

To all national football associations,
confederations and FIFA

Circular no. 6

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Laws of the Game – 2016/2017 and Additional clarification – Law 12

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to Circular no 5 we are pleased to provide you with the following copies of the Laws of the Game 2016/2017:

- Ten copies for your association;
- Further copies, intended for the FIFA referees and assistant referees mentioned in the 2016 Refereeing – International List. Kindly forward them to the officials concerned.

If you have ordered additional books, please note that they will be sent separately.

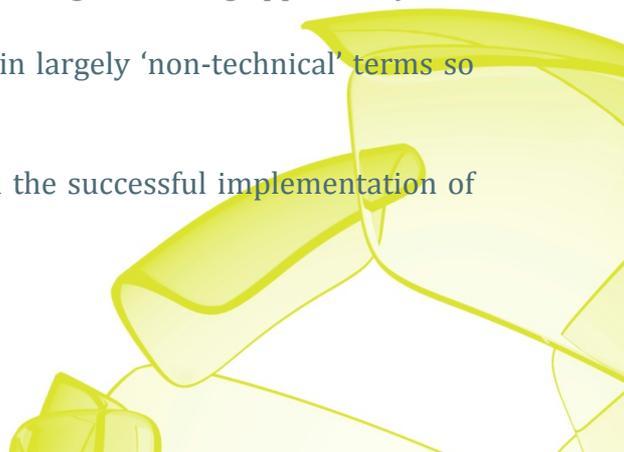
Downloadable versions of the Laws of the Game 2016/17 book are also available on our new website www.theifab.com.

To assist with implementing the new Laws of the Game, we are also posting on the website educational documents and presentations, including:

- Guide to the Law changes for players, coaches and the media
- Guide to the Law changes for competition organisers and administrators
- Guide to the Law changes (Law by Law); mainly for those involved in refereeing
- Presentation of Main Law Changes
- Presentation of change to Law 12 – Denial of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity

These documents summarise the main Law changes in largely ‘non-technical’ terms so that they are easily understood.

We believe that this will help all those involved with the successful implementation of the ‘new’ Laws of the Game at all levels.



**Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct – additional clarification:
Restarting play after dissent/offensive language remains an indirect free-kick**

The change in Law 12 of the Laws of the Game 2016/17 to a direct free kick (previously indirect free kick) for an offence against ‘*a team-mate, substitute, substituted player, team official or match official*’ is only for physical/contact offences directly against a person and not for dissent/offensive, insulting or abusive language etc.

If the referee stops play for acts of dissent, offensive, insulting or abusive language, etc. play is restarted with an indirect free kick.

If you have any questions about the Laws of the Game do not hesitate to contact us using the following e-mail: lawenquiries@thefab.com

Yours sincerely,
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