

# Fwd: FERG - 5 Substitutes

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Dear Mr Feldman.

I trust this email finds you well.

Please find attached a letter for your kind attention related to the above subject – I hope you will be able to clarify this matter.

Thank you in advance and best regards

**Lukas Brud**

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**5th Substitute in FERJ top division**

Dear Mr Feldman,

We have received several media inquiries related to an apparent decision of the Federation of Football of Rio de Janeiro (FERJ) to allow up to five substitutes in competitions including teams from the top division.

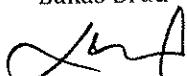
As you know, the Laws of the Game (Modifications section) have been updated in the last edition 2017/18 allowing National Associations to use more than 3 substitutes, except in competitions involving the 1st team of clubs in the top division or 'a' international teams:  
<http://theifab.com/laws/modifications-to-the-laws/chapters/modifications>.

Could you please clarify this matter and provide any relevant information?

Thank you in advance for your feedback regarding this matter, also in order for us to adequately respond to the media.

Kind regards,

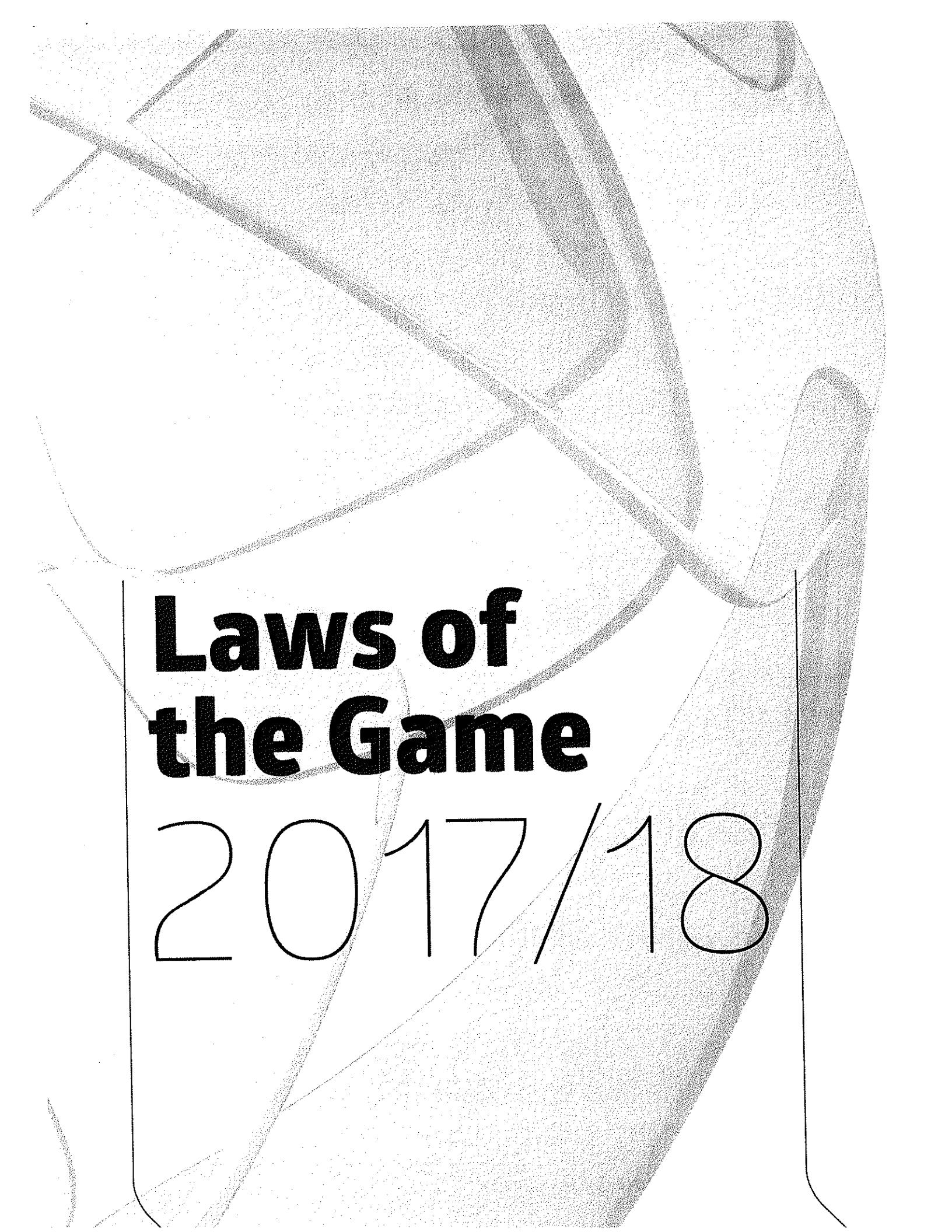
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# Notes on the Laws of the Game



# **Laws of the Game**

**2017/18**

The universality of the Laws of the Game means that the game is essentially the same in every part of the world and at every level. As well as creating a 'fair' and safe environment in which the game is played, the Laws should also promote participation and enjoyment.

Historically, The IFAB has allowed national football associations (FAs) some flexibility to modify the 'organisational' Laws for specific categories of football. However, The IFAB strongly believes that national FAs should now be given more options to modify aspects of the way football is organised if it will benefit football in their own country.

How the game is played and refereed should be the same on every football field in the world from the FIFA World Cup™ final to the smallest village. However, the needs of a country's domestic football should determine how long the game lasts, how many people can take part and how some unfair behaviour is punished.

Consequently, the 131<sup>st</sup> AGM of The IFAB held in London on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 unanimously agreed that national FAs (and confederations and FIFA) should now have the option, if they wish to use it, to modify all or some of the following organisational areas of the Laws of the Game for football for which they are responsible:

**For youth, veterans, disability and grassroots football:**

- size of the field of play
- size, weight and material of the ball
- width between the goalposts and height of the crossbar from the ground
- duration of the two (equal) halves of the game (and two equal halves of extra time)
- the use of return substitutes
- the use of temporary dismissals (sin bins) for some/all cautions (YCs)

# Guidelines for Temporary dismissals (sin bins)

The 131<sup>st</sup> AGM of The IFAB held in London on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 approved the use of temporary dismissals (sin bins) for all or some cautions/yellow cards (YCs) in youth, veterans, disability and grassroots football, subject to the approval of the competition's national FA, confederation or FIFA, whichever is appropriate.

Reference to temporary dismissals is found in:

## **Law 5 – The Referee (Powers and duties):**

### **Disciplinary action**

The referee:

- has the power to show yellow or red cards and, where competition rules permit, temporarily dismiss a player, from entering the field at the start of the match until after the match has ended, including during the half-time interval, extra time and kicks from the penalty mark

A temporary dismissal is when a player commits a cautionable (YC) offence and is punished by an immediate 'suspension' from participating in the next part of that match. The philosophy is that an 'instant punishment' can have a significant and immediate positive influence on the behaviour of the offending player and, potentially, the player's team.

The national FA, confederation or FIFA, should approve (for publication in the competition rules) a temporary dismissal protocol within the following guidelines:

### **Temporary dismissal area**

- A temporarily dismissed player should remain within the technical area (where one exists) or with the team's coach/technical staff, unless 'warming up' (under the same conditions as a substitute)

### **Offences before/during/after a temporary dismissal**

- A temporarily dismissed player who commits a cautionable (YC) or sending-off (RC) offence during their temporary dismissal period will take no further part in the match and may not be replaced or substituted

### **Further disciplinary action**

- Competitions/national FAs will decide if temporary dismissals must be reported to the appropriate authorities and whether any further disciplinary action may be taken e.g. suspension for accumulating a number of temporary dismissals, as with cautions (YCs)

### **Temporary dismissal systems**

A competition may use one of the following temporary dismissal systems:

- System A – for all cautions (YCs)
- System B – for some but not all cautions (YCs)

#### **System A – temporary dismissal for all cautions (YCs)**

- All cautions (YCs) are punished with a temporary dismissal
- A player who commits a 2<sup>nd</sup> caution (YC) in the same match:
  - will receive a second temporary dismissal and then takes no further part in the match
  - may be replaced by a substitute at the end of the second temporary dismissal period if the player's team has not used its maximum number of substitutes (this is because the team has already been 'punished' by playing without that player for 2 x temporary dismissal periods)

# Guidelines for return substitutes

Following approval at the 131<sup>st</sup> AGM of The IFAB held in London on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 The Laws of the Game now permit the use of return substitutes in youth, veterans, disability and grassroots football, subject to the approval of the competition's national FA, confederation or FIFA, whichever is appropriate.

Reference to return substitutions is found in:

## **Law 3 – The Players (Number of substitutions):**

### **Return Substitutes**

- The use of return substitutions is only permitted in youth, veterans, disability and grassroots football, subject to the agreement of the national football association, confederation or FIFA.

A 'return substitute' is a player who has already played in the match and has been substituted (a substituted player) and later in the match returns to play by replacing another player.

Apart from the dispensation for a substituted player to return to play in the match, all other provisions of Law 3 and the Laws of the Game apply to return substitutes. In particular, the substitution procedure outlined in Law 3 must be followed.

# MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS

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## FOR ANY LEVEL EXCEPT COMPETITIONS INVOLVING THE 1ST TEAM OF CLUBS IN THE TOP DIVISION OR 'A' INTERNATIONAL TEAMS:

the number of substitutions each team is permitted to use up to a maximum of five

In addition, to allow national FAs further flexibility to benefit and develop their domestic football, The IFAB AGM approved the following changes relating to 'categories' of football:

women's football is no longer a separate category and now has the same status as men's football

the age limits for youth and veterans have been removed – national FAs, confederations and FIFA have the flexibility to decide the age restrictions for these categories

each national FA will determine which competitions at the lowest levels of football are designated as 'grassroots' football

National FAs have the option to approve different modifications for different competitions - there is no requirement to apply them universally or to apply them all. **However, no other modifications are allowed.**

National FAs are asked to inform The IFAB of their use of these modifications, and at which levels, as this information, and especially the reason(s) why the modifications are being used, may identify development ideas/strategies which The IFAB can share to assist the development of football in other national FAs.

The IFAB would also be very interested to hear about other potential modification of the Laws of the Game which could increase participation, make football more attractive and promote its worldwide development.



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Modifications to the Laws (1.89 MB)

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