

2014 AND 2015 SOCCER RULES CHANGES SUMMARY

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RULE REFERENCE	CHANGE	RATIONALE	NOTES
Entire rules book	Delete all references to metric measurements. Change all references to ineligible player to illegal player. Change all references of match to game.	Editorial.	
1.1.1	The field of play shall be rectangular, with the a length of which shall not be more than 75 of 115-120 yards or less than 70 yards and shall not exceed the a width of 70-75 yards. Facilities in use for soccer before 1995 need only to be rectangular, the width of which shall not exceed the length.	Editorial.	
1.1.1 New Note 3 and PENALTY	<i>Note 3: A team is not required to play on a field that is not in compliance with the rules. However, the teams can agree to play the game by mutual consent. A team that agrees to play on a field that is not in compliance waives the right to protest that issue.</i> <u>PENALTY-The game shall not begin and the referee shall file a report with the governing sports authority. (See Page 7.)</u>	Added a penalty since there was no consequence for not following the specifications outlined in the rule.	Major
1.2 and throughout rules book	The field shall be marked with distinctive lines, in accordance with the diagram on Page 89 , the longer boundary lines being called the touch lines and the shorter the end lines. The end lines shall meet at the corners and shall extend from the touch line to touch line. The goal line shall be that part of the end line that extends completely across the field of play, including the area between the goal posts. The touch lines shall extend the entire length of the field.	Updated throughout the rules book to reflect end line/goal line distinction. Updated terminology to reflect actual usage.	
1.4	A halfway line shall be visibly marked out across the entire field of play. The center of the field shall be indicated by a suitable mark, and a circle	Halfway line across entire field is necessary to determine offside violations.	Major

	<p>with a 10-yard radius shall be marked around it.</p> <p><i>Note: Beginning in 2016, any new field construction or renovation must be compliant.</i></p> <p>PENALTY—The game shall not begin and the referee shall file a report with the governing sports authority. (See page 6.)</p>		
1.6 PENALTY	PENALTY—If it cannot be corrected before the start of competition, the game shall not begin and the referee shall file a report with the governing sports authority. (See Page 6.)	Editorial.	
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1.9.1 PENALTY	PENALTY—If it cannot be corrected before the start of competition, the game shall not begin and the referee shall file a report with the governing sports authority. (See Page 6.)	Editorial.	
1.9.2	The width or diameter of the goal posts and crossbar shall not be less than 4 inches nor more than 5 inches, and the same as the width of the goal line. The back edge of the goal post must align with the outermost edge of the end line. ...	A.R. 1.9.a and 1.9.b incorporated into rule.	
1.9.2 PENALTY	PENALTY—If it cannot be corrected before the start of competition, the game shall begin and the referee shall file a report with the governing sports authority. (See Page 6.)	Minor marking discrepancy does not warrant cancellation of game.	
1.18	The rules of conduct in the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules and Interpretations do not specify, nor do they legislate, matters pertaining to the areas surrounding the field of play, or the slope or grading of playing facilities. The rules specify only maximum and minimum dimensions of fields constructed after September 1995. New field construction minimum dimensions are 115 yards [105.16m] (length) by 70 yards [64.01m] (width). New maximum dimensions are 120 yards [109.73m] by 75 yards [68.58m].	Clarified NCAA does not legislate matters regarding areas surrounding field of play.	

2.2	The ball shall be spherical, the outer casing of which shall be leather or approved synthetic, and no material shall be used in its construction that might prove dangerous to players. <u>There are no restrictions on the color of the ball.</u>	Common practice update.	
3.6.2	During the final five minutes of the second period only, <u>any time if the leading team makes a substitution, the referee shall signal the clock to be stopped and beckon the substitute onto the field.</u> 3.6.3 If the game is tied or the losing coach chooses to substitute, the clock shall not be stopped.	Clarified 3.6.2 and previous 3.6.3.	Major
3.6.3	<u>No player shall enter or leave the field of play without the referee's permission, except through normal movement of play.</u> PENALTY— Caution the player and/or coach for misconduct and award an indirect free kick from the location of the ball at the time of the infraction.	Clarified previous 3.6.4 and 3.6.5.	
4.1.1	A field player's uniform shall consist of a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings and shoes. (See Rule 4.4.) <u>It is permissible to have the institution's name, nickname or mascot on the front and or back of the uniform, and the player's name on the back of the jersey.</u>	Common practice update.	
4.5.6	4.5.6 Players may wear a device for the purpose of monitoring and accumulating data, which can be used during the game. However, the data obtained may not be used at any time during the game or intervals, unless verified as medically necessary. PENALTY— Upon the first occurrence, the referee shall instruct the team representative to stop the data analysis. If the team representative persists, or upon the second infraction, a caution shall be used. On a third occurrence, an ejection shall be issued.	Technological advances allowed to monitor student-athletes' performance.	Major
5.4.1	The An <u>referee's official's jurisdiction shall begin when he or she arrives at the site of the competition 30 minutes before the start of play and shall end when the official leaves the site of the competition. The site of the competition is defined as the field, locker rooms, parking areas and the surroundings generally associated with athletics facilities.</u>	Clarification that referee's jurisdiction begins upon arrival at game site.	Major
5.5.1.1	<u>Officials shall arrive at the game site a minimum of 30 minutes before</u>	Retains expectation that officials arrive at least 30 minutes before kickoff.	

	<u>kickoff.</u>		
5.5.2	Postgame duties shall include reviewing and signing the official NCAA box score, <u>or verifying the electronic version,</u> to ensure the score, cards and the disciplinary actions are accurately recorded.	Referee's reviewing the box score is required to ensure score, cards and disciplinary actions are accurately recorded even though electronic scoring does not allow for referee's signature.	
New A.R. 5.5.2.b	<u>If the NCAA Soccer Central Hub website is unavailable for the 24 hours after the match, does the referee still need to electronically complete and file the appropriate form? RULING: Yes, the referee shall complete the form as soon as possible after the website becomes available.</u>	Clarifies ongoing responsibility of referee to complete red card reports.	
New A.R. 5.6.1.e	<u>May the referee allow for stoppages due to extreme heat and humidity? RULING: Yes.</u>	Common practice update.	
5.6.5	Forfeit <u>Terminate the game to the opposing team</u> if:	Corrected text.	
New A.R. 5.6.9	<u>Are pep bands or amplified music permissible? RULING: Yes, during pregame, period intervals, and anytime the clock is stopped and the ball is not in play.</u>	Common practice update.	
New 6.3.3.1	<u>In the event that the official timing device malfunctions or there is no electronically controlled scoreboard clock visible to both benches and spectators, the referee on the field shall become the timekeeper.</u>	Changed <i>Note</i> to rule. Common practice update.	
Recommended Timing Sheets	60:00 Teams may begin warm-up <u>on the field in front of their bench.</u>	Common practice update.	
Recommended Timing Sheets	Halftime <u>15:00-17:00</u>	Permits additional time for media. Common practice update.	
6.3.5	The timekeeper shall stop the clock when signaled by the referee to do so <u>signals</u> for any of the following reasons:	Editorial.	
6.3.8	The timekeeper shall call out audibly to the nearest official, if at the timekeeper's table located between the team benches, or call out over the press box, the last seconds of playing time in any period, from 10 to zero; and... <u>The timekeeper shall call out audibly to the nearest official, if at the timekeeper's table located between the team benches, or call out over the using a public-address system or to the nearest official if time is being kept in the press box,</u> the last seconds of playing time in any period, <u>from 10 to zero;</u> and...	Specifies responsibilities of timekeeper in determining end-of-period intervals.	Major
6.3.9	The timekeeper shall signal for the termination of the period and signal with a horn (not whistle) when time has expired. <u>The expiration of time is the moment when the timekeeper's timekeeping signal begins, regardless of the position of the ball. If no horn sounds, the period will</u>	Specifies responsibilities of timekeeper and referee in determining end-of-period intervals.	

	<p>end when the clock reaches zero (and/or 45:00/90:00/10:00/10:00).</p> <p><i>Note: The expiration of time is the moment when the timekeeper's timekeeping signal begins, regardless of the position of the ball.</i></p> <p>A.R. 6.3.9. What happens if the signaling device malfunctions? RULING: Provided the last 10 seconds have been counted down to zero and/or the timekeeping device (for example, scoreboard clock) reaches zero (and/or 45:00/90:00/10:00/10:00) the referee's whistle shall represent that time has expired and the period/game ends.</p> <p>A.R. 6.3.9. If time is being kept on the field by the referee, shall the referee's whistle signal the end of the period? RULING: Yes. (See Rule 6.3.3.1.)</p>		
6.4.5	<p><i>Note: Each team is responsible for uploading the box score on the NCAA statistics site for home games or contests at a neutral site or against non-NCAA opponents. Note that an electronic version of the scoresheet with an official's signature does not also need to be emailed/faxed to the NCAA.</i></p>	Further outlines the process by which statistics are uploaded to the NCAA.	
7.1.1	<p>For regular season games, Two sudden-victory overtime periods of 10 minutes each shall be played. A coin toss called by the visiting team will determine choice of ends of the field or the kickoff before the start of the first sudden-victory overtime period. Teams shall change ends of the field to start the sudden-victory overtime period. If the score still is tied at the end of the second sudden-victory overtime period, the game shall be recorded as a tie for all purposes. For regular season games, it will remain a tie for all purposes. For postseason games, which include conference tournaments and NCAA tournament games, the tiebreaker procedure of taking kicks from the penalty-kick line or spot, as set forth below, shall be used to determine advancement.</p> <p>Exception: <i>The winner of the penalty kicks during the national championship game only shall be declared the winner for all purposes, including the record.</i></p> <p>Keep A.R. 7.1.1.a, 7.1.1.b and 7.1.2.d (now 7.1.1.c).</p>	Combined 7.1.1 and 7.1.2. and corresponding A.R.s.	
7.1.1.1	<p>Only players who are listed on the official NCAA game roster form shall be eligible to participate in the tiebreaker. Each team shall designate either: (a) 10 different kickers, one of whom may be the goalkeeper; or (b) 10 different kickers and a goalkeeper who will not participate as a designated kicker in the tiebreaker procedure. The kicking order shall</p>	In a tiebreaker, permits teams to change the kicking order once all eligible kickers have kicked once.	Major

	<p>be at the discretion of the kicking team; however, once taken, after all the eligible kickers have kicked once the order of the designated kickers shall remain the same may change. If any of the designated players, except for the goalkeeper, are ejected during the tiebreaker, the game will continue with the remaining designated players; and the opposing team, if desired, shall have the option to reduce or adjust its kicking order to avoid being penalized or placed at a disadvantage if the No. 1 kicker from the offending team ends up kicking against the No. 10 kicker from the nonoffending team. In addition, if the designated player ejected is the goalkeeper, his or her replacement may be from any of the eligible players listed on the official NCAA game roster for that game.; however, The game will continue with the remaining designated players and the opposing team shall remove one of the designated kickers from its kicking order.</p> <p><i>Note: The tie-breaker kicks shall be administered in accordance with Rule 14.2.</i></p>		
7.1.1.4	<p>Each kick shall be taken by a different player until <u>all eligible kickers have kicked once</u> 10 kicks have been taken by each team. If the number of kicks goes <u>continue</u> beyond 10 that number, the initial order of the <u>initially designated kickers kicking may be changed</u> shall be repeated.</p>	Further explains Rule 7.1.1.1.	Major
7.2	<p>The halftime interval shall be 15 minutes, <u>which the interval may be extended in postseason competition by the games committee. The interval may be shortened to 10 minutes or fewer</u> by prior mutual consent of the coaches and officials. The interval between the end of regulation play and the first overtime period shall be five minutes. The interval between the first and second overtime periods shall not exceed two minutes. (Also see A.R. 5.6.9.)</p>	Common practice update.	
7.3	<p>The end of the game shall occur after time has expired and the referees or teams have signed the official NCAA box score form left the site of the competition. (See Rules 5.4.1, 6.4.3 and 6.4.4.)</p>	Better defines end of the game.	Major
New 7.4	<p>When a scheduled game is forfeited <u>terminated</u> before it begins, it is recorded as “no contest.” Neither team is credited with a win or loss, regardless of the reason why the game was forfeited <u>terminated</u>. If a game is forfeited during play, the statistics only count if at least 70 minutes have been completed. If a game in progress is declared a forfeit win to one of the teams by the game officials and the game has</p>	Relocated text from Rule 10.8.	

	<p>not progressed to a reasonable point of conclusion (70 minutes), then the official game score shall be 1-0. The team's won-lost record shall include the forfeit, but the statistics are voided as a result of 70 minutes not being played; all averages shall be computed without the inclusion of the forfeited contest. All statistics count if a game is forfeited after the game has concluded, and the team that won the game on the field still gets the victory, while the team that lost on the field still gets the loss.</p>		
<p>New 7.5</p>	<p>A suspended game is considered a temporary action (because of elements or other causes). If the conditions leading to a suspended game persist and the game is not resumed the same day, the game shall be considered "no contest" if it has not progressed to 70 minutes. A "no contest" does not count, and all normal statistics are nullified; however, cautions or ejections occurring in a "no contest" shall be subject to the procedures stated in Rules 12.11, 12.12, and 12.13.</p> <p>A.R. 7.5.a. Because of lightning, the referee suspends a game midway into the second half of play. The storm persists, and the game cannot continue. How shall the referee report the game? RULING: If the game has progressed to 70 minutes (that is 70:00), the referee shall report that it was suspended.</p> <p>A.R. 7.5.b. A game is suspended at 47:47. What is the ruling of the game? RULING: No contest.</p>	<p>Relocated text from Rule 10.10.</p>	
<p>New 7.6</p>	<p>The purpose of the lightning safety inclement weather policy is to provide information to those responsible for making decisions about suspending and restarting games based on the presence of lightning. See Appendix C.</p> <p>With reference to game interruptions and the length of waiting time beyond which the game cannot be started and/or restarted: No game may be started or resumed that has not been restarted before an additional 90 minutes after the conclusion of a regulation 90-minute game, more than three hours after the originally scheduled start time unless mutually agreed upon before the game or by conference policy by the teams or determined by the governing sports authority. (See Page 7.) For example, a game begun at 2 p.m., if interrupted, shall be suspended for that day if it cannot be resumed before 5 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon before the game or by conference policy. (See Rule 7.1.)</p>	<p>Relocated text from Rule 10.11.</p>	

	<p>Once a game has been started and suspended, it must be restarted no later than three hours after the actual start time unless mutually agreed upon by the teams or determined by the governing sports authority. (See Page 7.)</p> <p><i>Note: For example, a game begun at 2 p.m., if interrupted, shall be suspended if it cannot be resumed before 5 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon before the game or by conference policy. (See Rule 7.1.)</i></p>		
10.4	<p>A goal is awarded when a An offensive player who legally causes either kicks or heads the entire ball to completely cross into the goal line is awarded a goal. The player is credited with two points for statistical purposes.</p>	Clarification.	
10.4.1	<p>When a defender kicks or heads plays the ball into his or her team's goal with the intent of making a pass back to a teammate or of clearing the ball out of danger, the goal is not credited to an individual opponent, but is recorded as an "own goal."</p> <p><i>Note: For statistical purposes, an "own goal" is not credited to any player; however, the goal should be counted in the season totals "for" and "against" for the respective teams.</i></p>	Clarification.	
10.4.2	<p>An offensive player whose shot is deflected into the goal by the goalkeeper or a defender receives credit for the goal, provided the momentum of the shot carried the ball into the goal.</p> <p>10.4.2 An offensive player whose <u>shot or pass</u> is deflected into the goal by a defender or whose pass is mishandled by the goalkeeper and allowed to cross into the goal shall receive credit for a shot and a goal, provided the momentum of the shot carried the ball into the goal.</p>	Clarification.	
10.8	<p>Only when forfeits are declared by the NCAA Committee on Infractions will the official record for the schools be reversed. Any forfeited games that are not declared by the Committee on Infractions do not alter any NCAA statistics and/or records. It is suggested that schools and conferences denote such games by using an asterisk and a footnote.</p>	Deleted language not applicable to the rules of conduct and relocated remaining text to new Rule 7.4.	
10.9	<p>A protest may be filed by an authorized representative of an involved institution or governing sports authority providing it relates to the misapplication of a rule of conduct that clearly has a direct impact on:</p> <p>(1) the outcome of the game; or (2) participant eligibility.</p>	Relocated text to new Rule 12.16.	

	<p>A protest shall be filed electronically with the secretary-rules editor by completing and submitting the Protest Form located on the NCAA Soccer Central Hub website at www.NCAAsoccer.arbitersports.com within 48 hours of the completion of the game. The Protest Form shall be completed in the prescribed manner, and copies of the form shall be contemporaneously forwarded to the opposing coach and the referee. The failure to timely file, complete and serve copies of the Protest Form will result in denial of the protest.</p> <p>The decisions of the referee regarding facts of play are final. Protests based solely on matters of referee judgment or the accuracy of a decision shall not be considered.</p> <p>If the protest involves a possible scorekeeper error, the referee and authorized representatives of the teams shall confer and make a determination based upon the available information at the game site. The decision regarding the protest shall be communicated to the involved institutions and the governing sports authority by the secretary-rules editor.</p> <p>If the game result clearly delineates a winner, there shall be no replay and all statistics, except a modified score, shall remain. If a protest results in a determination (by the governing sports authority) to replay the game, it shall be replayed in its entirety and all statistics from the previous game shall not count, except as provided by Rules 12.11, 12.12, 12.13 and 12.14.</p> <p>All decisions by the secretary-rules editor are final and not subject to appeal.</p>		
10.10	<p>A suspended game is considered a temporary action (because of elements or other causes). If the conditions leading to a suspended game persist and the game is not resumed the same day, the game shall be considered “no contest” if it has not progressed to 70 minutes. A “no contest” does not count, and all normal statistics are nullified; however, cautions or ejections occurring in a “no contest” shall be subject to the procedures stated in Rules 12.11, 12.12, and 12.13.</p> <p>A.R. 7.5.a Because of lightning, the referee suspends a game midway into the second half of play. The storm persists, and the game cannot continue. How shall the referee report the game? RULING: If the game has progressed to 70 minutes (that is 70:00), the referee shall report that it was suspended.</p> <p>A.R. 7.5.b A game is suspended at 47:47. What is the ruling of the</p>	Relocated text to Rule 7.5.	

	game? RULING: No contest.		
10.11	<p>The purpose of the lightning safety policy is to provide information to those responsible for making decisions about suspending and restarting games based on the presence of lightning. See Appendix C.</p> <p>With reference to game interruptions and the length of waiting time beyond which the game cannot be started and/or restarted: No contest may be started or resumed that has not been restarted before an additional 90 minutes after the conclusion of a regulation 90-minute game, unless mutually agreed upon before the game or by conference policy. For example, a game begun at 2 p.m., if interrupted, shall be suspended for that day if it cannot be resumed before 5 p.m., unless mutually agreed upon before the game or by conference policy. (See Rule 7.1.)</p>	Relocated text to Rule 7.6.	
11.2	<p>A player shall be declared offside and penalized only for being in an offside position if, at the moment <u>time</u> the ball touches or is played by a teammate, the player is involved in active play <u>and</u> interferes with play or with an opponent, or seeks to gain an advantage by being in that position. Further, when a player is in an offside position, that player shall not interfere with an opponent or with the play by being so near the goalkeeper or any other opponent as to hamper the opponent's movements or obstruct his or her sight of the ball.</p> <p>PENALTY –Indirect free kick from the point of the infraction.</p> <p>AR 11.2.a. A player is in an offside position and interferes with an <u>opponent or hampers the opponent's movements or obstructs his or her sight of the ball.</u> RULING: Offside.</p>	Clarification.	
OFFSIDE diagrams		Clarified text and enlarged diagrams.	
12.3.1	<p>Is guilty of serious foul play;</p> <p><u>12.3.1.1 Serious foul play must be: against an opponent, between players competing for the ball, committed on the field of play, and a direct free kick foul.</u></p>	Defined nature of infraction.	
12.3.2	<p>Is guilty of violent behavior;</p> <p><u>12.3.2.1 Violent behavior may be against anyone (for instance, opponent, teammate, official or spectator) not competing for the ball</u></p>	Defined nature of infraction.	

	and may be on or off the field of play. The ball may be in or out of play.		
12.4.6	12.4.6 Illegal or inappropriate coaching from the touch lines after previously being advised by the referee against a recurrence;	Deleted requirement of verbal warning before penalizing infraction.	Major
12.4.11	Charging illegally when the ball is not within playing distance, unless being obstructed; A.R. 12.4.11. What is meant by charging illegally (not violently or dangerously)? RULING: An illegal charge is one that involves a nudge or contact with the near shoulder against an opponent while the ball is in play that is made when both players are not in an upright position, and/or not within playing distance of the ball, and/or do not have at least one foot on the ground and/or do not have their arms held close to the body.	Corrected text.	
12.11.1	<u>Coaches serving a game suspension(s) are permitted to participate in pregame activities up until kickoff, at which time they shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and are prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches and/or bench personnel from the start of the contest to its completion, including all overtime periods and penalty-kick tiebreaker procedures. (See Rule 12.12.1.)</u>	Common practice update.	
12.12.1	A player(s), coach or bench personnel ejected from a game cannot participate in the next regularly scheduled game, including postseason games, or, if the offense occurs in the final game of the season, in the first scheduled game of the next season. If the ejected individual(s) is a player of record in the game at the time of the ejection, the player, who cannot be replaced, shall leave the game and his/her team shall play short. A player(s), coach or bench personnel receiving a second red card in the same season shall not compete in the next two regularly scheduled games, including postseason games. Each successive red card shall result in an additional one game suspension. For example, a second red card shall result in a two-game suspension; a third red card shall result in a three-game suspension, etc. A player(s), coach or bench personnel involved in a fight shall be ejected from the game and is required to sit out the following two games an additional game for the fight (one for the red card and one additional game for the fighting offense), including postseason games. A player(s), coach or bench personnel involved in a second fight in the	Enhanced penalty to deter misconduct.	Major

	<p>same season shall be ejected from the game and shall not compete for the remainder of the season, including postseason games. If the first fighting offense in a season occurs after any nonfighting ejection, the fighting offense (<u>one additional game</u>), along with the necessary two-game suspension for a previous <u>second red card</u>, shall carry a total of a <u>three-game suspension</u> an additional game suspension (for instance, three games).</p> <p>A player(s), coach or other bench personnel removed from the game and/or serving a game suspension(s) shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches and/or bench personnel from the start of the contest to its completion, including all overtime periods. Scrimmages and exhibition games, scheduled or unscheduled, do not qualify as games with reference to ejected players.</p>		
12.13	...shall be ejected from the game and is required to sit out an additional two games for the referee assault (one for the red card and two additional games for the referee assault offense)...	Clarification.	
12.14.1	<p>Coaches, players and bench personnel shall remain inside their respective coaching and team areas. Exceptions: (1) <i>Players warming up in preparation to enter the field of play are permitted to use the area that extends beyond the respective area nearest their bench and opposite their opponent's areas. (See Rule 4.2.5).</i> (2) <i>Athletic trainers and coaches may enter the field only if instructed to do so by the referee; however, it is not permissible to provide coaching instruction to any player(s) while attending an injured player(s).</i> (3) <i>A member of the coaching staff, who is part of the official traveling party and is listed on the game roster, is permitted to view the game from the press box or other suitable areas. Provided a press box or other suitable area is available and there is no communication, in any way, with other bench personnel in the coaching and team areas. Communication and/or contact is permitted during halftime, overtime intervals, and/or any time the staff member returns to the coaching and team areas.</i></p>	Deleted portion of rule that prohibits electronic communication between coaches.	Major
12.14.2	<u>Members of the coaching staff who are listed on the game roster and are on site are permitted to communicate with each other via electronic devices.</u>	Recognizes technological advances and allows electronic communication between coaches (listed on game roster and not serving a suspension) who are on site.	Major
12.14.3 PENALTY	12.14.23 PENALTY—Warn, caution or eject as appropriate. Upon the	Deleted requirement of verbal warning before penalizing infraction.	Major

	first occurrence, the referee shall instruct the coach to return to the coaching and team area. On the second infraction, a caution shall be issued. On the third occurrence, an ejection shall be issued.		
12.14.4 PENALTY	12.14.34 PENALTY—Warn, caution or eject as appropriate. Upon the first occurrence, the referee shall instruct the coach to return to the coaching and team area. On the second infraction, a caution shall be issued. On the third occurrence, an ejection shall be issued.	Deleted requirement of verbal warning before penalizing infraction.	Major
12.15	<p>Explanation: The player sits one (1) game for accumulating the third yellow after the five yellow-card suspension, The yellow card total is now eight (8). The player sits one (1) game after the first five (5); one (1) game after the next three (3) yellow cards; and one (1) three games for the third red card every two (2) cards thereafter. The player sits two (2) games for the fighting red card and one (1) additional game for the fighting offense previous red card.</p> <p>The total is 4 five – one game for three yellows; one for the enhanced fighting offense penalty previous red; and two (2) three for the fighting accumulated reds.</p>	Clarification.	Major
12.16	<p>A protest may be filed by an authorized representative of an involved institution or governing sports authority providing it relates to the misapplication of a rule of conduct that clearly has a direct impact on: (1) the outcome of the game; or (2) participant eligibility.</p> <p>A protest shall be filed electronically with the secretary-rules editor by completing and submitting the Protest Form located on the NCAA Soccer Central Hub website at www.NCAAsoccer.arbitersports.com within 48 hours of the completion of the game. The Protest Form shall be completed in the prescribed manner, and copies of the form shall be contemporaneously forwarded to the opposing coach and the referee. The failure to timely file, complete and serve copies of the Protest Form in a timely manner will result in denial of the protest.</p> <p>The decisions of the referee regarding facts of play are final. Protests based solely on matters of referee judgment or the accuracy of a decision shall not be considered.</p> <p>If the protest involves a possible scorekeeper error, the referee and authorized representatives of the teams shall confer and make a determination based upon the available information at the game site. The decision regarding the protest shall be communicated to the</p>	Relocated text from Rule 10.9 and added examples of protestable matters.	

	<p>involved institutions and the governing sports authority by the secretary-rules editor.</p> <p>If the game result clearly delineates a winner, there shall be no replay and all statistics, except a modified score, shall remain. If a protest results in a determination (by the governing sports authority) to replay the game, it shall be replayed in its entirety and all statistics from the previous game shall not count, except as provided by Rules 12.11, 12.12, 12.13 and 12.14.</p> <p><u>All decisions by the secretary-rules editor are final and not subject to appeal.</u></p> <p>A.R. 12.16.a. <u>A protest is filed claiming that an opponent was offside when a goal was scored. RULING: Protest denied. The decision of the referee regarding facts of play is final. Protests based on matters of referee judgment or the accuracy of a decision shall not be considered.</u></p> <p>A.R. 12.16.b. <u>A protest is filed documenting the fact that a goal was scored by an opponent who was an illegal substitute. RULING: Protest granted. This is a misapplication of a rule of conduct.</u></p> <p>A.R. 12.16.c. <u>A protest is filed claiming the referee incorrectly ruled that a push was a fighting offense per Rule 12.6.1. RULING: Protest denied. The decision of the referee regarding facts of play is final. Protests based on matters of referee judgment or the accuracy of a decision shall not be considered.</u></p>		
14.2	<p>The penalty kick is taken after the referee’s whistle from any place on the penalty line or spot. Only those players on the field at the time the penalty kick is awarded may take the penalty kick. <u>The referee shall identify the penalty kicker by handing the kicker the ball.</u></p>	Common practice update.	
A.R. 14.3.2	<p>On a penalty kick, the offensive team infringes upon the rule. RULING: The kick shall be retaken if a goal is scored. If a goal is not scored and the ball rebounds into play, an indirect free kick shall be awarded against the offending team. <u>If the ball goes directly out of play over the goal end line without being touched, a goal kick shall be awarded. If a goal is not scored and the ball rebounds into or out of play, an indirect free kick shall be awarded against the offending team.</u></p>	Clarification.	

Points of Emphasis

- 1.9.2 Back edge of goal post must align with outermost edge of end line
- 4.5.6 Data from monitoring devices allowed during game
- 5.4.6 Conduct rules cannot be altered
- 5.5.2 Referees review box score to ensure completeness and accuracy of information
- 5.5.2; 5.5.3; 12.6.1.3 Referees file each red card report online with NCAA at www.NCAAsoccer.arbitersports.com
- 7.1.1.1; 7.1.1.4 Order of kickers may change after all eligible kickers have kicked once
- 12.11.1 Using illegal player results in forfeit and doubles penalty, and head coach is suspended for the same term
- 12.12.1 Enhanced penalty for successive red cards
- 12.14.2 Electronic devices allowed among on-site, rostered coaches
- 12.15 One yellow card maximum per game
- 12.16 Protest limited to misapplication of rule clearly having impact on outcome of game or player eligibility
- 12.16 Notification of protest shall be shall be filed within 48 hours electronically at www.NCAAsoccer.arbitersports.com