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2013-14 Soccer Rules Revisions

- 1. During a dead ball as the result of an injury, coaches can now give coaching instruction to their teams.
- 2. Before they enter the field, substitutes must be beckoned onto the field by the referee except at the start of a period.
- 3. Tape applied to the socks cannot change the basic color of the socks.
- 4. The use of electronic communication devices are allowed in the bench area. These devices, however, cannot be used to communicate with athletes on the field during the game.
- 5. An unsuccessful attempt to deny an opponent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a foul (i.e., a goal is scored anyway) is now unsporting conduct and a caution (yellow card). Previously, this was a disqualification (red card).
- 6. A successful attempt to deny an opponent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a foul (goal is not scored) is still serious foul play and a disqualification (red card).
- 7. On a free kick, the ball has not been properly kicked into play when a player merely taps or steps on the top of the ball with his/her foot. The ball must now also move.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- 1. Goalkeeper Injury
- 2. Excessive Player Substitutions
- 3. Required Equipment
- 4. Penalty Kick
- 5. Concussion Management

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