

FIFA Initiated Rule Changes:

1. **Wall** - No attacking players are allowed w/in 3 feet of a defending teams wall of 3 or more players during a free kick. Penalty results in an indirect kick given to the defending team.
2. **Goal Kicks** - The ball is live once it is kicked during a goal kick. It does not have to leave the penalty box before it can be played by a teammate or opposing player. Opposing players must still remain outside the penalty box until after the ball is kicked.
3. **Substitutions** - Substituting players on the field are to leave the pitch at the nearest touchline. They do not need to leave at midfield. Players coming into the game must still report to midfield prior to substitution.
4. **Coaches** - Coaches can now receive yellow and red cards rather than verbal warnings and ejections as before.
5. **Hand Balls** - Hand balls are to be called if they are deemed intentional, if the player is making themselves bigger in an unusual position not relating to a soccer move, or if an accidental hand ball leads to a score. Hand balls are **not** to be called if deemed accidental by the referee in non-scoring situations.
6. **Drop Balls** - There is no longer a drop ball in the game. In the event of a drop ball call the referee will give the ball to the team who last touched it. The opposing team will give them 5 yards to restart. In the event of a drop ball call in the penalty area, the referee will give the ball to the goalie for the restart.