

2021-22 NFHS SOCCER RULES CHANGES





RULE 4-2-10 NEW HEAD COVERINGS

Head coverings worn for religious reasons shall not be made of abrasive or hard materials; and must fit securely.

HEAD COVERING WORN FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS: 4-2-10 NEW



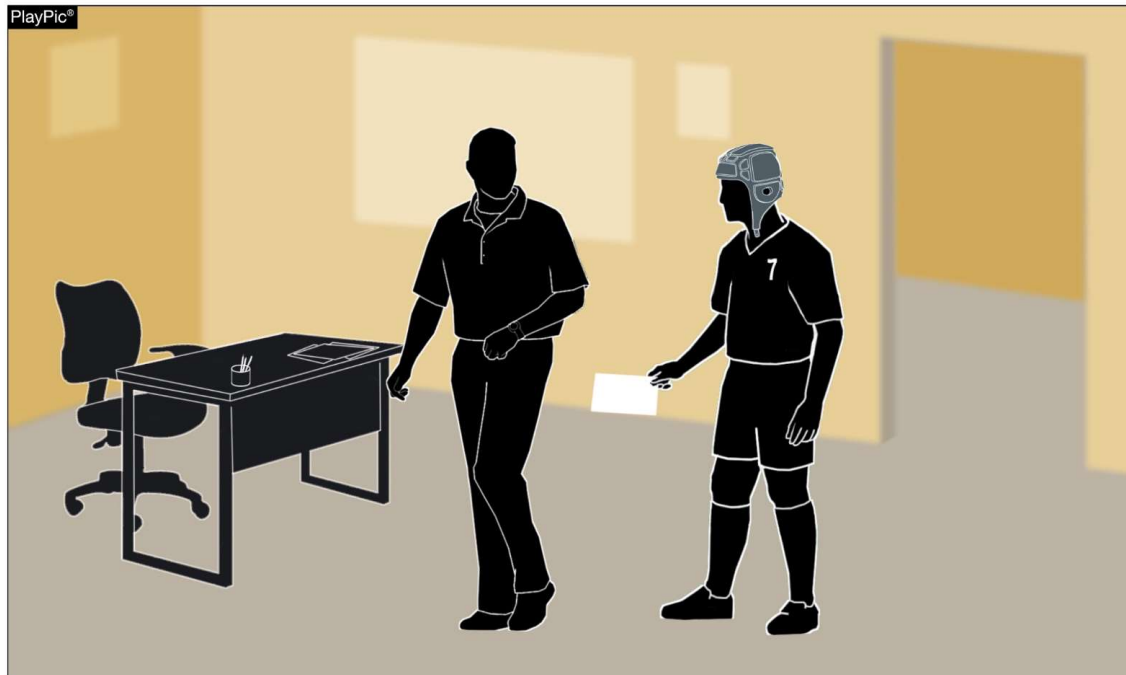
- Players wearing head coverings for religious reasons are permitted to play provided the head covering is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to any other player and is securely attached.
- A note from the state association is necessary.
- Cannot be attached with items made of metal, i.e., clips, bobby pins, barrettes.



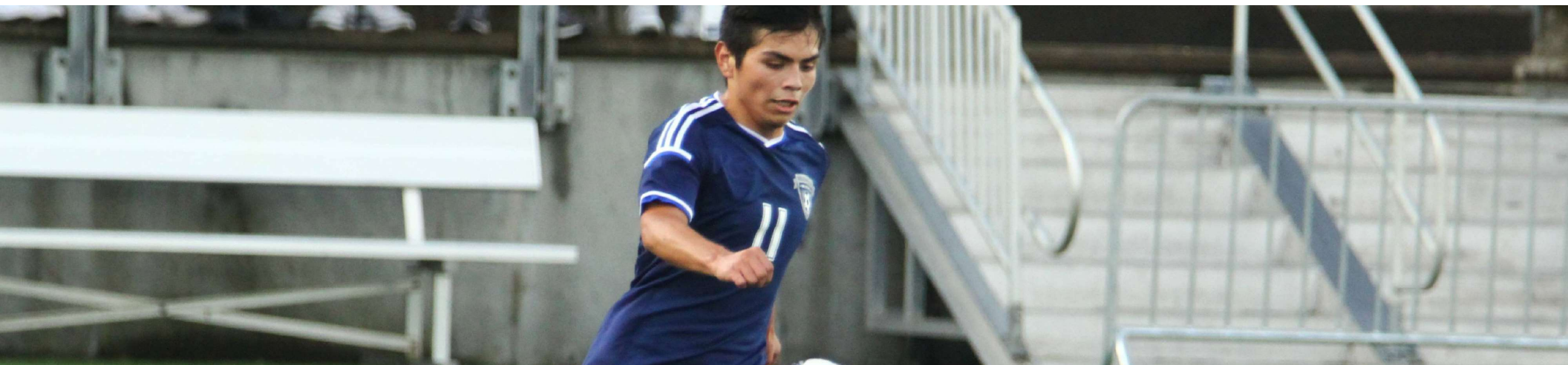
RULE 4-2-11 HEAD COVERING FOR MEDICAL REASONS

In addition to the above permitted uses, state associations (or designee) may on an individual basis permit a player to participate while wearing a head covering for medical or cosmetic reasons if it is required by a licensed physician. A physician's statement is required before the state association can approve a covering which is not abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other player and which is attached in such a way it is highly unlikely that it will come off during play.

HEAD COVERING WORN FOR MEDICAL/COSMETIC REASONS: 4-2-11 NEW



- Players must have a doctor's note and seek state association permission to wear a head covering to play. State permission must be in writing.



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RULE 13-3-2 FREE KICK – HOW TAKEN

The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground at the spot specified by the official. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

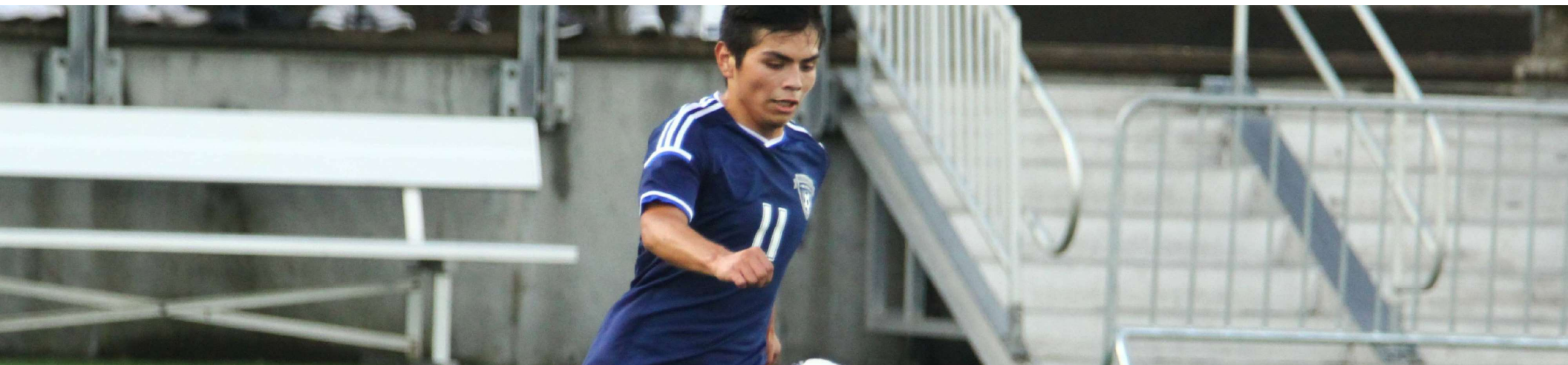
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FREE KICK — HOW TAKEN: 13-3-2



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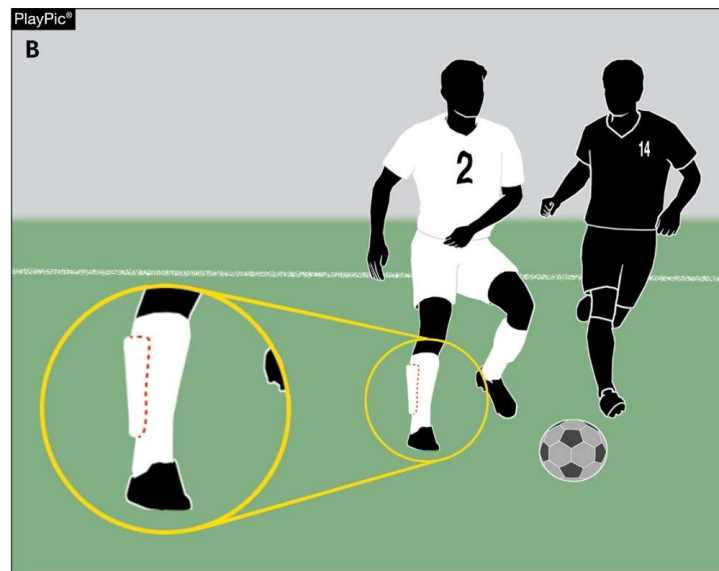
2021-22 SOCCER POINTS OF EMPHASIS



PROPERLY WORN UNIFORMS AND MARKED FIELDS

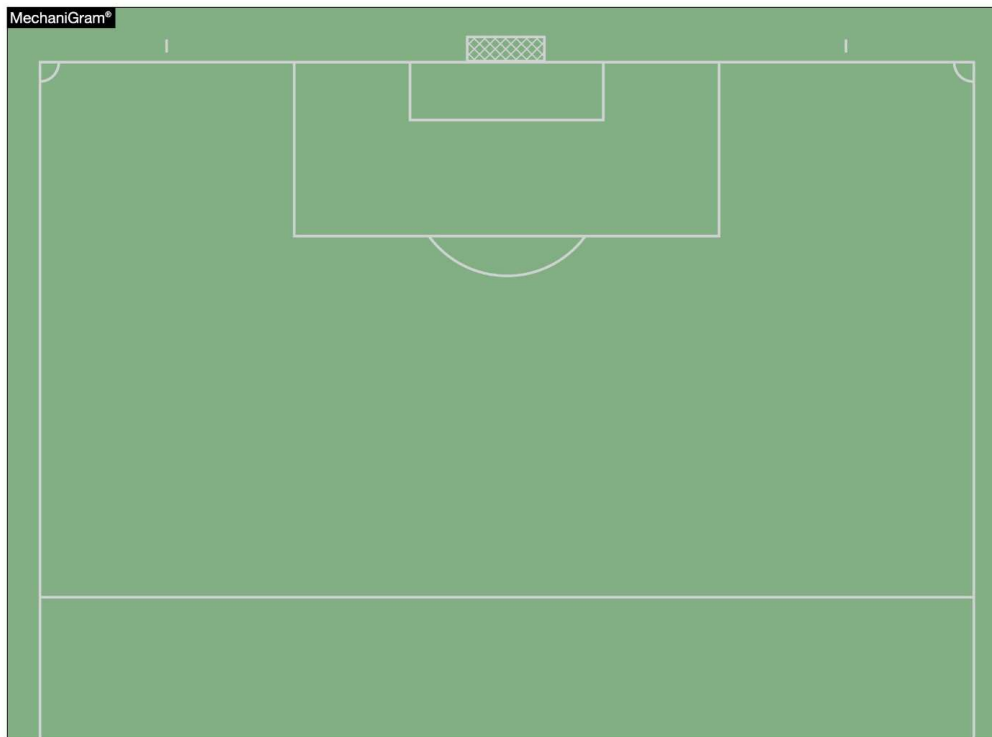


The home team must wear darker colored jerseys and the visiting team must wear white jerseys (PlayPic A).



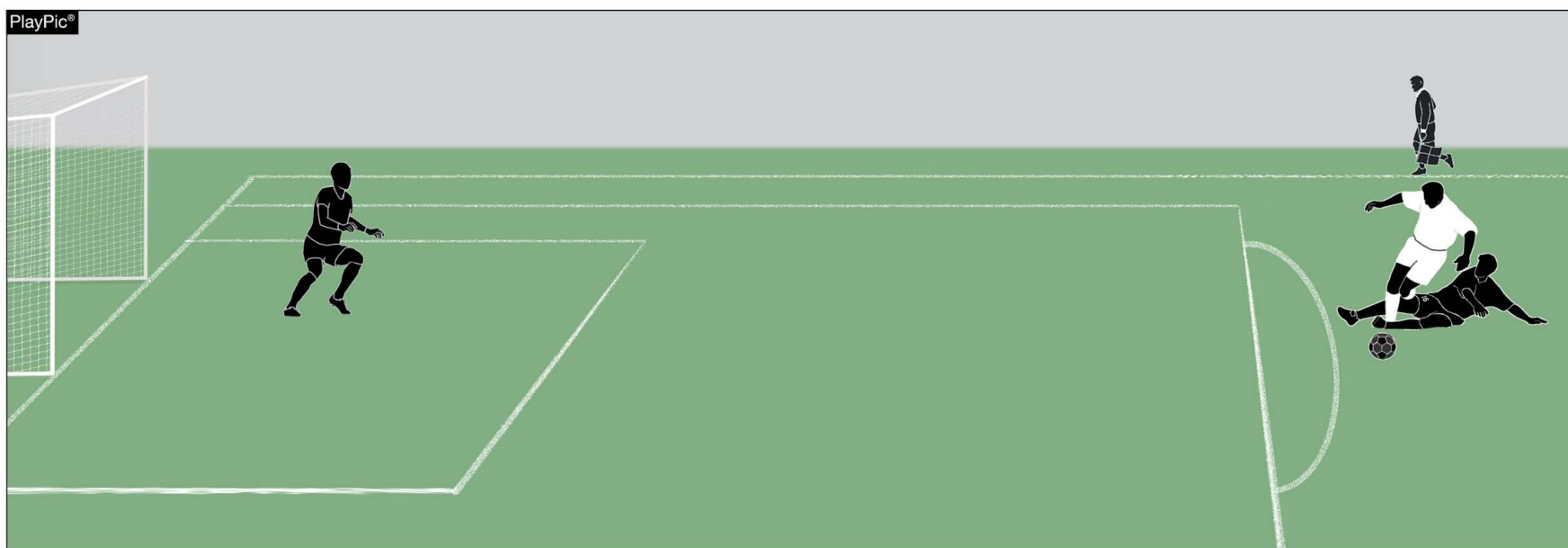
In PlayPic B, the player is not wearing shin guards as intended to be worn. Players should wear equipment as it is intended to be worn.

PROPERLY WORN UNIFORMS AND MARKED FIELDS



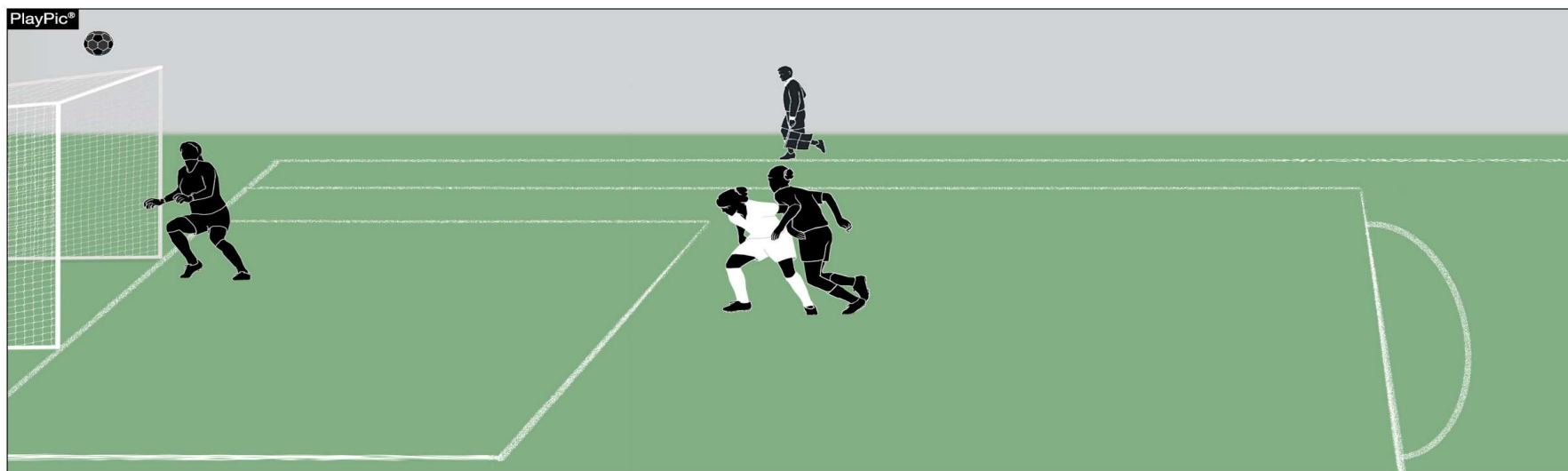
- The fields should be properly marked.
- Non-compliance of field markings should be reported to the school athletic administrator and the state association.
- The game is still played.
- In the MechaniGram, the center circle is not marked as required by rule.

RECKLESS AND SERIOUS FOUL PLAY: DENIAL OF GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY

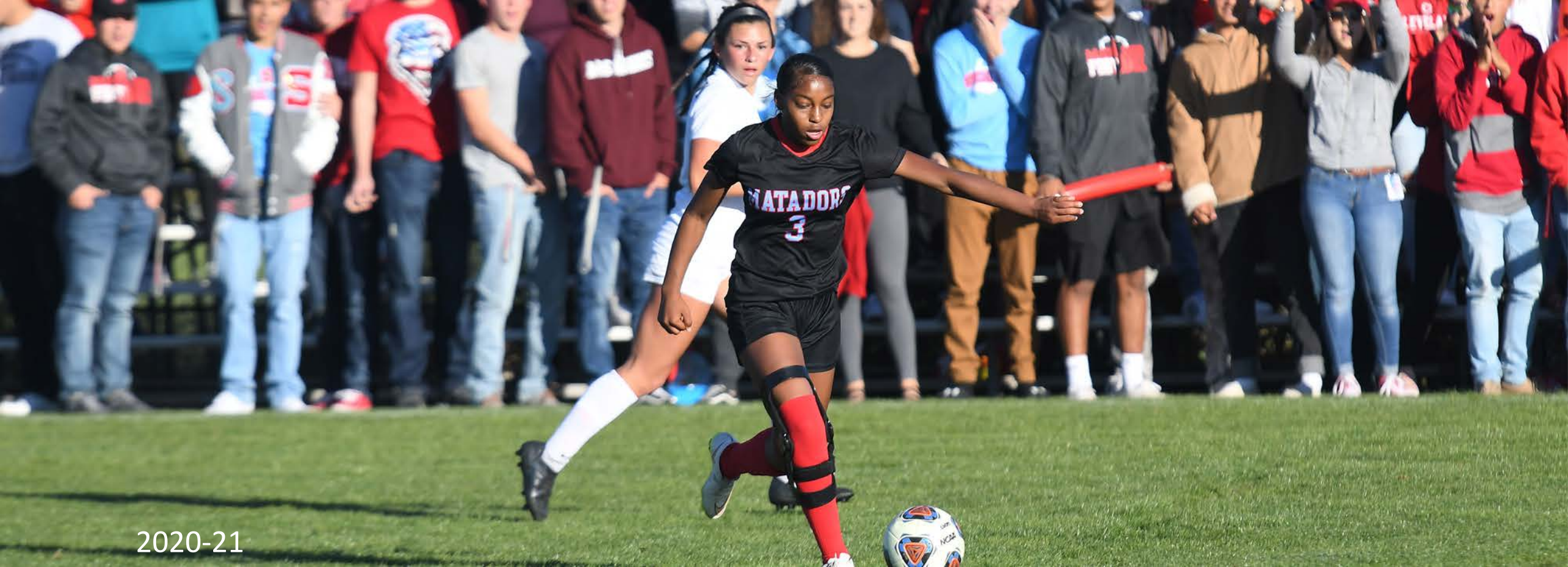


- When an attacker is fouled and denied a goal scoring opportunity outside the penalty area and a goal is not scored, the fouling player is disqualified (red card).

RECKLESS AND SERIOUS FOUL PLAY: DENIAL OF GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY



A player who commits a foul inside the penalty area in an attempt to play the ball and a goal is not scored and the referee awards a penalty kick the fouling player is cautioned. If the player commits a foul while not attempting to play the ball and the goal is not scored and the referee awards a penalty kick , the fouling player is disqualified (red card).



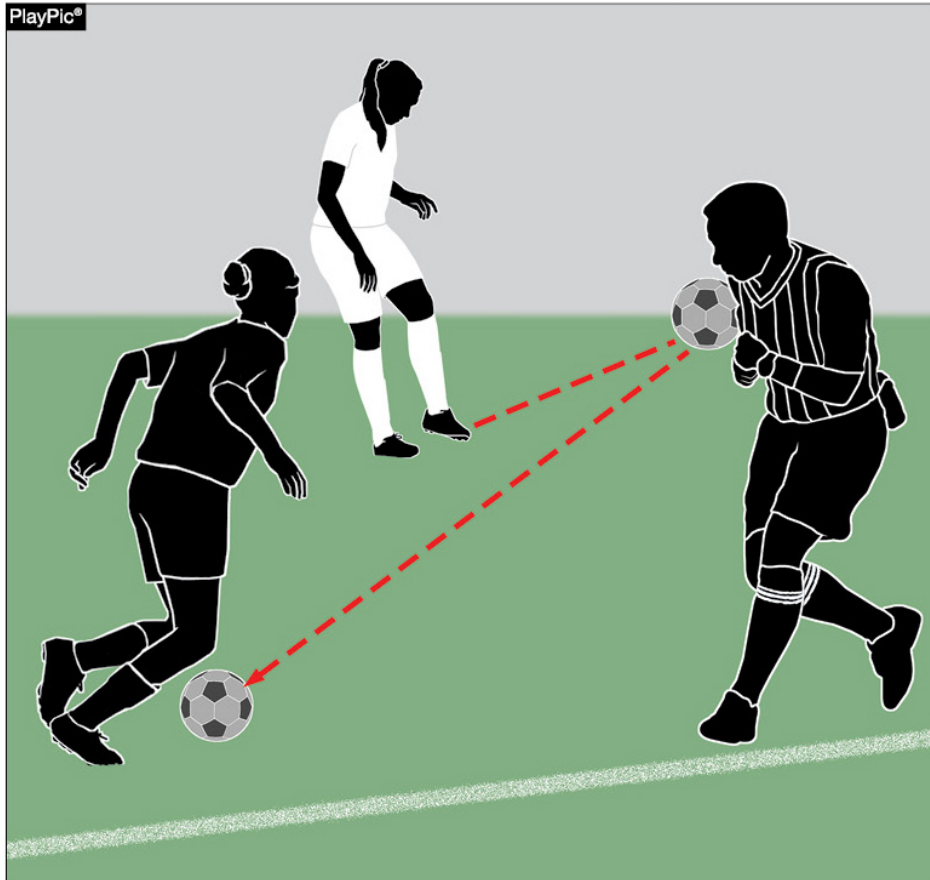
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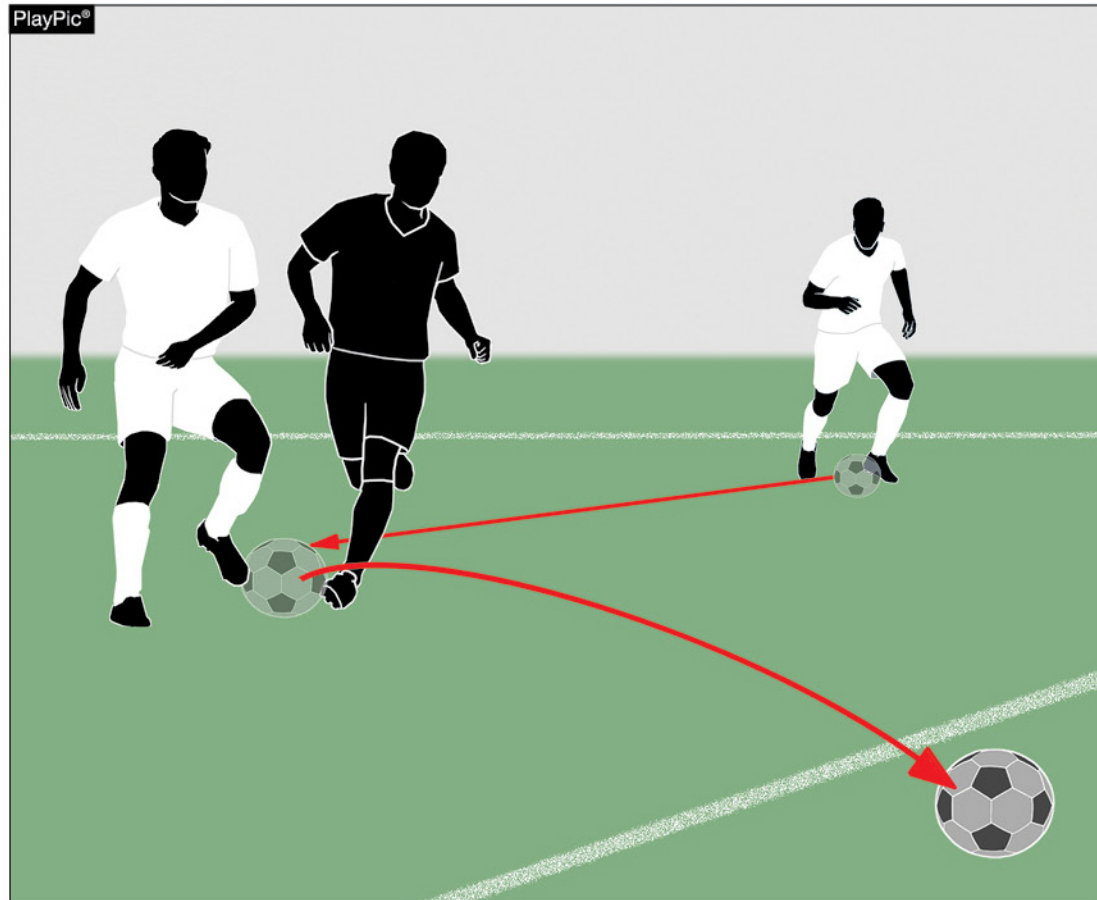


RULE 9-1-1B BALL IN OR OUT OF PLAY



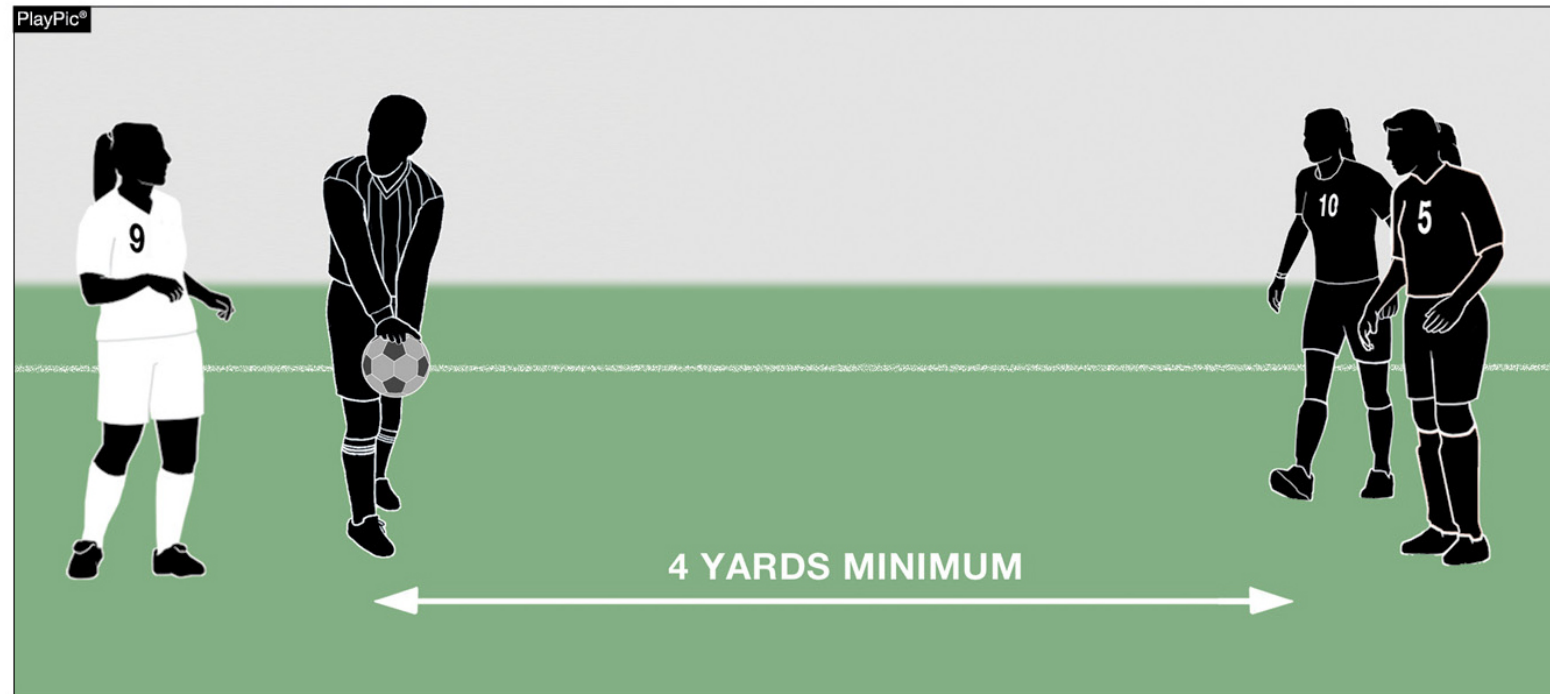
- A team should not gain an advantage when the ball touches the referee and stays on the field, including when it goes to an opponent (as shown), goes into the goal or starts a promising attack.
- Restart with a drop ball to a player of the team last in possession at the spot where it was last played.

RULES 9-2-2, 9-2-3 DROP BALL



If the ball was caused to go out of bounds by two opponents simultaneously, the ball is dropped five yards inside the boundary line to one player of the team in possession of the ball prior to the simultaneous touch, unless this was in the goal area.

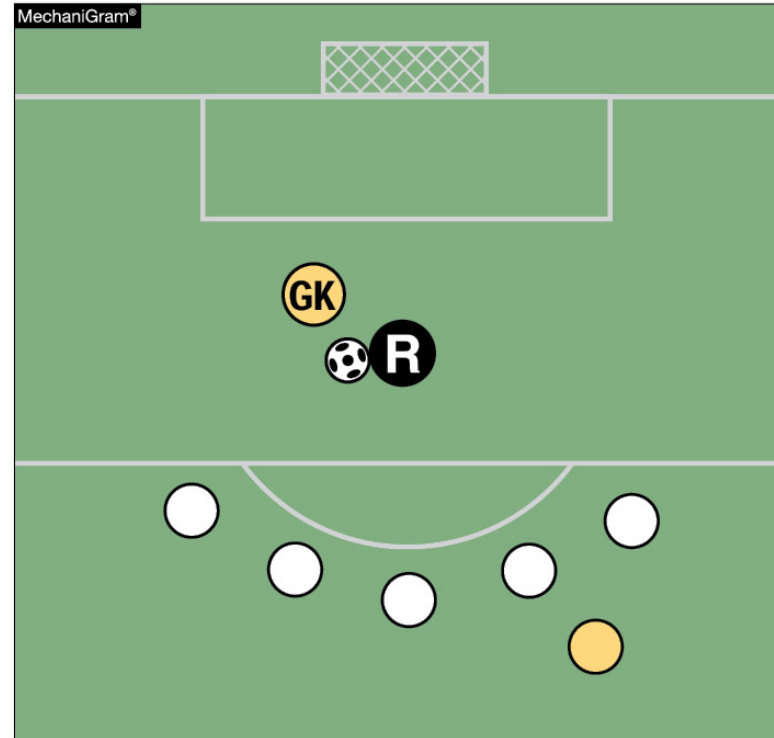
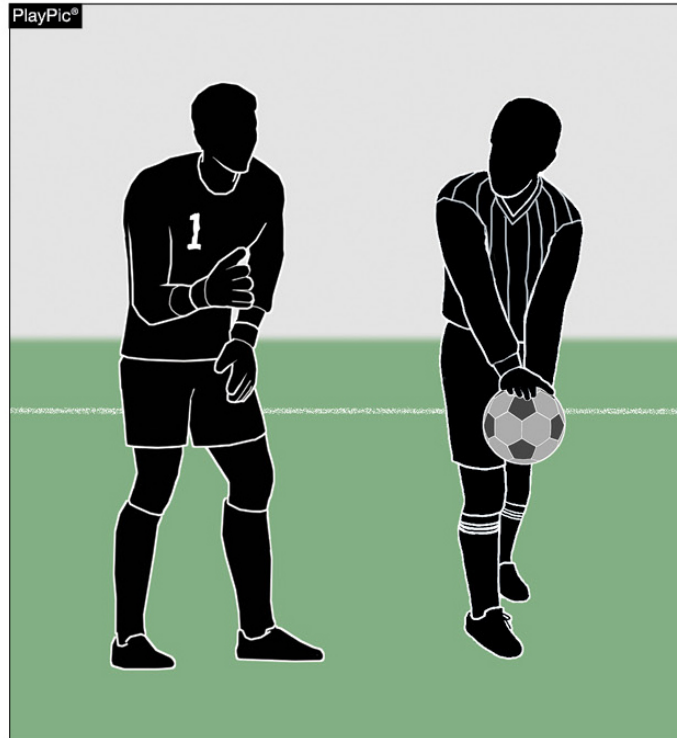
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A drop ball goes to one player of the team that last possessed the ball. The ball is dropped where it was last touched by a player, an outside agent or match official unless the ball was in the penalty area or the last touch by either team was in the penalty area.

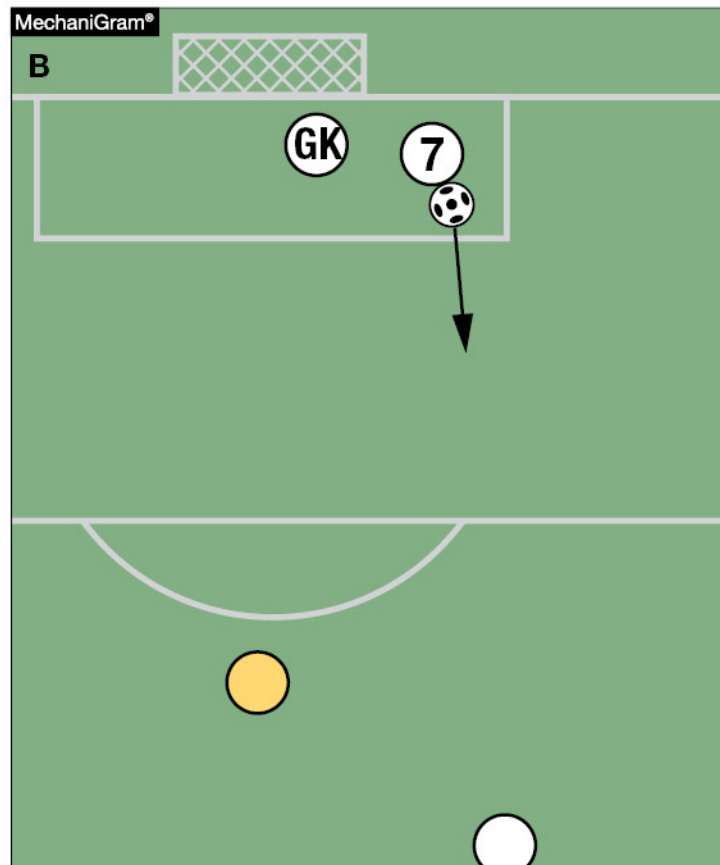
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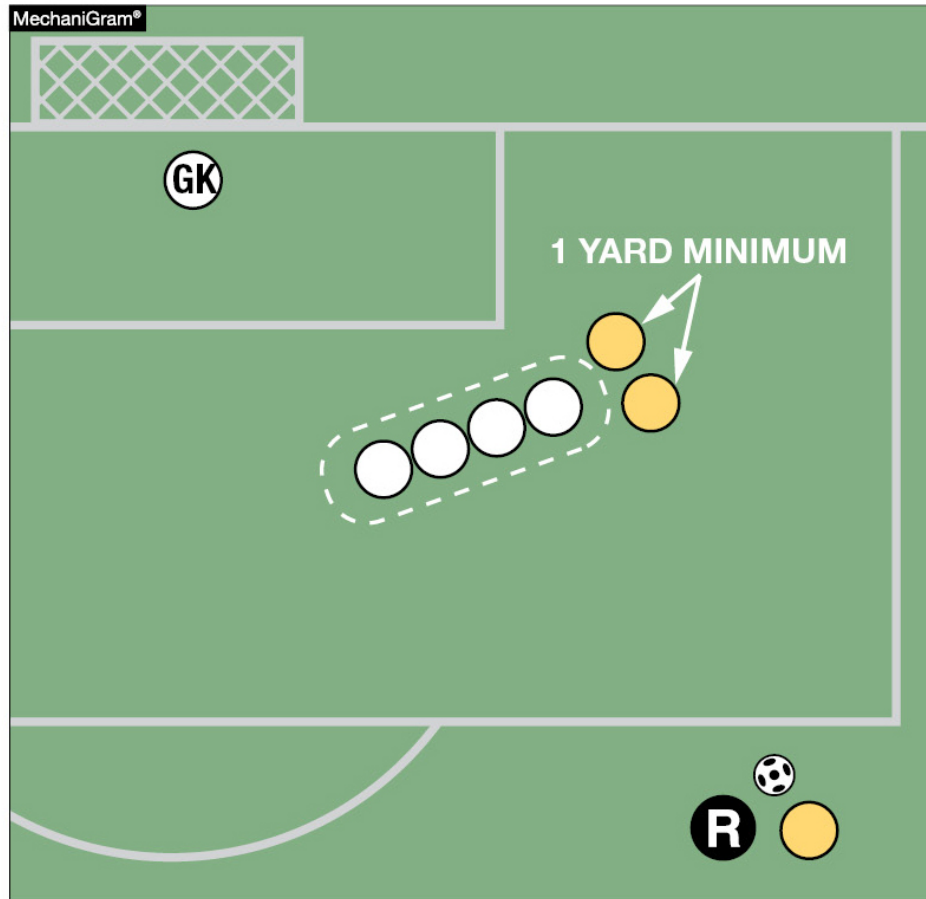
If the ball was in the penalty area or the last touch by either team was in the penalty area when play was stopped, the ball is dropped to the defending team's goalkeeper. All opposing players must be outside the penalty area and all players must be at least four yards from the ball.

RULE 13-3-1 FREE KICK — HOW TAKEN



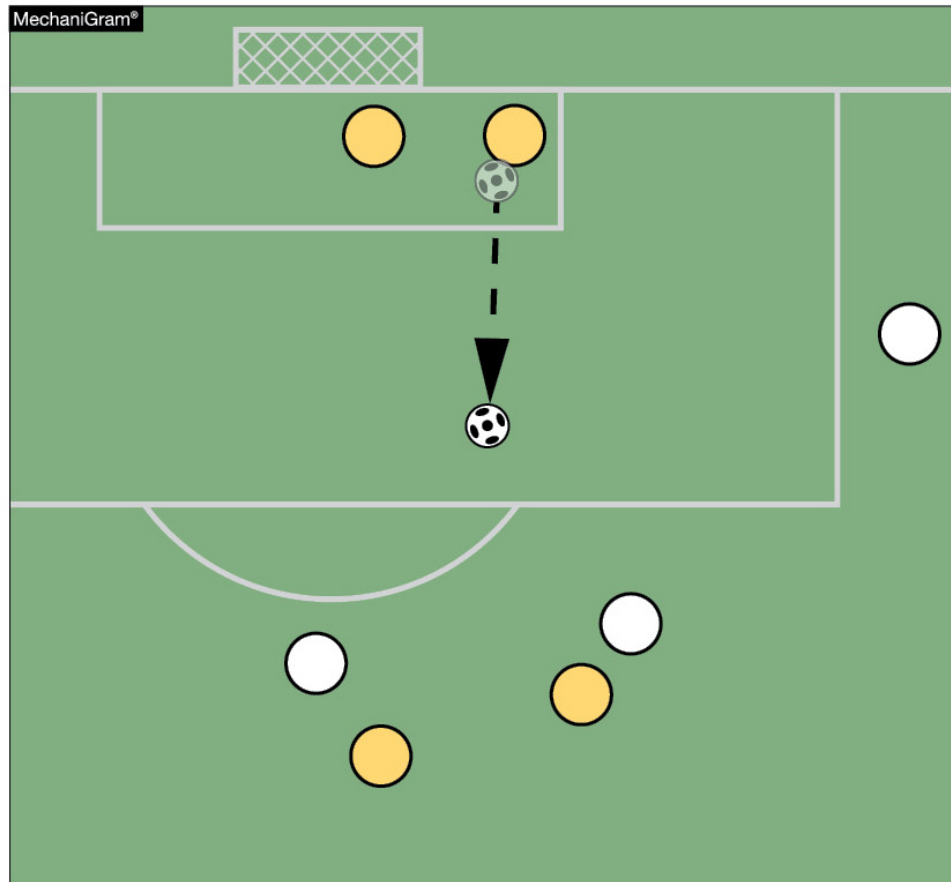
On a free kick taken from within a team's penalty area, the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves (PlayPics A and B).

RULE 13-3-1 FREE KICK — HOW TAKEN



When three or more defending team players form a wall, all attacking team players must remain at least one yard from the wall until the ball is in play.

RULES 16-1-2; 16-1-3 GOAL KICK



- Players opposing the kicker shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.
- Once spotted on the ground and within the goal area for a goal kick, the ball is in play when it has been kicked and moves.



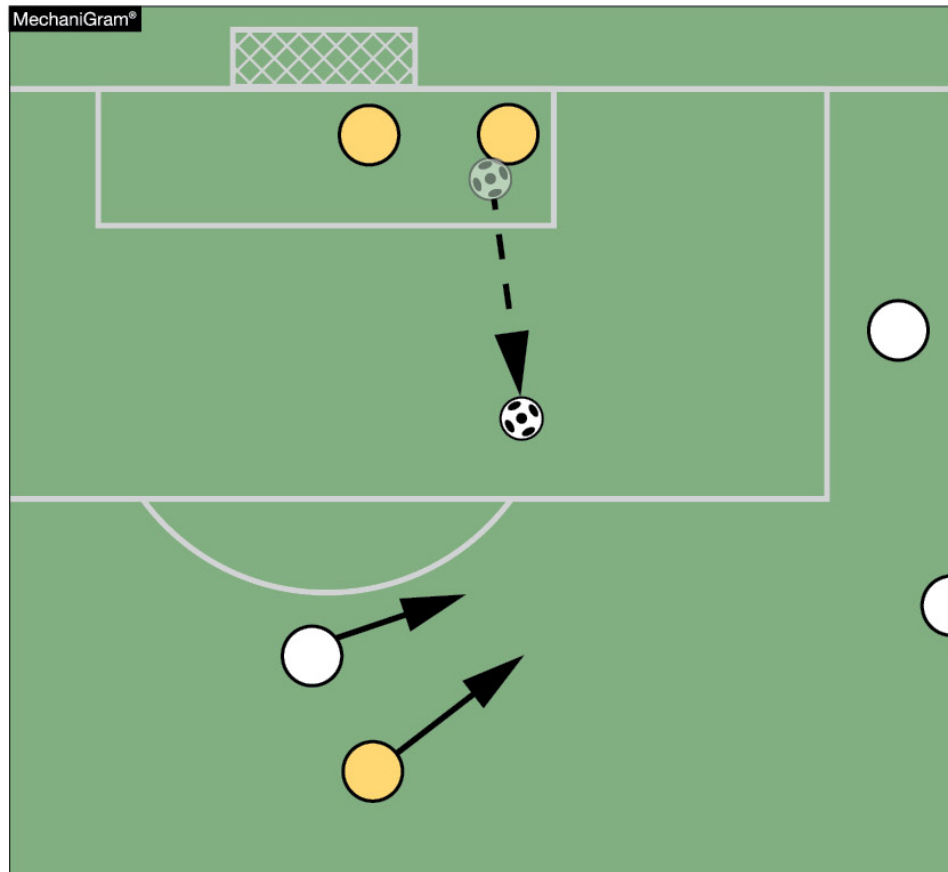
RULE 16-1-4 GOAL KICK

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After the goal kick is properly taken, the ball may be played by any player except the one who executes the goal kick. The kicker may not play the ball until it has been touched by another player.

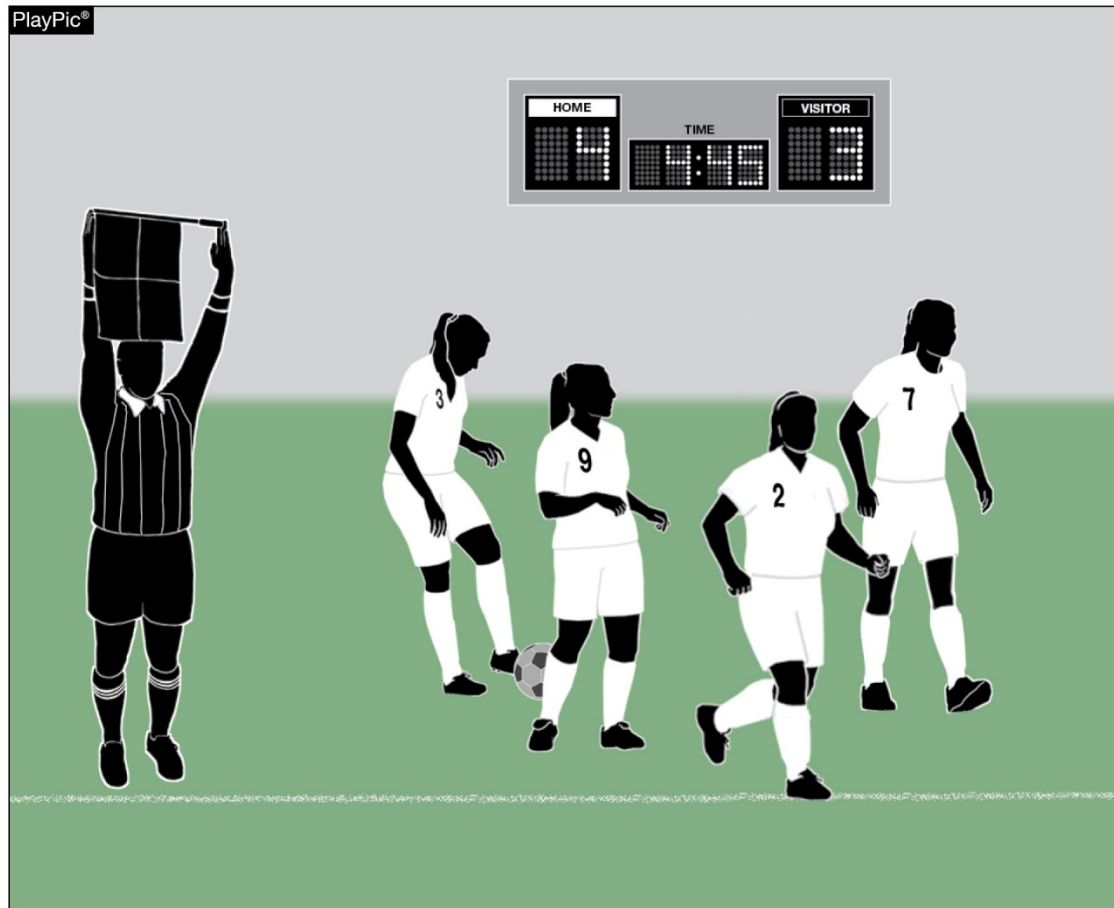


RULE 16-1-4 GOAL KICK



Once the goal kick is properly taken (the ball is kicked and moves) it may be played by any player other than the kicker without having to leave the penalty area.

7-4-3 TIME-OUT AND IN



The clock shall be stopped when a substitute by the team in the lead is beckoned on the field in the final five minutes of the second period only during regulation time , the second period of overtime and the fourth period (if the state plays in quarters).

Cloth tied headbands are not legal in HS Soccer



TAPE OR SIMILAR MATERIALS ON SOCKS



If tape or a similar material is applied externally, it must be of similar color as the sock. Home team shall wear white (PlayPic A). Away team should have similar color, i.e. maroon could have red tape (PlayPic B).

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PROTECTIVE FACE MASK RULE 4-2-8

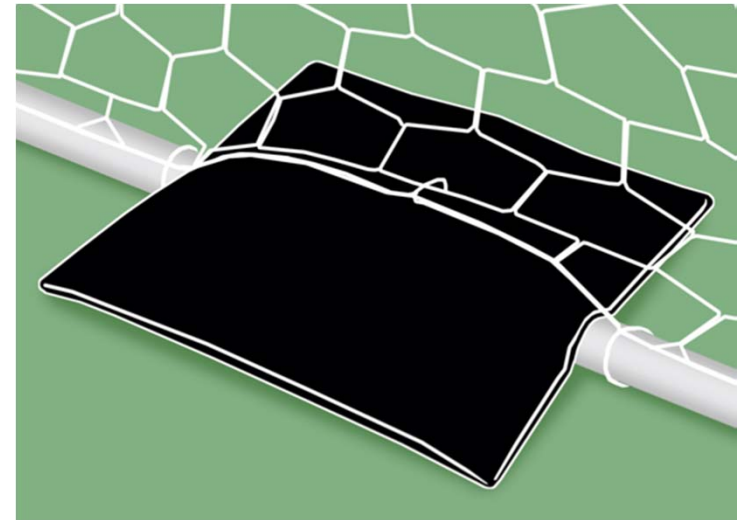
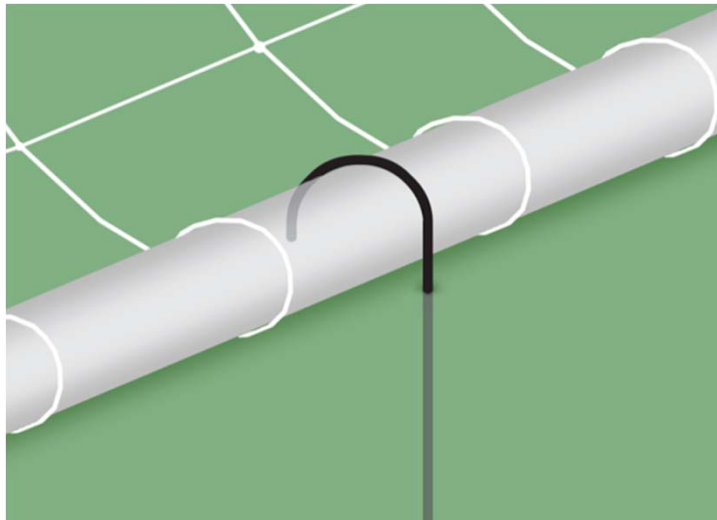


Custom made (molded to face)...medical release shall be available at the game sight

Point Of Emphasis (Safety)

Goals Secured

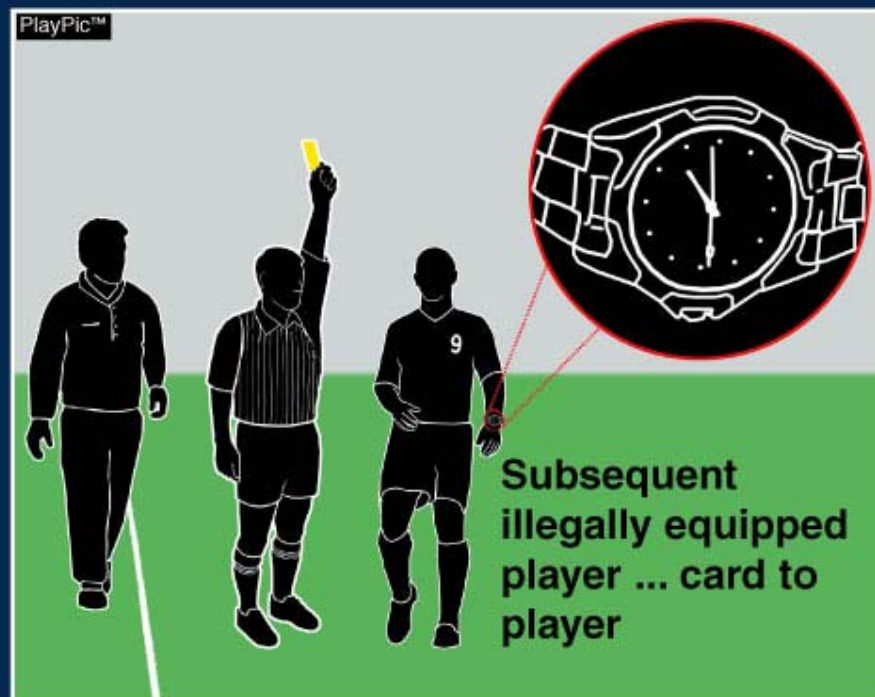
- **GOALS** - Schools, coaches and officials are reminded that all soccer goals shall be adequately anchored, secured or counterweighted to the ground for the safety of all involved.





Coaches' Responsibilities

Rule 4-3, 12-8-4a



The head coach shall receive the first caution issued (yellow card) for an illegally equipped player. All subsequent (yellow cards) for illegally equipped player(s) shall be issued directly to the player(s) and not to the head coach.

NYSPHSAA Modified Soccer Rules

- Mouthpieces are MANDATORY
- All-purpose foam helmet OPTIONAL

For Goalies Only



REFEREE CHECKING FOR INJURY AFTER A GOAL

- After the clock is stopped for a goal and the referee examines a player, including a goalkeeper, for a possible injury, that player will not have to leave the game unless the coach and/or medical personnel are beckoned onto the field to check the player. If the referee beckons the coach and/or medical personnel, the player, including a goalkeeper, is required to leave the field.

