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To: FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS AND REFEREE BRANCHES

From: REFEREES DEPARTMENT

Date: 30/05/2013

Subject: TAPE ON STOCKINGS

Dear Football Associations and Referee Branches,

As you all are aware FIFA brought in the following new rule regarding the use of tape around player's stockings.

Old Text	New Text
Stockings	Stockings – if tape or similar material is applied externally it must be the same colour as that part of the stocking it is applied to

The reasoning behind the Law change was an increasing number of players were using excessive amounts of tape externally on their stockings. This could be a multitude of colours and completely changing the look of the stocking. This could cause confusion, particularly for assistant referees who may need to look at the stockings to determine who last played the ball before it went out of play.

As the reasoning would not generally apply to grassroots Association football, FNSW has determined not to enforce the Law change at the grassroots Association level on any match they administer or participate in. For clarity, this includes any competition a grassroots Football Association administers, or any competition FNSW administers that includes local football teams, i.e State Cup and Champions of Champions. Therefore, it is not compulsory for a player to conform to these regulations.

This position was reached to avoid confusion and eliminate the inconsistent approach currently being experienced by players therefore having a negative effect on the player's football experience.

We appreciate your support in communicating this position to your referees ahead of this weekend's matches.

Kris Griffiths-Jones

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