

# REFEREE DEVELOPMENT NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL

## MEMORANDUM

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At its 124<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting the International Football Association Board (IFAB) approved the following amendments to the Laws of the Game (**additions are in blue, deletions are in red**):

# AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

At its meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) approved the following amendments, instructions and directives.

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## LAW 1 – THE FIELD OF PLAY

### Goals

The goalposts and crossbar must be made of wood, metal or other approved material. They ~~may~~ **must** be square, rectangular, round or elliptical in shape and must not be dangerous to players.

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## INTERPRETATION OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME AND GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES

### LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

#### Injured Players

Exceptions to this ruling are to be made only when:

- a goalkeeper is injured
  - a goalkeeper and an outfield player have collided and need immediate attention
  - **players from the same team have collided and need immediate attention**
  - a severe injury has occurred e.g. swallowed tongue, concussion, broken leg
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### LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

#### Injured Players

- ~~The stretcher-bearers should enter the field of play with a stretcher at the same time as the doctors to allow the player to be removed as quickly as possible~~
  - **Stretcher-bearers should only enter the field of play with a stretcher following a signal from the referee**
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## LAW 14 – THE PENALTY KICK

Feinting **in the run-up** to take a penalty kick to confuse opponents is permitted as part of football. However, ~~if in the opinion of the referee,~~ the feinting **to kick the ball once the player has completed his run-up is considered an infringement of Law 14 and is considered** an act of unsporting behavior **for which** the player must be cautioned.

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## THE FOURTH OFFICIAL

- ~~• He must indicate to the referee when the wrong player is cautioned because of mistaken identity or when a player is not sent off having been seen to be given a second caution or when violent conduct occurs out of view of the referee and assistant referees. The referee, however, retains the authority to decide on all points connected with play.~~
- **He assists the referee to control the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The referee, however, retains the authority to decide on all points connected with play.**