

Hello Team Captains,

Attached are the current FIFA laws and FIFA equipment laws.

The reasons I am sending this email is to inform you of some changes to equipment laws as well as the FIFA laws were recently updated so I am supplying them to everyone so that you can ask any questions you would like about any of the rules in the book if you choose to read it and are not sure what they mean.

Equipment rulings:

1. Goalkeeper caps may be any color and may be worn by the goalkeeper irrespective of conditions. Our referees will allow goalkeepers to wear a cap if they choose to do so. The only reasons they will be asked to remove them are if they are dangerous to other players or if they have anything offensive on them. *ie coarse, sexist, racist print or images*

If it is used in a dangerous manner (heading toward another player) the player will be asked to remove it. If it is used as a weapon (heading/whipping/throwing at another player) will result in a red card and suspension.

2. Headbands and wristbands may be worn by any player as long as they are not so loose that they are dangerous to other players. Soft, tight fitting bandanas may be allowed at the referee's discretion. Again they will only be disallowed if there is something on them that could be considered offensive.

3. Hard braces, casts, etc must be covered so that they will be as unlikely as possible to injure other players and if they are used as a weapon (hard challenge with knee brace, strike another player with cast) the player will be shown a red card and suspended accordingly. All braces must be approved by the referee before the player enters the field of play or they will not be allowed.

If the referee is unsure the player will not be allowed to play and I will personally inspect the piece of equipment before it can be used to play in a game.

This does not apply to soft tensor type and gel filled braces, only braces that contain hard materials in any part of them.

FIFA laws

Broken down into the simplest terms a player must be playing the ball in order for them to not be committing a foul.

Please call, text, or email me if you have any questions. If there is a dispute at the field with a referee regarding these rulings please respectfully go with the referee's decision and contact me to inspect the piece of equipment in question. I will write you a note that you can show the referee in the future if we determine the equipment in question is safe to use.

Thanks, Buck

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