The authority for the current revision of the Laws of the Game is found in the minutes of the 127th, 128th and 129th AGMs. The TSC started work in autumn 2014 and the minutes of the 129th AGM on 28th February 2015 record that:

“...the aim of the revision is to make the Laws of the Game more accessible and more easily understood by everyone in football and increase consistency of understanding, interpretation and application.”

The revision has focussed on making the Laws appropriate for the modern game at all levels. The major areas of change are:

- **More simple structure** – Law and Law Interpretation have been combined so all the information for each Law is in the same place
- **Updated titles** – some Laws have been renamed to reflect their content and allow inclusion of text not previously assigned to a Law e.g. Law 6: ‘The Assistant Referees’ has become ‘The Other Match Officials’ to allow inclusion of Fourth Officials, Additional Assistant Referees etc.
- **English and phraseology** – unnecessary words have been removed and a more consistent use of words and phrases makes the Laws more readable, helps translation and reduces confusion and misunderstandings. Contradictions and unnecessary repetitions have been removed. The Laws are now ‘gender neutral’, reflecting the importance of women in football today
- **Updated content** – some changes bring the Laws up to date with modern football e.g. the increased number of substitutes
Two important ‘new’ sections have been introduced:

- **Law changes explained** – this section gives the ‘old’ text, the ‘new’ text and an explanation for each Law change
- **Glossary** – this is a list of definitions of important words/phrases which are sometimes misunderstood and/or difficult to translate

The IFAB believes that this revision makes the Laws of the Game more accessible and more easily understood by everyone involved or interested in football. This should lead to increased consistency of understanding, interpretation and application so there are fewer disputes and controversies resulting from conflicting interpretations.

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