of the requirements for the captain's compulsory armband
- Reference to gloves to be included under 'Other equipment'
- Reference to tracksuit bottoms for goalkeepers to be removed from 'Compulsory equipment' and included under 'Other equipment'



# Overview of 2025 Law Changes

## **Law 12. Fouls and Misconduct**

- Clarification that non-deliberate handball offences for which penalties are awarded are to be sanctioned in the same way as fouls which are an attempt to play the ball or a challenge for the ball

## **Law 14. The Penalty Kick**

- Clarification that part of the ball must touch or overhang the centre of the penalty mark
- Encroachment by players will be penalised only if it has an impact (same philosophy as goalkeeper encroachment)

## **Guidelines for temporary dismissals (sin bins)**

- The guidelines have been revised, including, most notably, to specify that a temporarily dismissed player can return to the field of play only during a stoppage and to simplify System B



# Law Changes 2025

**Changes to Law 1. The Field of Play > 1.11 Goal line technology (GLT) – Principles of GLT**

Not relevant to Community Football

This does not apply for Manly Warringah

**Changes to Law 3. The Players > 3.2 Number of substitutions  
Additional permanent concussion substitutions**

Not relevant to Community Football

This does not apply for Manly Warringah

**Changes to Law 3. The Players > 3.10 Team captain**

Each team **must** have a captain on the field of play who wears an identifying armband.

Not relevant to Community Football

This does not apply for Manly Warringah



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## Changes to Law 4. The Players' Equipment > 4.2 Compulsory equipment

**Shinguards** – these must be made of a suitable material and be of an appropriate size to provide reasonable protection and be covered by the socks. Players are responsible for the size and suitability of their shinguards.

*Clarification that players are responsible for the size and suitability of their shinguards. Having provided this information in the definition of 'shinguard' in the Glossary, it is now also included in the Laws text.*





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## Changes to Law 4. The Players' Equipment > 4.2 Compulsory equipment & 4.4 Other equipment

Non-dangerous protective equipment, for example gloves, headgear, facemasks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material is permitted, as are goalkeepers' caps and sports spectacles. Goalkeepers may wear tracksuit bottoms.

*Reference to gloves has been included under 'Other equipment' to reflect the fact that they are widely used, especially by goalkeepers. Reference to tracksuit bottoms for goalkeepers has been removed from 'Compulsory equipment' and included under 'Other equipment' to accurately reflect the fact that they are not compulsory.*



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## Changes to Law 12. Fouls and Misconduct > 12.3 Disciplinary action

### Cautions for unsporting behaviour

- handles the ball to interfere with or stop a promising attack, except where the referee awards a penalty kick for a non-deliberate handball offence
- denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity and the referee awards a penalty kick for a non-deliberate handball offence

### Sending-off offences

A player, substitute or substituted player who commits any of the following offences is sent off:

- denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by committing a deliberate handball offence (except a goalkeeper within their penalty area)
- denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by committing a non-deliberate handball offence outside their own penalty area



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## Changes to Law 12. Fouls and Misconduct > 12.3 Disciplinary action

### Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity (DOGSO)

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

**Where a player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by committing a non-deliberate handball offence and the referee awards a penalty kick, the offender is cautioned.**

*Non-deliberate handball offences are usually the result of a player attempting to play fairly, so when a penalty kick is awarded for such offences, the same philosophy should apply as for offences (fouls) which are an attempt to play the ball or a challenge for the ball, i.e. DOGSO offences result in a yellow card and SPA offences result in no card. Deliberate handball remains a red-card offence when a penalty kick is awarded, as it is similar to holding, pulling, pushing, no possibility to play the ball etc.*





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	Deliberate handball in the penalty area	Non-deliberate Handball (in the penalty area)	Handball Outside the Penalty Area
SPA	Penalty <b>Yellow Card</b>	Penalty No Sanction	DFK <b>Yellow Card</b>
DOGSO	Penalty <b>Red Card</b>	Penalty <b>Yellow Card</b>	DFK <b>Red Card</b>



# Law Changes 2025

## Changes to Law 14. The Penalty Kick > 14.1 Procedure

The ball must be stationary, ~~on~~ with part of the ball touching or overhanging the centre of the penalty mark, and the goalposts, crossbar and goal net must not be moving.

## Changes to Law 14. The Penalty Kick > 14.2 Offences and sanctions

If, before the ball is in play, one of the following occurs:

- a team-mate of the player taking the penalty kick is penalised for encroachment only if:
  - the encroachment clearly impacted on the goalkeeper; or
  - the encroaching player plays the ball or challenges an opponent for the ball and then scores, attempts to score or creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- a team-mate of the goalkeeper is penalised for encroachment only if:
  - the encroachment clearly impacted on the kicker; or
  - the encroaching player plays the ball or challenges an opponent for the ball and this prevents the opponents from scoring, attempting to score or creating a goal-scoring opportunity



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	Goal	No Goal
Encroachment by attacking player	Impact: penalty is retaken No impact: goal	Impact: IDFK No impact: no retake
Encroachment by defending player	Impact: goal No impact: goal	Impact: penalty is retaken No impact: no retake
Encroachment by defending and attacking player	Impact: penalty is retaken No impact: goal	Impact: penalty is retaken No impact: no retake
Offence by goalkeeper	Goal	Not saved: penalty is not retaken, unless kicker is clearly impacted Saved: penalty is retaken and warning for GK
GK and kicker offend at the same time	IDFK and <b>caution</b> for kicker	IDFK and <b>caution</b> for kicker
Ball kicked backwards	IDFK	IDFK
“Illegal” feinting	IDFK and <b>caution</b> for kicker	
Wrong kicker	IDFK and <b>caution</b> for wrong kicker	IDFK and <b>caution</b> for wrong kicker



# Law Changes 2025

## Guidelines for temporary dismissals (sin bins)

**Any player who is cautioned for dissent will be punished by a temporary dismissal period of:**

- Ten (10) minutes, for matches greater than 60 minutes in duration; and
- Five (5) minutes, for matches of 60 minutes or less in duration. (U12 only)

**To help manage temporary dismissals, a temporarily dismissed player can return to the field of play **only during a stoppage after the end of the temporary dismissal period**, i.e. not while the ball is in play**