



# 2017-18 Soccer

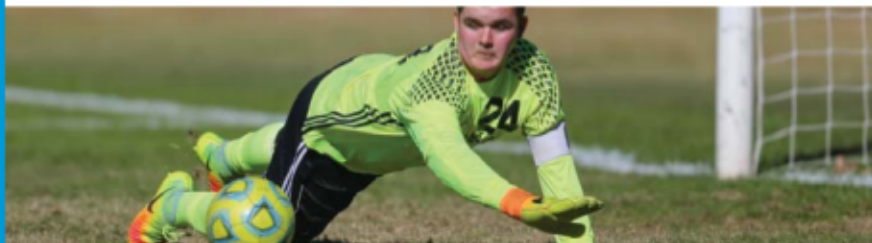
## POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Risk Minimization
  - Concussion Management
  - Shinguards
  - Headgear
2. Referee Communication and Teamwork
3. Restarts
  - Kickoff
  - Penalty Kicks
  - Location of Offside Restart

## RULES REVISIONS

1. If visible apparel is worn under the jersey and/or shorts, it shall be a solid color matching the predominant color of the respective garment.
2. Visible arm and leg compression sleeves shall be a similar length, all alike and of a solid color matching the predominant color of the jersey and shorts, respectively.
3. A soft-padded headgear that meets the ASTM standard is permitted.
4. Unless otherwise prohibited by the state association, electronic communication devices may be used by officials to communicate with crew members.
5. On a kickoff, the ball no longer has to be kicked forward; it may clearly move in any direction.
6. A goal may not be scored directly from a kickoff into the kicking team's own goal.
7. All free kicks, with the exception of penalty kicks, may be taken in any direction.
8. Players are now permitted to use a stutter-step or a hesitation move when taking a penalty kick provided there is no stopping and there is continuous movement toward the ball.

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