

AGM 2024

AMENDMENTS TO THE LOTG

These proposed changes have been agreed by the Board and our Referees' Executive team. The rationale behind these proposals is in line with our policy to keep the rules safe, concise, and simple; and to support our "That's Not Walking" campaign to eradicate running:

1. Section A Pitches

Pitches with barriers are deemed acceptable for Club Games, but, for safety reasons, unacceptable for Tournament/Cup Games. Should a team/club be unable to meet this requirement, they must request in writing to the National Cup Manager, permission to play at a venue with barriers. This may be considered in the early rounds of the National Cup, or such competition. Note; If the ball makes contact with the barrier, the ball will be deemed out of play and play will restart in a like manner, eg kick in, goal kick & corner kick.

2. Section C Free-kicks and Penalty kicks.*

The player may start his/her kicking movement a maximum of one metre from behind the ball, and he/she will be allowed unlimited walking steps in a continuous movement towards the ball.

The Referee will indicate the one metre starting position.

(Note: A minor backward step will be acceptable as long as it remains within the 1 metre zone)

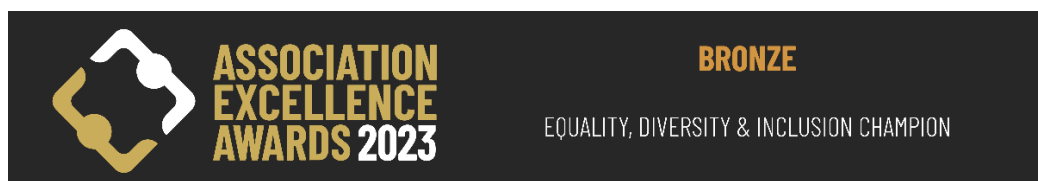
3. Section C Sanctions- Sin Bin

- a. Up to and including a game of 20-minute duration (eg 10 minutes each way) sin-bin punishment of 2 minutes of playing time.
- b. Any game in excess of 20-minute duration (e.g. 11 min or more each way) sin-bin punishment of 10% of the duration of the game. (e.g. 30-minute duration sin-bin punishment of 3 minutes of playing time. – 60 minutes, 6 minutes of playing time)

4. Section D Resuming play

If a player of the opposition attempts to prevent the goalkeeper releasing the ball into play the player shall be penalized. The offended goalkeeper will restart the game with a free kick taken anywhere from within the goal area.

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