

2025/26 IFAB Laws of the Game Summary

Description of files found within LOTG Update package:

2025_26 LOTG Changes EN-Power Point

- Full summary of law updates, as presented to the officials of Alberta through mandatory Outdoor Refresher courses.
- IFAB and CSA based information.

Circular-30_2025_EN

- IFAB overview of decisions made at the 139th annual general meeting.

Circular-31_EN

- IFAB clarification of Law 10 and Law 14, “**Double Touches**” during the taking of a **penalty kick**.
- Provides outcomes and restarts.

Law_Changes_2025_IFAB Summary

- Separation of the Law Changes for 2025/26 as printed in the 25/26 IFAB Laws of the Game.
- Can be found within the full 25/26 IFAB Laws of the Game

LAWS OF THE GAME FULL 2025_26

- Complete edition of the 2025/26 IFAB Laws of the Game
- Can also be found digitally through www.theifab.com or purchased within App store for free.

Only the captain guidelines EN_s

- Summary and instructions for use and purpose of the “only the captain” guidelines.
- OPTIONAL for competitions and leagues to use.
- Supports collaboration between referee and captain to help prevent swarming of players and potential dissent situations.

Video Folder Summary:

Law 8 Drop Ball-Would have Gained Possession

- Red player initially kicks ball that was clearly moving towards player in black, who clearly “would have gained possession” before the ball made contact with the official.
- Play stopped and drop ball provided to player in black.
- If not clear, ball is dropped to team who last touched the ball.

Law 9 Ball in and out of play-Indirect FK

- Substitute warming up behind the goal line plays ball to goalkeeper prior to it fully leaving the field.
- Did not interfere with the intent to play unfairly.
- Restart is an indirect free kick at the place where the substitute touched the ball to the opposing team.

Law 12 GK 8 Second-Play Continue

- Goalkeeper takes possession of ball with her arms/hands.
- Once ball is controlled, 8 second count starts. First 3 seconds the referee counts mentally and without hand signal.
- Referee starts visual count with hand (and ideally voice) starting at 5, 4, 3.....
- Goalkeeper clearly releases ball before ‘0” and play continues.

Law 12 GK 8 Seconds-Corner Kick

- Goalkeeper takes possession of ball his arms/hands while lying on the ground.
- Once ball is controlled and players are no longer contesting, referee (not visible) starts 8 second count.
- Referee (visible at end with raised hand) blows whistle at “0” count and stops play. A corner kick signal is given and ball moved by opposing player towards corner for restart.

PK Double Kick EPL

- Penalty kick taker (#9), while following through on kick, touches ball with both feet accidentally, leading to the ball going into the goal.
- Referee, after observing live and apparent confirmation through headset, retakes penalty kick, as a goal was scored.
- 0:38 seconds provides clearer view of ball hitting both feet and changing trajectory.