

**2009 Rule Change SUMMARY  
SUMMER SPORTS – FOOTBALL (SOCCER)**

**Football (Soccer)**

**Rule Change Recommendation:**

5-a-side & 7-a-side

- 1 Change rule f. The Assistant Referee:

Two assistant referees are appointed to each match for Regional and International Competitions. For Local, Program and National Competitions it is recommended to have two referees if there are not enough assistant referees.

- 2 Change rule h. Start of play:

A ball must be kicked forward from the center spot before being touched by another player.  
**(delete: at least one full revolution)**

- 3 Change in rule j. Goal Clearance

3.b. **“opposing player”** with **“any player”**

- 5 Add to rule n. Free Kick

2) **“When a indirect free kick is awarded to the attacking team inside the penalty area within 5 meters from the goal line, the referee must place the ball at five meters from the goal line”.**

- 6 Add in rule p. Kick in:

4) **A goal keeper may not pick up a ball with his hands passed back to him by his own player.**

**Final Action:**

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Comments:**

1. Approved  
2. Approved  
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6. Approved