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## THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

## Referees' Chart.

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| Number of Players. | LAW I. <br> The game shall be played by not more than Eleven players on each side. <br> By arrangement made before the commencement of a match (but not in a match played under the Rules of a Competition) substitutes may be allowed in place of injured players. |  |
| Dimensions of Field of Play. | The field of play shall be as shown in the plan at the end of these Laws, subject to the following provisions: The dimensions of the field of play shall be-maximum length, 130 yards; minimum length, roo yards; maximum breadth, 100 yards; minimum breadth. 50 yards. |  |
| Marking out ground. | The field of play shall be marked by boundary lines. The lines at each end are the goal-lines, and the lines at the sides are the touch-lines. The touchlines shall be drawn at right angles with the goallines. A fiag with a staff not less than 5 ft . high shall be placed at each corner. A half-way line shall be marked out across the field of play. The centre of the ficld of play shall be indicated by a | Flag-staffs with pointed tops must not be used. <br> The touch and goal-lines must not be marked by a $V$-shaped rut. <br> (International Board, June 16th, 1902. ) |

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| Six-a-side and similar irregular competitions where gate money is taken are forbidden unless the consent of the County Association has been obtained. | Secretaries are responsible fo: ascertaining that all competitions in which their clubs compete are properly sanctioned. <br> Matches are forbidden on Sundays. | Except through accident, a player must not leave the field during the progress of the game without the permission of the Referee. <br> Taking any part in Sunday foot. ball is prohibited. |
| Refuse to sanction play if danger is likely to accrue to players from the state of the ground. As to the weather, use your own judgment, but do not needlessly spoil sport. | The size 115 yards by 75 yards is the most general, but attention should be paid to the requirements of the Rules of Competitions in which clubs take part. |  |
| Short flag-staffs are dangerous, hence the minimum height of 5 feet. <br> The Referee must not allow a corner flag-staff to be removed even for the convenience of the player taking a corner-kick. | The goal-line must be marked out from corner to corner, including the goal. <br> A half-way line is necessary on all grounds. <br> See that the one yard area within which the corner kick must be taken is marked out. | $\cdots$ |


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| LAW I continued). |  |
| suitable mark, and a circle with a ro yards' radius |  |
| shall be made round it. |  |\(\left|\begin{array}{l}The goals shall be upright posts fixed on the goal- <br>

lines, equi-distant from the corner flag staff, 8 yards <br>
apart, with a bar across them 8 feet from the ground. <br>
The maximum width of the goal-posts and the <br>
maximum depth of the cross-bar shall be 5 inches.\end{array}\right|\)

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| The Referee must caution any player wilfully displacing flags or goalposts, or pulling down the bar, and if repeated he should order the offender off the field of play. | The surface of the bars or posts facing the field of play must not be more than five inches in width. Tape or any substance not of a rigid nature must not be used in the place of a bar. Goal nets are strongly recommended. <br> Have the goal-posts and bars painted white so as to be distinctly seen. Provide light coloured corner flags. See that the goal nets are properly pegged down and in order before every match, and that there are no holes or possible openings for the escape of the ball. | Goal-keepers to save a shot or to get hold of the ball sometimes seize the bar and pull it down. Any player wilfully displacing a flag or goal-post, or bar, is guilty of misconduct. |
|  | (See Plan on Page 30.) |  |
| If these, or other lines, required by aw 1 , are not properly marked, re1) this to be done before a match, | The home club is responsible for the proper marking out of the ground. |  |



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if time permits. It is advisable to
visit the ground in good time and see everything is in order.
Refers to International Contests
only.
The ball should be supplied by the home club.
See that the ball is fully inflated, and that there are reserve balls close at hand.

Unless a Referee is notified to the contrary by the two captains he rnust under ordinary circumstances continue the game for 90 minutes. He has no puwer to set aside the Rules of

If you wish to play short time the Referee must be notified. This may only be done by the mutual agreement of both captains, where the Rules of a Competition do not require a specified playing period.

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|  | LAW 2 (continued.) |  |
| Cbuice of Goals. | The winners of the toss shall have the option of kick-off or choice of goals. |  |
| The Kick-Off. | The game shall be commenced by a place-kick from the centre of the field of play in the direction of the opponents' goal-line ; the opponents shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball until it is kicked off, nor shall any player on either side pass the centre of the ground in the direction of his opponents' goal until the ball is kicked off. | A Place-Kice is a kick at the ball while it is on the ground in the centre of the field of play. <br> If this Law is not complied with the kick-off must be taken over again. (International Board, June 15th, 1903.) <br> The practice of kicking-off by persons other than the players competing in a match is prohibited, except in Charity matches. (Decision of Council, March 25th, 1907.) |


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| Cup and other Competitions where the time to be played is specified. |  |  |
| Note which side kicked off. (See Instructions to Referees on Law 13.) |  |  |
| Referees should notice that a free kick must not be awarded for any breach of this Law. It is their duty to see the kick-off properly taken in the direction of the opposite goal; also that back kicking and encroaching must not be allowed. <br> Any player wilfully encroaching should first be cautioned, and, on a repetition, be ordered off the field of play. After the ball has been properly kicked off, the second and other players may play it in any direction. <br> If in the opinion of the Referee the ball has not rolled completely over, or travelled the distance of its circumference, i.e., about 27 inches, he must order it back again to be kicked off properly. <br> The Referee must not allow anyone to kick-off unless he is a player com; Jg in the match. This order does ice apply to Charity matches. | The practice of getting an outside person to kick-off in a match is forbidden, except in Charity matches. | Many players, when the whistle sounds for the start, run inside the opponents' so yards' circle or cross the half way line. This is wrong, as the game commences with the kick-off, not with the Referee's sig. nal. |



| The Referee is distinctly authorised |
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| To prevent deliberate waste of time. |
| (See Law r 3.) |
| He should use every endeavour to |
| limit the half-time interval to 5 |
| minutes, and only consent to its ex- |
| tension in exceptional circumstances. |



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| whole of the ball crosses the line. If |  |  |
| so, and he is in a good position to |  |  |
| judge, he must give a goal. |  |  |
| It is difficult to jugge unless one is |  |  |
| close up, hence it is necessary for the |  |  |
| Referee to follow the ball closely up |  |  |
| and down the ground and try to |  |  |
| get a side view whenever he thinks a |  |  |
| shot is about to be put in, or there is |  |  |
| a scrimmage in front of the goal. |  |  |


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| Ball crossing lines, out of Play. | LAW 4 (continued). <br> The ball is out of play when it has crossed the goalline or touch-line, either on the ground or in the air. |  |
| The throw-in. | LAW 5. <br> When the ball is in touch, a player of the opposite side to that which played it out shall throw it in from the point on the touch-line where it left the field of play. The player throwing the ball must stand on the touch-line facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in. A goal shall not be scored from a throw-in, and the thrower shall not again play until the ball has been played by another player. <br> This Law is complied with if the player has any part of both feet on the line when he throws the ball in. | Touch is that part of the ground on either side of the field of play. |
| Off-side. | LAW 6. <br> When a player plays the ball, any player of the same side who at such moment of playing is nearer | It is not a breach of the Lawe for a player to be in an off-sideposition, but oniy wehen in tha |

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Ind afterwards alighting in the field
of play is out of play.

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The ball may roll along the touch. line or goal-line and still be in play. The whole of the ball must have passed over and be clear of the touch. line or goal-line before it is out of play.

The Linesman should point with his Hag to the place where the ball went into touch and stand a little bebind the thrower to watch the throw-in. If the player does not throw the ball in properly, the Referee must give a free kick. An improper throw would be one delivered over the shoulder, or with one hand giving'the impetus and the other merely guiding the ball, or if the thrower had not some part of both feet on the touch line at the moment of throwing, or if the thrower merely dropped the ball and did not throw it. A player throwing-in the ball must face the field of play.

A player who is in his own half of ? ${ }^{7}$. field of play at the moment the

The practice of claiming for the throw-in when the ball goes into touch is far too prevalent and is unnecessary.

Let the Linesman give HIS DECISION. All the claiming in the world will not alter it, unless the Referee shall see fit to interfere.

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ball is last played cannot be off-side.
The point to notice is not where a player is when he plays the ball, but where he WAS at the moment it was played by a player of the same side. In the rush of a game a Referee is apt to lose sight of the positions of the field at every kick, yet he ought to fix each change on his mind. If a player is in line with or behind the ball when it is played he cannot possibly be off-side, but if he is in front of it he is liable to be so. Though a player cannot be off-side when an opponent last plays the ball, or when a corner-kick, a throw-in from touch, or a goal-kick, is taken, this protection ceases the moment a second player plays the ball, so that a player not off-side in position when such kick or throw-in is taken, may, without having moved, be liable as soon as the ball has been next played by one of his own side. A player zowing up another of his own side to has the ball cannot be off-side.

Instructions to Players.
the ball is last played cannot be offside.
A player once off-side cannot put himself on-side. This can only be done for him in three ways:-(i.) If an opponent next plays the ball; (ii.) If he is behind the ball when it is next played by one of his own side; (iii.) If he has 3 opponents between him and their goal linewhen the ball is played by one of his own side further from his opponents' goal than himself.
The ball hitting the goal-post or bar and rebounding does not put a player on-side who was off-side when the ball was last played.
Take care that when the ball is played by one of your own side except when he is taking a goal kick, a corner kick, or a throw-in you have 3 opponents between you and their goal-line or that you are in a line with or behind the ball. Can anything be more simple? If your opponent plays the ball, or the ball touches him in any way, you are on-side no matter where you


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|  |  | stand, but when standing in an off. |

$s$ may be off-side when a free ir penalty kick is taken. An ent playing the ball puts a on-side at once. While in an e position a player must not re in any way with an oppo$r$ with the play.
player is in an off-side position not interfering with the play, ist not be penalised.
International Board have made in that a player, who is in an e position, is bound to keep $f$ the way of the play, and $e$ is liable to be penalised if in lanner his presence causes any rence with the play.
en the ball is kicked off from goal no player is off-side.
provision of flags opposite the half-way line is optional. The object is to assist the Referee and Linesmen to aine the position of the half-way line when they are at a distance or when the line has become indistinct.
; the duty of the Referee to see goal-kicks are properly taken that half of the goal area
it the point where the ball went

A goal-kick may be taken in any direction the kicker chooses.



It is the duty of the Referee to see that corner-kicks are properly taken, and on the side on which the ball goes out.

If the player takes a corner-kick, and the ball rebounds to him after striking the goal-post, he must not play it again until it has been played by another player. Do not allow a goalkick or corner-kick to be taken while any opponent is within ten yards of the ball.

The goal-keeper must not "walk about" bouncing the ball on the hand. After the second step he must be penalised.

If the goal-keeper handles the ball outside his own penalty area, he is committing a breach of Law 9.
For "carrying" the ball the penalty is a free kick and not a penalty kick.

Instructions to Secretaries

See that the corner-kick one yard area is marked.

Goal-keepers are required to wear colours distinguishing them from the other players and the spectators.

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Opponents should remember that they must not stand within ten yards of the ball. To do so is the cause of constant annoyance and is not playing the game fairly.

A goal may be scored direct from a corner kick.

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| Charging Goal-keeper. | LAW 8 (continued). <br> The goal-keeper shall not be charged except when he is holding the ball or obstructing an opponent, or when he has passed outside the goal area. | - ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| Goal-keeper may be Changed. | The goal-keeper may be changed during the game, but notice of such change must first be given to the Referee. | If a goal-keeper has been changed without the Referee being notified, and the new goal-keeper bandles the ball within the penalty area, a penalty kick must be awarded. See Law 17. (International Board, June 17th, I90I.) |
| Tripping, Kicking, Jumping at. | LAW 9. <br> Neither tripping, kicking, striking nor jumping at a player shall be allowed. | Tripping is intentionally throwing, or attempting to throw, an opponent by the use of the legs, or by stooping in front of or behind him. |

If the goal-keeper obstructs an opponent he may be charged even when in his goal area. See that the goal-keeper is not unfairly charged, as he has so little chance of protecting himself when his attention is engaged with a coming shot.

Special notice should be taken of the fact that a goal-keeper may be charged when he is outside the goal area.

Note who commences a game as goal-keeper, and allow no one else to act as goal-keeper, or to claim his privileges, until you have been notified of the change of goal-keeper.

This is an important Law, as by enforcing it and taking the initiative where he sees necessary, a Referee can prevent rough play developing. He can stop the game at any time and give a free kick, or caution, or both, against any player whose conduct or play is dangerous or likely to cause njury, or he may order him off.

Bring before the notice of your committee any conduct on the part of a member of your club which is likely to bring the game into disrepute. If persisted in a club ought not to allow any such offender to continue to belong to it, for not only may such conduct bring punishment on the player but it gives the club a bad name and may

Instructions to Players
The goal-keeper should bear in mind that directly he leaves his goal area he is liable to be charged by an opponent.

So long as a goal-keeper does not hold the ball, or obstruct an opponent, be is protected under the Laws when within his goal area. Get rid of the ball at once is naturally the best advice that can be given him.

If the goal-keeper is changed during the game the Referee must at once be notified.

The offence is aggravated if a player has preriously been cautioned. A player ordered off for foul play is liable to suspension.

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| Holding, Pushing. | LAW 9 (continued.) <br> A player shall not use his hands to hold or push an opponent. | Holding includes. the obstruction of a player by the hand or any part of the arm extended from the body. |
| Charging. | Charging is permissible, but it must not be violent or dangerous. | Referees must allow a fair charge. Jumping at an opponent, which in all cases is illegal, should not be confused with charging. (Council, December, 1910.) |
| Charging Behind. | A player shall not be charged from behind unless he is intentionally obstructing an opponent. | The offence of charging an opponent from behind is not committed where a player in playing the ball touches a player behind unless there is an intention to charge such player. The Referee is the sole judge of such intention, but it has been noticed that many Referees construe the Law more strictly than is necessary to secure fair play, and in consequence of such decisions the progress of games is unnecessarily interfered with. <br> If a player turns so as to face his own goal when he is tackled, or is obviously aware that he is about to be tackled by an opponent, he is intentionally obstructing, and may be charged |



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It is the Referee's duty to see that all free kicks are taken from the proper place and not allow a free kick to be taken until he has given a signal. The usual signal is a whistle.
The free kick must be taken without delay. Nothing slows a game more than wasting time in taking a free kick. It is also unfair to delay bearing in mind that a free kick awarded for breaches of Law 9 may score a goal direct. If opponents persist in encroach ing act promptly and caution them.
The kick must not be allowed if the ball is on the move while it is being taken.

Special notice should be taken of the fact that a goal may be scored direct, whether the ball touches a player of either side or not, from a corner kick. or from a free kick awarded for tripping, kicking, striking, jumping at, holding, shing, violently or dangerously


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| charging an opponent, charging an opponent illegally from behind, or handling the ball (breaches of Law 9). But it must be remembered that a free kick awarded for any other breach of the Laws does not come under this regulation. Note that a goal cannot be scored direct from a kick-off, or goal-kick; or from free-kicks awarded for the following breaches of Laws :- <br> (a) Player playing the ball a second time before it has been played by another player, after throwing-in or taking a free kick or a penalty kick. <br> (b) Off-side. <br> (c) Carrying by Goal-keeper. <br> (d) Charging Goal-keeper at wrong time, the charging being otherwise fair. <br> (c) Playing the ball before it has touched the ground after being dropped to re-start play after a stoppage. <br> (f) Ball not kicked forward from a penalty kick. <br> g) Improper throw-in. <br> h) Dangerous play. Law 13 . |  |  |

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## LAW 12.

A player shall not wear any nails, except such as have their heads driven in flush with the leather, or
metal plates or projections, or gutta-percha, on his boots, or on his shin guards. If bars or studs on the soles or heels of the boots are used, they shall not project more than half-an-inch, and shall have all their fastenings driven in flush with the leather. Bars shall be transverse and flat, not less than half-an-inch in width, and shall extend from side to side of the boot. Studs shall be round in plan, not less than half-an-inch in diameter, and in no case conical or pointed. Any player discovered infringing this Law shall be prohibited from taking further part in the match. The Referee shall, if required, examine the players' boots before the commencement of a match, or during the interval.

Wearing soft india-rubber on the soles of boots is not a violation of Law 12 . (International Board.)

Semi-circular toe pieces are legal.
Metal toe-plates, though covered with leather, are illegal.

It is the Referee's duty, if asked, to examine the players' boots before the match, or during the interval. The Referee must order off the field of play for the remainder of the game any player whom, during the progress of the play, he finds wearing:
(a) Nails not flush with the leather.
(b) Metal plates or projections.
(c) Gutta percha on his boots, or on his shin guards.
(d) Bars on soles or heels of his boots that do not extend from side to side of the boot, that are less than $\frac{1}{2}-\mathrm{in}$. wide, more than $\frac{1}{2}$-in. deep, and not transverse and flat.
(e) Studs on soles or heels of his boots, not round in plan, less than $\frac{1}{2}$-in. in diameter, more than $\frac{1}{2}$-in. deep, and conical or pointed.
During the progress of a game the Referee must enforce this L.aw without waiting for an appeal. There is no necessity to report this offence.
The Law includes metal clips or buckles, etc., that are dangerous, $r^{\text {. Mr }}$ on the boots or shin guards.

See that your players are not by ignorance or otherwise infringing this Law. Many of the boots sold readymade for football are wrongly studded, some are fitted with metal clips for the lace holes and metal toe plates covered with leather, which are very dangerous, as are also projecting buckles on the shin guards.

It is also the duty of the players to see that their boots, etc., are in accordance with this Law, for if the Referee's attention is drawn to the irregularity during the progress of a game, the player may not go and change his boots, but must leave the field altogether, which might be a very serious matter to his side. If doubtful about it ask the Referee before the match, or during the interval, and he is bound to examine the boots. Players sometimes forget that studs wear away exposing the nails, which would make them illegal.
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Duties and
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Referee.

A Referee shall be appointed, whose duties shall be to enforce theLaws and decide all disputed points; and his decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned. He shall also keep a record of the game, and act as timekeeper. In the event of any ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of any of the players, the offender or offenders sball be cautioned, and if any further offence is committed. or in case of violent conduct without any previous caution, the Referee shall order the offending player or players off the field of play, and shall transmit the name or names of such player or players to his or their National Association, who shall deal with the matter. The Referee shall allow for time wasted, lost through accident, or other cause, suspend or terminate the game whenever, by reason of darkness, interference by spectators, or other cause, he may deem necessary; but in all cases in which a game is so terminated be shall report the same to the Association under whose jurisdiction the game was played, who shall deal with the matter. The Referee shall award a free kick in any case in which he thinks the conduct of a player dangerous, or likely to prove dangerous, but not sufficiently so as to justify him in putting in force the greater powers vested in him. The power of the Referee extends

Any player leaving the field during the progress of a game (except through accident) without the consent of the Referee will be deemed guilty of misconduct, and will render himself liable to be penalised.
Persistent infringement of any of the Laws of the Game is ungentlemanly conduct within the meaning of this Law. (International Board, June 8th, 1907.)
A player may enquire from a Referee as to his decision, but is not entitiled by woord or action to show dissent from any such decision. A Referce is required to treat the breach of this instruction as ungentlemanity behaviour.
(International Board, 14th June, 1924).
It is the duty of the Referee to see that all free kicks, kicks from the goal, and cornerkicks are properly taken.
All reports by Referees to be made within TWO days after the occurrence (Sundays not included), and reports will be deemed to be made when received in the ordinary course of post. (International Board, Ith June, 19ro.)
In order to simplify the working of Law 13 , the National Associations delegate their authority to the Local Affiliated Associations in respect of offences which occur in the

The duty of a Referee to order a player off for violent conduct, or after a caution for ungentlemanly behaviour, is emphasised by the International Board.
The Referee must keep the scorp and also the time, and allow for time wasted, and stop the game as he thinks fit, though in the case of the game abruptly terminating, he is bound to report the fact to the local or National Association within three days.

Referees must report cases of misconduct, giving full details, to The Football Association, or, if the offence takes place in a game between Clubs, both members of a County Association, to that County Association.

As regards rough play, the Referee has absolute discretion. Where he considers the conduct of a player dangerous, or likely to cause injury, he must award a free kick. In doing so he must caution the offender, and, if 2 offence is repeated, order the
yer off the field of play. The

Instructions to Players.

If you find the spectators on your ground beginning to annoy the Referee take care that you arrange for his protection both during and after the match. Club committees should refuse admission to notoriously bad characters. See that you have bills posted in your grounds respecting misconduct towards the Referee.
Clubs are required to prevent

## betting.

Any official or player proved to have taken part in Football Coupon Betting will be permanently suspended.

A club's duty to protect the officials does not cease on the latter leaving the ground.
Every Club is responsible for the action of its players, officials and spectators, and is required to take all necessary precautions.

It is impossible for a Referee to please everybody. Remember his difficult position and do not make it more so

If any disturbances arise go at once to the help of the Referee.
Betting on any match and coupon betting are prohibited
A player may enquire from a Referee as to his decision, but is not entitled by word or action to show dissent from any such decision.

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|  | LAW I3 (continued). <br> to offences committed when the play has been temporarily suspended, and when the ball is out of play. | Ties of the affiliated Associations, and in other minor matches where the two Clubs are under the jurisdiction of the same affiliated Association. Each National Association has liberty to issue a circular authorising Referees to report direct to the Local Affiliated Association in such cases. This circular to provide that the Local Association must report the circumstances of the case, and the penalty imposed, to the parent Association, without loss of time. (International Board, June 17th, 1895). <br> All Clubs connected with the Association must have bills printed and posted in their grounds, threatening with expulsion any person who is guilty of insulting or improper conduct towards the Referee. <br> Any misconduct towards a Referee away from the field of play will be dealt with in the same way as if the offence had been committed on the field. <br> It is the duty of members of the Council, Officials of Clubs, and Referees to report to the Council all cases of misconduct likely to bring the game into disrepute ; and Officials of Clubs must report to the Council any infringement of rules without delay. <br> Linesmen who observe incidents on the fird of play likely to bring the game into disrep |

caution must be specific and personal. In the case of violent conduct, a previous caution is not needed. The Referee must not accept an apology.

Avoid (a).-Discussing or arguing points with players or officials on the field of play.
(b.)-Arguing points with players, officials, or pressmen off the field of play.
(c.)-Pointing at, or placing a hand on a player when cautioning him. Check rough play at the outset.
The Referee is recommended to compare watches with the Linesmen, prior to the game and at half-time.

The Referee should be very careful in deducting time for stoppages, \&c. He should blow his whistle for time or half-time at the exact moment, whether the ball is in play or not. The only case in which time can be extended is that of a penalty kick.

Referees are strongly recommended not to trust to memory alone to keep 3 record of the game, but to note on iper the time of start and the time at

Instructions to Secretaries.

No person may officiate as Reteree in any competition who is not on the official list. If from unforseen circumstances an official Referee is unable to act, Combinations and Clubs may agree to some other person in the emergency.

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|  | LAW 13 (continued) | must, if such incidents have not come under the notice of the Referee, immediately report them to him. Should a Referee fail to report misconduct which comes under his notice, and it is proved to the satisfaction of the Council that such misconduct was of a nature that required investigation, he shall be suspended, or otherwise dealt with. <br> In all cases in which players are cautioned the Referee must, when the Clubs to which the players belong are in full membership with The Foot ball Association, report to that Association, and in all other cases to the County Association with which the clubs are in membership. The Club to which the player belongs shall be notified of the caution. <br> Clubs are expected to provide a private way for players and officials from playing ground to dressing-room wherever this is practicable. <br> If a player uses violent or bad language to a <br> Referee, it will be deemed to be violent conduct within the meaning of Law i3. <br> Referees are also required to deal more effectively with cases of misconduct on the part of players, officials, and spectators. (Council, December 14th, 1903.) <br> All reports of misconduct by Service. Players must be made direct to The Football |



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|  | LAW 13 (continued). | Association, 42, Russell Square, London, W.C., except in matches confined to Service Teams, when the report shall be sent direct to the Service Association concerned. <br> Without permission of the Referee, no person shall be allowed on the field of play during a match other than the Linesmen and players. <br> Referees and Trainers who do not observe this Regulation are liable to be dealt with by the Council. <br> It is misconduct for any Association or Club, or any player, official, or member of any Association or Club to offer, or attempt to offer, either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatever to another Club, player, or players of any other Club, with a view to influence the result of a match. It is misconduct for any Club, player, or players, to accept any such consideration. <br> A Linesman is justified by Law 14 in directing the Referee's attention to distinct breaches of the Laws which have come under his notice, and which he is satisfied the Referee could not see, and Referees should confer with the Linesmen in such a case, especially where the Linesmen are neutral. <br> It is the duty of Referees to act upon the information of neutral Linesmen with regard |


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Trainers must not be allowed on the field of play whilst the game is in progress unless called by the Referee.

Clubs are responsible for trainers observing this Rule.

- The special attention of all concerned is directed to the decisions of the International Board of 14 th June, 1924 .

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|  | LAW I3 (continued). | incidents that do not come under the personal notice of Referees. (Council, March, 1920.) <br> If in the opinion of the Referee a player has been seriously injured the game shall be stopped, the player at once removed from the field of play, and the game resumed. If a player is slightly injured the game shall not be stopped until the ball has ceased to be in play. (International Board, 14th June, 1924). |
| Duties and Powers of Linesmen. | LAW 14. <br> Two Linesmen shall be appointed, whose duty (subject to the decision of the Referee) shall be to decide when the ball is out of play, and which side is entitled to the corner-kick, goal-kick, or throwin ; and to assist the Referee in carrying out the game in accordance with the Laws. In the event of any undue interference or improper conduct by a Linesman, the Referee shall have power to order him off the field of play and appoint a substitute, and report the circumstances to the National Association having jurisdiction over him, who shall deal with the matter. | Wherever it is possible Linesmen should be neutral. Linesmen where neutral must call the attention of the Referee to rough play or ungentlemanly conduct, and generally assist him to carry out the game in a proper manner. <br> Linesmen where neutral may be asked by the Referee to give an opinion on the ball crossing the goal-line between the posts. <br> A player shall not act as Linesman or Referee during suspension. <br> A Linesman is justified by Law 14 in directing the Referee's attention to distinct breaches of the Law which have come under his notice, and which he is satisfied the Referee could not see, and Referees should confer with the Linesmen in such a case, especially where the Linesmen aro neutral. (Council, December 14th, 1903.) |





The ball is in play until the whistle sounds, but the Referee should decide promptly. If in doubt consult the Linesmen.
If the Referee declines to accept an appeal a shake of the head, or the words "play on " may sometimes be used with advantage.

When the Referee has once given his decision and play has been resumed, he must not alter it.

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| Re-starting the game after temporary suspension. | LAW 16. <br> In the event of any temporary suspension of play from any cause, the ball not having gone into touch or behind the goal-line, the Referee shall drop the ball where it was when play was suspended, and it shall be in play when it has touched the ground. If the ball goes into touch or behind the goal-line before it is played by a player, the side shall not play the ball until it has touched the ground. A free kick shall be given for an infringement of this Laze. |  |
| Free Kick. | LAW 17. <br> In the event of any infringement of Laws 5, 6, 8 , or ro, or of a player being sent off the field under Law I3, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side, from the place where the infringement occurred. | A Free Kick is a kick at the ball in any direction the player pleases, when it is lying on the ground. A place kick, a free kick, or a penalty kick must not be taken until the Referee has given a signal for the same. <br> Cases of handling the ball, and tripping, pushing, kicking or holding an opponent, and charging an opponent from behind may so happen as to be considered unintentional, and when this is so, no penalty must be awarded. (International Beard. June 16th, iq02.) |
| Penalty Kick. | In the event of any intentional infringement of side within the penalty area, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side from the place where | If, on taking a penalty kick, the ball rebounds from the goal posts or bar, and the kicker plays it a second time, a free kick must be awarded |

Law 16 expressly states that the
ball shall be dropped. It must not ball shall be dropped. It must not be thrown down.

> If a player touches the ball before it has reached the ground a free kick must be azeiarded.

The Referee should refrain from awarding a free kick if it is to the advantage of the side offended against to allow the play to go on.

Again the Referee is reminded of the fact that it is the intentional breach of Law which must be punished.

Extending the arms to keep an opponent back, though not actually catching hold of him with the hand, is
msidered to be holding.

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| ball until it has touched the ground. |

Players are not required to stand behind the ball, but may take up their position anywhere outside the penalty area, bu: within the field of play.

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the infringement occurred. In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 by the defending side within the penalty area, the Keteree shall award the opponents a penalty kick which shall be taken from the penalty kick mark under the following conditions:-All players, with the exception of the player taking the penalty kick and the opponents' goal-keeper shall be outside the penalty area, and at least ten yards from where the kick is being taken. The opponents' goal-keeper shall not advance beyond his goal line. The ball must be kicked forward. The ball shall be in play when the kick is taken, and a goal maybe scored from a penalty kick; but the ball shall not be again played by the kicker until it has been played by another player. If necessary, time of play shall be extended to admit of the penalty kick being taken. A free kick shall also be awarded to the opposite side if the ball is not kicked forward, or is played a second time by the player who takes the penalty kick until it has been played by another player. The Referee may refrain from putting the provisions of this Law into effect in cases where he is satisfied that by enforcing them he would be giving an advantage to the offending side. If when a penalty kick is taken the ball passes between the goal-posts, under the bar, the goal shall not be nullified by reason of any infringement. by the defending side.

Cases of handling the ball, and tripping, pushing, kicking or holding an opponent, and charging an opponent from behind may so happen as to be considered unintentional, and when this is so, no penalty must be awarded. (International Board, June I6th, 1902.)

If a player deliberately trips an opponent who is standing in an off-side position within the penalty area, and who does not attempt to play the ball or obstruct, a penalty kick should be awarded.

A penalty kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in the field of play, at the time the offence is committed. (International Board, June 1ftb 1924.)

It a goal-keeper has been changed without the Referee being notified, and the new goal-keeper handles the ball within the penalty area, a penalty kick must be awarded. (International Board, June ifth, 1901.)

In the event of the ball touching the goalkeeper before passing between the posts, when a penalty kick is being taken at the expiry of time, a goal is scored. (International Board, June 17 th, 1901.)

The Laws of the Game are intended to provide that games should be played with as little in ference as possible. and in this view it is the $d$

Should the ball hit the goal-post or bar and rebound into play, the player who played it must not play it again until it has been played by another player. Should he do so a free kick must be given against him.
The goal-keeper, defending a penalty kick, must not advance beyond his goal line.
The penalty kick can only be awarded for the following nine offences, intentionally committed by a player of the defending side within the penalty area:-
I. Tripping an opponent.
2. Kicking an opponent.
3. Striking an opponent.
4. Jumping at an opponent.
5. Handling the ball.
6. Holding an opponent.
7. Pushing an opponent.
8. Charging an opponent violently or dangerously.
9. Charging an opponent from behind

Until the Referee has satisfied him-that the players are in their proper tions he should not give a signal

There is a practice of players yelling or making other noises with the object of putting either the goal. keeper or the kicker at a disadvan. tage. Be gentlemen and treat your opponents as such.
Players must wait for the Referee's signal before taking the penalty kick.
A player may not rush in from his place outside the penalty area until the ball has been kicked. If he does so he may be cautioned, and on repeating the offence be ordered off the field of play.
The kick must be forward.
Though a penalty kick may be deserved, the Referee is empowered not to enforce it, if to do so would benefit the offenders. Also if a penalty kick is awarded, and scores, the Referee must ignore any infringement by the defenders, and let the goal stand.



## Plan of the field of play.

Referred to in Law 1 of the Game.


## ELEVATION of GOALPOSTS



The maximum width of the Goal Posts and the maximum depth of the Crossbar shall be five inches

## A CORNER FLAG



The Flagstaff must not be less than 5 Feet high, and a $K_{\text {nos }}$ is suggested in preference to a Spike


## No. I. OFF-SIDE.

## CLEAR PASS TO ONE OF SAME SIDE.



A has run the ball up, and having $D$ in front passes to $B$. $B$ is off-side because there are not three opponents between him and the goal-line when the ball is passed by $\mathbf{A}$.
If $\mathbf{B}$ waits for $E$ to fall back before he shoots, this will not put him in play, because it does not alter his position with relation to $\mathbf{A}$ at the moment the ball was passed by $A$.

## No. 2. NOT OFF-SIDE.

OLEAR PASS TO ONE OF SAME SIDE (continued).


A has run the ball up, and having in front passes across the field. B runs from position 1 to position 2. B is not off-side because at the moment the ball was passed by A he was behind the ball, and had three opponents between him and the goal line.

$A$ and $B$ make a passing run up the wing. A passes the ball to $B$ who cannot shoot because he has $D$ in front. A then runs from position 1 to position 2 where he receives the ball from B. A is off-side because he has not three opponents between him and the goal-line when the ball is played forward by $\mathbf{B}$.

$A$ and $B$ make a passing run up the centre and $A$ being confronted by $D$ passes back to B. B is not off-side, because although he has not three opponents between him and the goal-line, he is not nearer the goal-line than $\mathbf{A}$ at the moment $A$ passes the ball to him.

## No. 5. OFF-SIDE.

## RUNNING BACK FOR BALL.



A centres the ball. B runs back from position 1 to position 2, and then dribbles




## No. 9. OFF-SIDE.

BALL REBOUNDING FROM GOAL POSTS OR GOAL BAR.


A shoots for goal and the ball rebounds from the goal-post into play. B secures the ball and scores. B is off-side because the ball is last played by $A$, a player of his own side, and when $A$ played it $B$ had not three opponents between him and the goal-line, and was in front of $\mathbf{A}$.


A shoots for goal and the ball rebounds from the cross-bar into play. A follows up from position 1 to position 2, and then passes to $B$ who has run up on the other side. $B$ is off-side because the ball is last played by A, a player of his own side, and when $\mathbf{A}$ played it $\mathbf{B}$ had not three opponents between him and the goal-line, and was in front of $\mathbf{A}$. If $\mathbf{A}$ had scored himself at the second attempt, instead of passing to $B$, it would have been a goal.

No. II. OFF-SIDE.

BALL TOUCHING AN OPPONENT.


A shoots at goal and the ball is partially played by $D$. A runs from position 1 to position 2 and recovers the ball, but cannot shoot owing to $D$ being in front. A therefore passes to $B$. $B$ is off-side because he is in front of $A$ and has not three opponents between him and the goal-line when the ball is passed by $\mathbf{A}$.

No. 12. NOT OFF-SIDE.

BALL TOUCHING AN OPPONENT (continued).


A shoots at goal. D runs from position 1 to position 2 to intercept the ball, but it glances off his foot to $\mathbf{B}$ who scores. B is not off-side because, although he has not three opponents between him and the goa!-line, the ball was last played by an opponent $D$.

## No 13. OFF-SIDE.

OBSTRUCTING THE GOAL-KEEPER.


A shoots for goal and scores. B however obstructs $C$ so that he cannot get at the ball. The goal must be disallowed, because $B$ is in an off-side position and may not touch the ball himself, nor in any way whatever interfere with an opponent.

## No. 14. OFF-SIDE.

OBSTRUCTING THE GOAL-KEEPER (continued).


A shoots for goal. B runs in while the ball is in transit and prevents $C$ playing it properly. B is off-side because he is in front of A and has not three opponents between him and the goal line when $\mathbf{A}$ plays the ball. When in this position $\mathbf{B}$ may not touch the ball himself, nor in any way whatever interfere with an opponent.

## No. 15. OFF-SIDE.

OBSTRUCTING AN OPPONENT OTHER THAN THE GOAL-KEEPER.


A shoots for goal. B prevents $E$ running in to intercept the ball. $B$ is off-side because he is in front of $\mathbf{A}$ and has not three opponents between him and the goal-line when $\mathbf{A}$ plays the ball. When in this position $\mathbf{B}$ may not touch the ball himself, nor in any way whatever interfere with an opponent.


A takes a corner kick and the ball goes to B. B shoots for goal and as the ball is passing through $\mathbf{F}$ touches it. $\mathbf{F}$ is off-side because after the corner kick has been taken the ball is last played by B, a player of his own side, and when B played it $\mathbf{F}$ had not three opponents between him and the goal-line.

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## No. 18. NOT OFF-SIDE.

AFTER A CORNER KICK (continued).


- A takes a corner-kick and the ball glances off $\mathbf{D}$ and goes to $\mathbf{B}$, who puta it through goal. B has only one opponent between him and the goal-line, but he is not off-side because the ball was last played by an opponent $D$.


## No. 19 OFF-SIDE.

AFTER A THROW-IN FROM THE TOUCH-LINE.


A throws to $\mathbf{B}$ and then runs from position 1 to position 2. B passes the ball to $\mathbf{A}$ in position 2. $\mathbf{A}$ is off-side because he has not three opponents between him and the goalline when the ball is passed forward to him by B.


A throws the ball to B. Although B has not three opponents between him and the goal-line, he is not off-side because a player is not out of play when a throw-in is taken.

No. 21. OFF-SIDE.
A PLAYER CANNOT PUT HIMSELF ON-SIDE BY RUNNING BACK IN HIS OWN HALF OF THE FIELD OF PLAY.


If $A$ is in his opponents' half of the field of play, and is off-side in position when $B$ last played the ball, he cannot put himself on-side by moving back into

## No. 22. NOT OFF-SIDE.

A PLAYER WITHIN HIS OWN HALF OF THE FIELD OF PLAY NOT OFF-SIDE WHEN HE ENTERS HIS OPPONENT'S HALF OF THE FIELD OF PLAY.


If $A$ is in his own half of the field of play he is on-side, although there were not three opponents nearer their own goal-line when B last played the ball. A is on-side when he enters his opponents' half of the field of play.


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    No. 17. NOT OFF-SIDE.
    $\qquad$
    AFTER A CORNER KICK (continued).
    

    A takes a corner-kick and the ball goes to $\mathbf{B}$ who puts it through goal. B has only one opponent between him and the goal-line, but he is not off-side because a player is not out of play in the case of a corner-kick.

