

2. CHANGES TO MECHANICS

This edition of the *Manual of Football Officiating* has been updated to add new material and to better organise what we already had. This edition is primarily an update to the 15th edition to reflect recent rule changes, and to introduce the Centre Judge position and the use of radio communications.

The changes embodied in this edition have come from a number of sources, including:

- issues discussed at international clinics and tournaments in recent years;
- annual NCAA/CFO announcements on rule interpretations and philosophies;
- the views of an international review committee (see the foreword for a list of those involved).

2.1 – Major changes

The following is a list of the most important additions and changes:

Additional rules application	3.4.5
All officials should carry 2 bean bags	21.1.1
Concussion protocol	5.3.6.c
Crew formation notation (new)	1.2
Don't say yes/no to question about on/off line	11.2.d.3, 13.2.d.3
Free kick positions revised	11.1.a.2, 11.1.b.2, 12.1.a.2, 12.1.a.10.c, 12.1.b.1, 12.1.b.2, 12.1.d.1, 19.3.8
Game clock always with Line Judge	5.13.1, 11.9.a.6, 13.9.a.6
Key system revisions	11.4.b.3, 12.4.b.4, 13.4.b.3, 14.4.b.3, 15.4.b.4, 16.1.1, 16.1.2, 16.1.3.e, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6
Lateral position of ball notation	5.7.9, 9.9.a.13, 10.9.a.11
New diagram	26.1.J, 26.5.F, 26.5.G
New example play	26.2.L
New philosophy for take-a-knee plays	3.8.9
New point of emphasis	1.3.1
New when in doubt principles	6.1.3, 6.1.10, 6.1.13, 6.1.28, 6.1.30
Officials record details at end of quarter	5.12.3, 20.4.1, 20.4.5
Philosophy of 'when in doubt'	6.1
Signalling ready on free kick	11.1.a.5.e, 12.1.a.4.e, 13.1.a.4.d, 14.1.a.4.e, 15.1.a.4.e
Supplementary signal 44 is new	24.3.8, 27.44
Video review (new chapter)	24

In these sections, and elsewhere, the following symbols are used to denote the reason for a change:

‡	mechanic changed due to CFO change (or to bring us in line with them)
†	mechanic changed for better coverage
§	fill gap in existing mechanic
◇	clarification or enhancement of existing mechanic
@	change for better communication
×	previous text deleted
®	change due to rule change
λ	editorial correction/clarification or text moved

The change mark normally *follows* a change, except where there is a completely new list, in which case the change mark will be at the end of the paragraph introducing the list.

2.2 – Editorial changes

Editorial changes (those intended to clarify the presentation of particular points, or resulting from rules changes) are listed below.

1.3.4	5.17.1	9.4.c.1	11.1.a.5	12.7.c.3.b
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1.3.8.a	5.17.6	9.5.c.2	11.1.a.11	12.8.c.6
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1.3.8.c	6.1.16	9.7.a.2.c	11.1.b.3.a	12.9.b.7
1.3.8.d	6.1.31	9.7.a.4	11.1.c.5	12.9.b.9
1.3.8.f	6.1.32	9.7.b.1	11.1.c.6	13.1.a.3
3.1.5	6.1.42	9.7.c.1	11.2.a.9	13.1.a.4
3.1.8.b	6.3.22	9.7.c.2	11.2.a.13	13.1.a.4.c
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3.2.2.g	8.2.6	9.7.d.2	11.2.a.15	13.2.a.8
3.3.3	8.2.8.b	9.7.d.4	11.2.c.3	13.2.a.11
3.3.4.b	8.2.8.c	9.7.d.6.a	11.3.a.4.a	13.2.a.13
3.3.4.c	8.2.8.d	9.8.a.1.b	11.3.b.3.c	13.2.a.13.b
3.3.9.c.iii	8.2.8.f	9.8.b.1	11.3.b.10	13.2.a.15
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3.7.1	8.4.3.d	9.9.a.13.b	11.7.c.6.b	13.4.b.10
3.7.4	8.4.4	9.9.c.3	11.7.c.7.c	13.5.d.2
3.7.5	8.4.5	9.9.c.9.a.ii	11.7.c.7.j	13.6.a.2.b
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