

Summary of Changes to Appear in the 2017-18 Box Rulebook

RULE CHANGES

1. Rule 15

Removed:

- (a) Each team shall select a Captain and not more than two Alternate Captains. They shall be identified by the letter "C" or "A" on the front of their sweater and on the score sheet.
- (b) Only one of the Captain or Alternate Captains who was on the floor at the time of the stoppage in play shall have the privilege of asking for the referee's interpretation of a rule, which has been applied. For infringement of this sub-section, a ten-minute misconduct penalty shall be assessed.
- (c) Goalkeepers or playing coaches/managers shall not be entitled to the privileges of Captain/Alternate Captain.

Replace with:

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NOTE: In the Peewee Division and below it is acceptable for the Head Coach of a team to ask for the privilege of a Referee's interpretation of a rule, which has been applied. This must be done in a respectful manner and only during a stoppage in play.

- (c) Goalkeepers or playing coaches/managers shall not be entitled to the privileges of Captain/Alternate Captain.

2. Rule 17b

Add:

- (b) Only the designated head coach on the score sheet shall be permitted to make verbal contact with or direct verbal comments towards the referees. If verbal comments of any kind are directed towards the referees by non-playing personnel other than the designated head coach, a minor penalty shall be assessed to the offending team.

Renumber the rest of the section – (b) to (c); (c) to (d); (d) to (e)

3. Rule 32

Remove:

If the ball hits a Referee it shall be in play unless deflected directly into the goal or out of bounds, in which case there shall be a face-off.

Replace with:

- (a) A ball, which contacts a referee, is considered in play.
- (b) If a goal is scored as a result of the ball being deflected directly or indirectly into the goal off a referee, the goal shall not be allowed. A face-off will restart play.
- (c) If the ball is deflected out of bounds off a referee a faceoff will occur.

4. Rule 60

Remove:

- (a) If a player/goalkeeper shall illegally enter the game from his/her own players' bench, any goal scored by his/her team while he/she or his/her substitute are illegally on the playing floor shall be disallowed.
- (b) No player/goalkeeper shall leave the players' bench or the penalty bench at the end of a period or at the end of a game until the Referee signals the bench to do so. A game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to the first player/goalkeeper from each team and any non-playing personnel who leave the players' bench or the penalty bench prior to the referee's signal.
- (c) No player/goalkeeper may leave the players' bench at any time during an altercation. A game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to the first player/goalkeeper from each team and any non-playing personnel who leave the players' bench and go on the playing surface during an altercation. The Referee shall report any such incident to the appropriate governing body.
- (d) If a player leaves the penalty bench and goes on the playing floor before his/her penalty is fully served through an error of the Game Timekeeper, he/she shall return to the penalty bench to serve his/her unexpired time.
- (e) If a player leaves the penalty bench and goes on the playing floor before his/her penalty is fully served, by his/her own error, he/she shall be assessed a minor penalty. He/she shall also be required to serve his/her unserved time.
- (f) If a penalized player returns to the playing floor from the penalty bench before his/her penalty has expired, by his/her own error or the error of the Game Timekeeper, any goals scored by his/her team while he/she is illegally on the playing floor shall be disallowed.
- (g) Any penalized player who leaves the penalty bench while an altercation is in progress shall be assessed a minor penalty plus a game misconduct penalty. The Referee shall report the incident to the appropriate governing body. Time served penalties shall be served by any player (other than the designated goalkeepers).
- (h) If a ball-carrier, with no opposition between him/her and the opposing goalkeeper, is interfered with by a player/goalkeeper of the opposing team who entered the game illegally, he/she shall be awarded a penalty shot.
- (i) If the designated goalkeeper had been removed from the playing floor, and a player/goalkeeper of the side attacking the unattended goal or the ball is interfered with by a player/goalkeeper who shall have entered the game illegally, a goal shall be awarded to the non-offending team.

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5. Rule 62

Remove:

Rule Title: Molesting Officials

Replace with:

Rule Title: Abusing Officials

6. Rule 63

Remove:

- (a) If a team refuses to go on the floor or, if on the floor, is withdrawn, or refuses to start play when ordered to do so by the Referee, the team shall be assessed a bench minor penalty for delaying the game. The Referee shall inform the offending team Captain of the penalty and that they have one minute in which to resume play. If the team still refuses to start play or should there be a recurrence of the same incident later in the game, the Referee shall declare the game ended and forward a full report to the appropriate governing body. Bench minor penalties require the removal of any player on the offending team (other than the designated goalkeepers) without substitute for two minutes, unless terminated early by a goal.
- (b) In CLA play downs, the coach, manager or team official responsible for a game being ended under this rule shall be suspended for one year from the date of the game and their bond shall be forfeited.

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7. Rule 87 (NEW)

Add:

Rule 87 – Taunting

Any player, Coach, or Bench Personnel who is deemed to be taunting another player, coach, or bench personnel shall be assessed a 2 minute penalty.