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PHL2026 World Cup Bid



The excitement is building as the bid for Philadelphia to be a host city for the 2026 World Cup moves ahead full force!

We need everyone to show your support by checking out the video, join their mailing list and more at <https://phlworldcup.discoverphl.com/>

Let's Review: Law 5 - The Referee

Here is a great example of a referee who just reported the facts of a serious injury in a clear and concise manner.

Describe Any Unusual Incident:

Midway through the first half, [REDACTED] #7 was challenged by [REDACTED] #10, a foul was called because the [REDACTED] player mistimed the challenge. They two colided knees and although the [REDACTED] player was able to continue, [REDACTED] #7 sat out the remainder of the game.

It is the responsibility of every referee to complete and send in a match report after EVERY match.

Critical Incidents that MUST be included in your game report:

- Serious Injuries
- All disciplinary matters
- COVID protocol issues

- Field issues
- Anything out of the ordinary

This allows league and state officials to monitor and manage their league as well as provides protection for the referee if the league or State Association needs to take action after the match.

2021 Grassroots Referee Recertification is Now Open!

2021 Referee Recertification is now open for all 2020 registered Grassroots Referees, Regional Emeritus Referees and National Emeritus Referees.

Please review and follow the instructions [here](#) to register for 2021. (<http://www.epsarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Instructions-to-Register-for-2021.pdf>)

[CORRECTED LINK] Keep up to date and follow this link to U.S. Soccer's Box Account that shows you all of the changes to the Laws of the Game by clicking [here](#) or copy/paste the url - <https://ussoccer.app.box.com/s/ruqcsfo671k1bcf6dzwf/file/683846624324>

You can find the updated 2020-2021 Laws of the Game by clicking [here](#) or going to the url - http://www.epsarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/IFAB-Laws-of-the-Game-2020_2021.pdf

The Laws of the Game now fit in your pocket! The International Football Association Board (IFAB) has put together a great iPhone and Android app with the Laws of the Game and more...definitely worth downloading!

Simply go to the App Store in iOS or the Google Play Store and search "Laws of the Game".

All EPSARC Update emails are archived as pdfs on our website by clicking [here](#) or visiting <http://www.epsarc.org/news/epsarc-update-emails/>

For the Good of the Game.
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