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Editorial changes

The following list shows those rules that have been subject to editorial change, i.e. deletions, corrected errors, clarifications due to interpretation and items rewritten for readability. The list also includes those Approved Rulings altered to conform with rule changes.

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NCAA rule changes 2015 not adopted by IFAF

Rule	Change
3-1-1	Pre-game warmups
3-2-4	Reset play clock if it drops below 25 before ball ready
8-4-2-b	Simplified version adopted by IFAF

Summary of differences between NCAA and IFAF rules

NCAA Rule	IFAF difference
1-2-5-f	Procedure for dealing with missing goals
1-4-2-e	Two players in same position can wear the same number
1-4-11	Film and video are allowed for coaching purposes. Cameras allowed on officials. Drones prohibited.
3-1-1	Pre-game warmups not subject to the rules
3-2-4	Play clock reset only if it drops below 20 seconds before ball ready
3-2-5	No minimum time for a play after spiking
3-3-2	Running clock
3-3-8	Two-minute warning cannot happen before 2'00
4-1-2-b	Ball may belong to recovering team after inadvertent whistle
4-1-3	Ball is dead if players in vicinity believe it is
6-1-7-b/8-6-2	All touchbacks are from the 20-yard line
7-2-5	Fumble/backward pass at rest awarded according to forward fumble principles
9-1-3&4/9-5-1	No half-game suspensions
9-2-7	Referee may require persons to be removed from the playing enclosure
9-6	Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct fouls can be reviewed for additional sanctions
12	Video judge rule may be used as an experiment
12-3-5-f	All disqualifications may be reviewed by replay
12-8	Half-time review of disqualifications

This list ignores differences that address field limitations, NCAA competition structures (e.g. conferences) or equipment restrictions. It also ignores minor wording changes that do not have significant effect on the way the game is played.