Clarifications of Rule Changes NASOA Meeting 8/14/2019

Penalty Kick Movement:

The referee must not signal for the penalty kick to be taken if the goalkeeper is touching the goalposts, crossbar or net, or if they are moving, e.g., because the goalkeeper has shaken them in an attempt to distract the kicker.

*From Kris Bailey The Law has been modified to ensure the Goalkeeper does nothing with the goals to attempt to distract the kicker.*

Delaying Giving YC/RC:

Delaying the restart of play to show a card: Once the referee has decided to caution or send off a player, play must not be restarted until the sanction is administered, unless the non-offending team takes a quick free kick, has a clear goal-scoring opportunity and the referee has not started the disciplinary sanction procedure....

*From Kris Bailey:  NOTHING has been clarified about the offending player interference. Will continue to see if IFAB addresses this in the future.*

Goalkeeper Throwing the Ball into the Opponent's Goal:

Goalkeepers cannot score by throwing the ball **directly** into the opponents’ goal – if they do, a goal kick is awarded to the opposing team.

*From Kris Bailey The key is "directly" so it should be treated the same way as a throw-in to the keeper.*

Dropped Balls are now considered to be **uncontested**.

*From Kris Bailey:   Ensure that the understanding is that they are no longer contested.*

Please see the Law Changes PDF that Kris provided under the USSF tab on the NASOA website. These changes are rather confusing so please read and study the changes. IMHO there are many gradients now added to a few laws and you must know when each is applicable based on situational awareness. -GU