

Law 1 – The Field of Play

The goalposts and crossbar must be approved material. They must be square, rectangular, round, ~~or~~ elliptical or a combination of these ~~in~~ shapes and must not be dangerous.

The goalposts and crossbar may be a combination of the four basic shapes.

Law 2 – The Ball

If the ball becomes defective:

- ~~• Play is stopped and~~
- Restarted ~~by dropping the replacement~~ with a dropped ball ~~where the original ball became defective.~~

Wording changed to be consistent with Law 8.

Law 10 – Determining the Outcome of a Match

Kicks from the penalty mark are taken after the match has ended and unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game apply. A player who has been sent off during the match is not permitted to take part; warnings and cautions issued during the match are not carried forward into kicks from the penalty mark.

Cautions (YCs) and warnings issued during the match (including during extra time) are not carried forward because kicks from the penalty mark (KFPM) are not part of the match. A player who receives a YC during both the match and the KFPM is not sent off (during KFPM or for disciplinary purposes).

Law 10 – Determining the Outcome of a Match

During kicks from the penalty mark

(...)

- If the goalkeeper commits an offence and, as a result, the kick is retaken, the goalkeeper ~~must be cautioned~~ is warned for the first offence and cautioned for any subsequent offence(s).*

Most goalkeeper encroachment results from mis-anticipating when the ball will be kicked, so the goalkeeper should be warned for a first offence but must be cautioned for any further offence(s) at the retaken kick and/or any subsequent kick.

Law 10 – Determining the Outcome of a Match

During kicks from the penalty mark

(...)

- If both the goalkeeper and the kicker commit an offence at the same time;*
- ~~If the kick is missed or saved, the kick is retaken and both players are cautioned~~*
- ~~If the kick is scored, the goal is disallowed,~~ the kick is recorded as missed and the kicker is cautioned*

When (rarely) the goalkeeper and the kicker offend at **exactly the same time**, the kicker should be penalised, as it is the ‘illegal’ feinting that causes the goalkeeper’s encroachment.

Law 11 – Offside

A player in an offside position receiving the ball from an opponent who deliberately plays the ball ~~(except from a deliberate save by any opponent)~~, including by deliberate handball, is not considered to have gained an advantage, unless it was a deliberate save by any opponent.

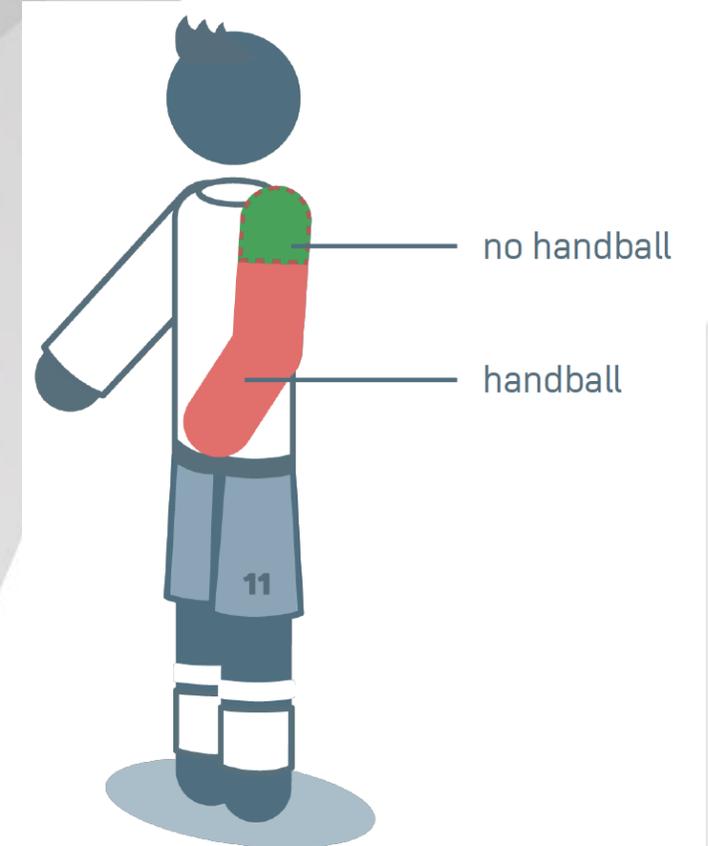
Clarification that deliberate handball by a defender is considered 'deliberate play' for offside. As 'legal' deliberate play (e.g. a kick or header) causes a player in an offside position to no longer be offside, 'illegal' play should have the same outcome.



Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

For the purposes of determining handball offences, the upper boundary of the arm is in line with the bottom of the armpit.

For the purposes of handball, the arm starts at the bottom/end of the armpit, as shown in the diagram in Law 12.



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Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

It is an offence if a player:

- ~~Gains possession/control of~~ after the ball ~~after it~~ has touched their or a teammate's hand/arm, even if accidental, ~~and then the player~~ immediately:
 - Scores in the opponents' goal
 - Creates a goal-scoring opportunity

Clarification that:

- If an attacking player accidentally touches the ball with their hand/arm and the ball then goes to another attacking player and the attacking team immediately scores, this is a handball offence.
- It is not an offence if, after an accidental handball, the ball travels some distance (pass or dribble) and/or there are several passes before the goal or goal-scoring opportunity.





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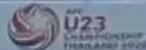
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Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

It is *usually* an offence if a player:

- *Touches the ball with their hand/arm when:*
- *(...)*

*Except for the above offences, it is not **usually** an offence if the ball touches a player's hand/arm:*

(...)

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

The goalkeeper has the same restrictions on handling the ball as any other player outside the penalty area. If the goalkeeper handles the ball inside their penalty area when not permitted to do so, an indirect free kick is awarded but there is no disciplinary sanction. However, if the offence is playing the ball a second time (with or without the hand/arm) after a restart before it touches another player, the goalkeeper must be sanctioned if the offence stops a promising attack or denies an opponent or the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

If a goalkeeper deliberately plays the ball a second time at a restart (before it has touched another player) and stops a promising attack or denies a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, the goalkeeper should be cautioned (YC) or sent-off (RC).

This applies even if the second touch was with the hand/arm, as the offence is not 'handball' but 'illegally' playing the ball a second time.



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Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Once the referee has decided to caution or send off a player, play must not be restarted until the sanction has been administered, unless the non-offending team takes a quick free kick, has a clear goal-scoring opportunity and the referee has not started the disciplinary sanction procedure.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

The sanction is administered at the next stoppage; if the offence was denying the opposing team an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, the player is cautioned; if the offence interfered with or stopped a promising attack, the player is not cautioned.

If the referee allows a ‘quick’ free kick after a DOGSO offence, the (delayed) RC becomes a YC, so to be consistent, if the referee allows a ‘quick’ free kick after an offence which interfered with or stopped a promising attack, the (delayed) YC should not be issued.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

If the referee plays the advantage for an offence for which a caution/sending-off would have been issued had play been stopped, this caution/sending-off must be issued when the ball is next out of play. However, if the offence was denying the opposing team ~~except for the denial of~~ an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, when the player is cautioned for unsporting behaviour; if the offence was interfering with or stopping a promising attack, the player is not cautioned.

If the referee plays advantage for a DOGSO offence, the RC becomes a YC, so to be consistent, if the referee plays advantage for an offence which interfered with or stopped a promising attack, the YC should not be issued.



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Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

A player is cautioned if guilty of:

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- *Failing to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a [dropped ball](#), corner kick, free kick or throw-in*

Inclusion of dropped ball in cautionable offences for ‘failing to respect the required distance’.

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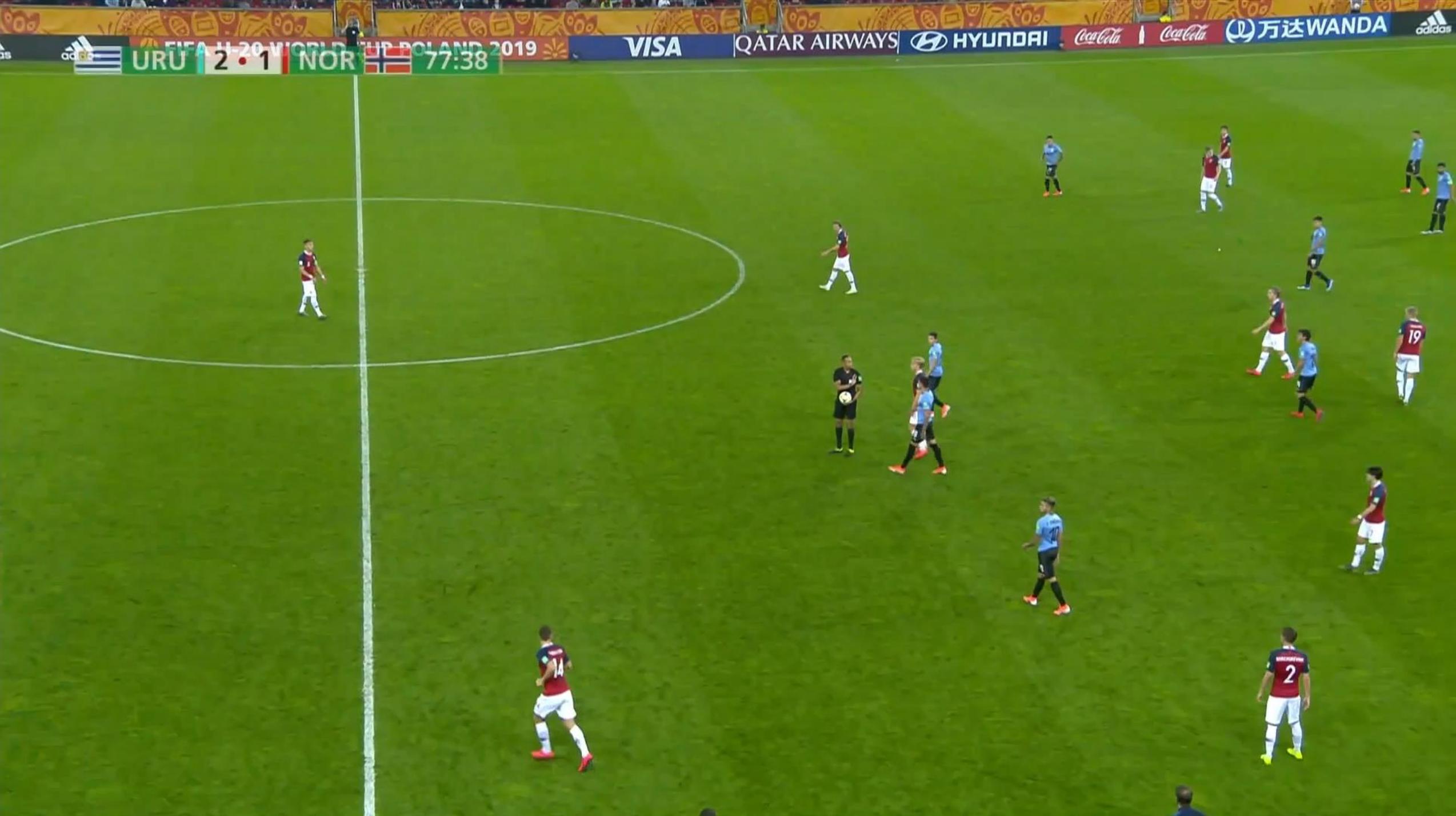
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Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

There are different circumstances when a player must be cautioned for unsporting behaviour, including if a player:

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- Commits ~~a foul~~ any other offence which interferes with or stops a promising attack, except where the referee awards a penalty kick for an offence which was an attempt to play the ball.*

A promising attack can be stopped or interfered with by an offence which is not a foul challenge (e.g. ‘illegally’ playing the ball a second time after a restart), so the wording now includes all such offences other than handball, which is covered in the previous bullet point.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

If, before the ball is in play, one of the following occurs:

(...)

- *The goalkeeper offends:*
 - *If the ball enters the goal, a goal is awarded*
 - *If the ball misses the goal or rebounds from the crossbar or goalpost(s), the kick is only retaken if the goalkeeper's offence clearly impacted on the kicker*
 - *If the ball is prevented from entering the goal by the goalkeeper, the kick is retaken*

Confirmation (as outlined in IFAB circular no. 17 – August 2019) that if the goalkeeper offends at the taking of a penalty kick and the ball misses the goal or rebounds from the goalposts or crossbar (i.e. the goalkeeper does not 'save' the kick), the goalkeeper is not penalised unless the goalkeeper's action(s) had a clear impact on the kicker.

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Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

If, before the ball is in play, one of the following occurs:

(...)

If the goalkeeper's offence results in the kick being retaken, the goalkeeper is warned for the first offence in the game and cautioned for any subsequent offence(s) in the game.

Most goalkeeper encroachment results from mis-anticipating when the ball will be kicked, so the goalkeeper should not be cautioned for a first offence but must be cautioned for any further offence(s) at that kick and/or any subsequent kick.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

*If, before the ball is in play, one of the following occurs:
(...)*

- ~~The goalkeeper or~~ a team-mate of the goalkeeper offends:
 - If the ball enters the goal, a goal is awarded
 - If the ball does not enter the goal, the kick is retaken; ~~the goalkeeper is cautioned if responsible for the offence~~
- A player of both teams offends ~~the Laws of the Game~~, the kick is retaken unless a player commits a more serious offence (e.g. 'illegal' feinting)

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

If, before the ball is in play, one of the following occurs:

(...)

- *~~If both the goalkeeper and the kicker commit an offence at the same time;~~*
 - *~~If the kick is missed or saved, the kick is retaken and both players cautioned~~*
 - *~~If the kick is scored, the goal is disallowed, the kicker is cautioned and play restarts with an indirect free kick to the defending team.~~*

If the kicker and goalkeeper offend at exactly the same time (a rare event), the goalkeeper's offence is usually caused by the kicker's 'illegal' feinting, so the kicker is penalised.

	Goal	No Goal
Encroachment by attacking player	Penalty is retaken	Indirect free kick
Encroachment by defending player	Goal	Penalty is retaken
<u>Encroachment by defending and attacking player</u>	<u>Penalty is retaken</u>	<u>Penalty is retaken</u>
Offence by goalkeeper	Goal	<u>Not saved: penalty is not retaken (unless kicker is clearly impacted)</u> <u>Saved: penalty is retaken and warning for goalkeeper; caution for any further offence(s)</u>
<u>Goalkeeper and kicker offend at the same time</u>	<u>Indirect free kick and caution for kicker</u>	<u>Indirect free kick and caution for kicker</u>
Ball kicked backwards	Indirect free kick	Indirect free kick
'Illegal' feinting	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker
Wrong kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for wrong kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for wrong kicker

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Holding offence

A holding offence occurs only when a player's contact with an opponent's body or equipment impedes the opponent's movement

Glossary

Restart position

A player's position at a restart is determined by the position of their feet or any part of their body which is touching the ground, except as outlined in Law 11 – Offside

Clarification

If at a goal kick or free kick the goalkeeper flicks the ball up and a teammate heads/chests the ball back for the goalkeeper to catch, the kick is retaken; there is no disciplinary sanction (unless this occurs persistently).

Laws of the Game 2020/21

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- <https://footballwest.com.au/laws-of-the-game/>

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- The IFAB Laws of the Game app

