



FA Walking Football LOTG February 2024 Amendments for Information

DRAFT VERSION 0.1

Introduction

The most recent version of the FA LOTG was revised in Feb 2024 and released in March 2024.

This is our attempt to help players, managers, coaches, clubs, and Referees get a better understanding of the latest Law amendments so we can try and get a more consistent approach across the country.

This is by no means a fully expanded or explained version of the FA LOTG but highlights the amendments made in the February 2024 FA Laws for Walking Football.

This is not saying that local laws cannot be used, but this guidance is just covering the National FA Laws and not any local amendments made as allowed within Appendix A of the FA Laws.

Amendments

On each of the following slides the amendment is highlighted in bold.





Law 4- The Players' Equipment

- SAFETY
- A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous.
- All items of jewellery (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands etc...) are forbidden and must be removed.
- **The exception to this rule is if a plain wedding band is not able to be physically removed it is permitted to be covered. More intricate wedding bands with protruding stones or sharper edges must be sufficiently covered to avoid any risk of injury to other players. The use of tape, gloves or silicone ring guards are recommended.**

Law 12- Fouls and Misconduct

- Temporary Dismissals/Blue Cards/Sin Bins
- Addition of following two offences
- **C8 – denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a handball offence (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within their own penalty area)**
- **C9 – denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick and that particular offence is not deemed to be reckless or using excessive force**
- **Both these two additions result in the award of a penalty kick.**

Law 12- Fouls and Misconduct

- Walking football is a non-contact version of the game. **Particular caution should be taken to avoid accidental contact from behind or alongside opponents, where their awareness is reduced.**



Law 12- Fouls and Misconduct

Sending-Off Offences

There are only 5 offences that warrant a sending off due to the DOGSO offences being changed to temporary dismissal offences.

Law 13 – Free Kicks

- BALL ENTERS THE GOAL
 - if an indirect free kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal, a goal kick is awarded
 - if an indirect free kick is kicked directly into the team's goal, a corner kick is awarded
- **A goal cannot be scored where a player attempts to circumvent the laws of the game by deliberately attempting to play the ball against an opponent or opposing player in order to score a goal at the taking of an indirect free kick. This is regarded as 'unsporting behaviour (see Law 12) and will be sanctioned with a blue card and a temporary timed dismissal.**



Law 14- The Penalty Kick

- The penalty kick
- A penalty kick is awarded for the following offences:
 - a defending player deliberately enters their own penalty area
 - a goalkeeper committing any of the seven sending off offences within their penalty area
 - a goalkeeper deliberately exits their own penalty area
 - **denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a handball offence (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within their own penalty area)**
 - **denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick**
 - **the opposition accumulating a fourth team 'not walking' count**

Law 15-
The
Kick-In/Roll-In

- **An entry regarding a player feinting to kick the ball whilst taking a Kick in has been removed.**

FA Law 18

WALKING

- Walking is defined as ‘ always having at least one foot in contact with the ground’ **and relates to the motion of all players moving around the field of play**
- **Offences and Sanctions**
- **A penalty kick is awarded to the opposition on the fourth accumulated not walking offence committed by a team. This team count is then reset to zero and the not walking offences will accumulate again.**
- **Any offence committed as per Law 14 and the awarding of a penalty and a blue card for denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity will not be included within the team count.**