

# Soccer Rules Changes - 2024-25

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**4-1-4d:** Clarifies there is not a limitation on the color of tape or sock worn at or below the ankle.

**Rationale:** Athletes have the flexibility to modify socks within the existing regulations. Frequently, they remove the foot of one sock to layer another underneath, enhancing comfort or grip inside their shoes and fastening the top sock around the ankle. Any tape or similar material used above the ankle must match the sock's color, while at or below the ankle, any color is allowed. Referees are no longer required to oversee socks below the ankle.

**Rule 12:** Reorganized the rule for clarity and consistency.

**Rationale:** The Fouls and Misconduct rule has been revised to eliminate duplicate language and improve usability. The main changes involve reorganizing the existing rule for clarity. Sections have been rearranged to enhance ease of reference, and a new section addressing Stopping a Promising Attack (SPA) has been included. Certain general language in the rule has been modified to align with other rules codes. Section 6, Ejections, provides an ordered list of offenses by severity to allow associations more flexibility for determining post-game sanctions for misconduct. Additionally, an article has been added to clarify that all necessary conditions must be met for DOGSO (Denial of an Obvious Goal-Scoring Opportunity) to be applicable.

## **2024-2025 Editorial Changes**

3-4-3, 6-2-3, 12-9-1g

## **2024-2025 Points of Emphasis**

1. Official's Toolbox for Game Management
2. Stopping a Promising Attack
3. After a Goal