

# Law changes

- These changes came into affect June 1<sup>st</sup>
- The majority of the changes will not affect the younger age groups
- Remember the referees are trying to apply these new laws
  - It is a learning curve for them too

# Law changes

- Dropped ball
  - Uncontested – only one player
  - If play stopped inside the penalty area ball is dropped to the keeper
    - Otherwise it goes to the team that last touched it
  - If the ball touches the referee or other official and goes into the goal, possession changes, or a promising attack starts, a dropped ball is awarded to the team last in possession at the point the ball touched the referee

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- Free kicks
  - Of there is a wall of 3 or more defenders, attacker are not allowed in the wall they must be 1 yard off the wall
  - In the Penalty Area
    - The ball is in play once it has been kicked and moved, it does not need to leave the PA
    - Opponents must remain outside of the PA or be retreating.
    - Keepers take the risk when attempting a quick restart
- Goal Kicks
  - Ball does not need to leave the PA once it has been kicked

# Law changes

- Kick off
  - Away team call the toss
  - Winner of the toss has the option of
    - Taking possession of the ball (kicking off)
    - Choosing which goal to defend
- Substitutes
  - Leave the pitch at the closest boundary
  - Referee discretion
- Penalty Kicks
  - The goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on or inline with the goal line
  - Goal keeper may not stand behind the goal line

# Law changes

- Team Officials

- Coaches may be issued both yellow - cautions and red cards send offs
  - If an offender cannot be identified the card is issued to the head coach
- Yellow Cards will be issued for:
  - Dissent by word or action
  - Show lack of respect for the game
  - Persistent disagreement with referee decision
- Red Cards may be issued for:
  - A second yellow card
  - Deliberately throwing object on the field
  - Entering the field to confront a match official

# Law changes

- HANDBALL

- Deliberate handling remains an offence
- A free kick is given, even if accidental, if:
  - The ball goes in the goal after touching the players hand/arm
  - Possession is gained after being touched resulting in a score or scoring opportunity
  - The body is made unnaturally bigger
- A free kick will usually not be given if:
  - The keeper fails to clear a throw in or pass back then handles the ball
  - The ball touches a players arm directly their head, foot, body or another close player
  - When their arm is supporting their body on the ground
  - The ball touches the arm when it close to the players body and not made their body bigger