

Welcome to the Entry Level Course for Soccer Referees. You should have received, along with this pre-course study booklet, a copy of the Laws of the Game, details of the venue of the course, an outline timetable and what equipment will be needed together with the appropriate dress and footwear.

The object of this pre-course study booklet is, together with the Laws of the Game, to prepare the potential referee for the Entry Level Course. It requires you to have researched some of the Laws and to answer the following questions prior to your first session of the course. This workbook will be evaluated by the Senior Course Instructor.

We hope that you enjoy the course and that this is a start to a long and successful career as a Soccer Referee.

LAW 1 – The Field of Play

1.1. What are the minimum and maximum measurements of the field of play?

Length: Minimum_____

 Maximum_____

Width Minimum_____

 Maximum_____

1.2. What shape must the field of play be?

1.3. What is the name of the longer boundary line?

1.4. What is the name of the shorter boundary line?

1.5. What is the maximum width of all of the line markings?

1.6. A centre mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. What is the radius of the circle that is marked around it?

1.7. How many flag posts are mandatory?

1.8. What is the minimum height of the flag post?

1.9. What is the distance between the ground and the lower edge of the cross bar?

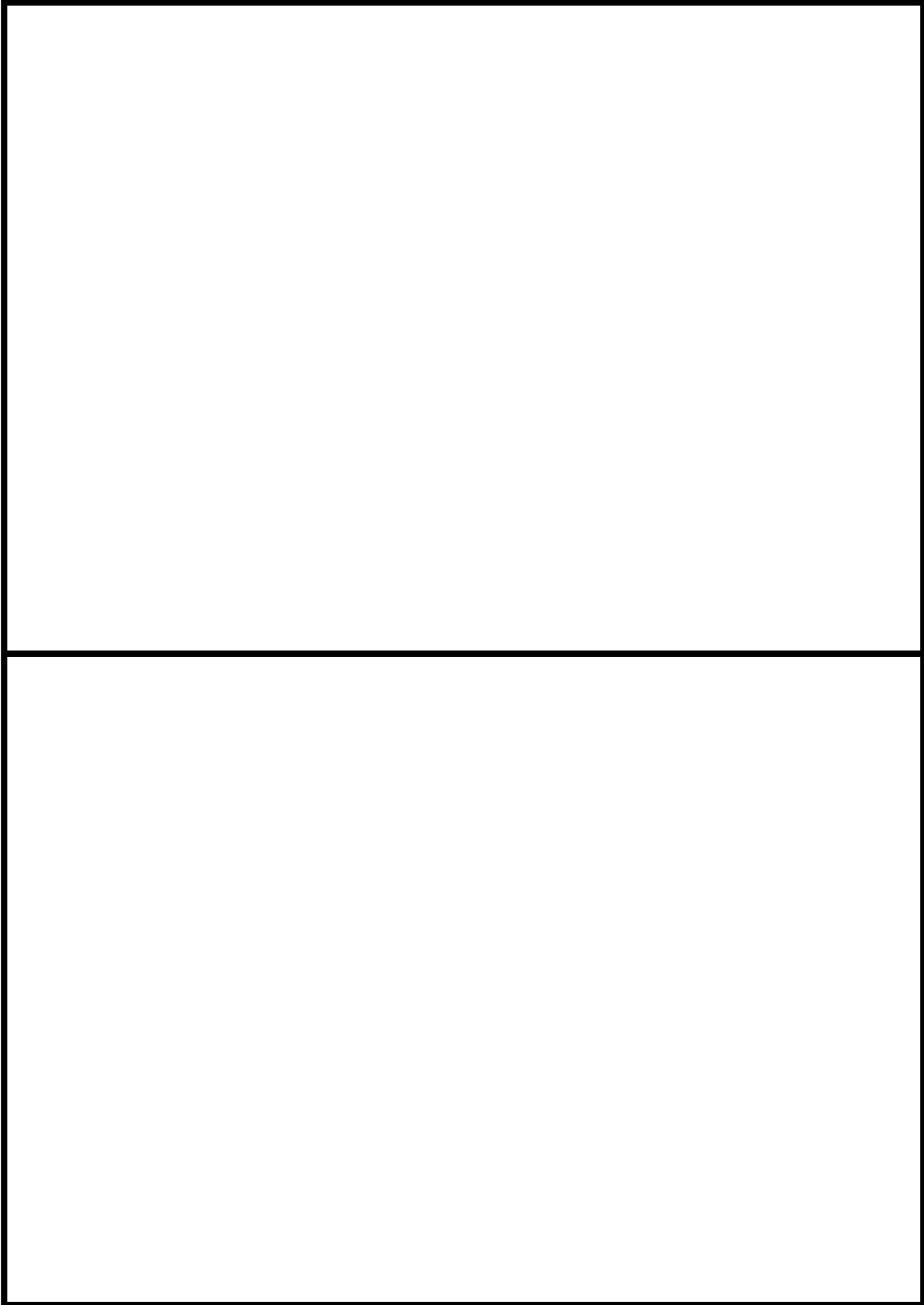
1.10. How wide are the goals?

1.11. What colour must the goalpost and the crossbar be?

1.12. What material must the goalpost and cross bar be made of?

1.13. Where artificial turf is used what must be the colour of the artificial pitch?

1.14. On the following page draw the field of play correctly identifying all the areas and boundary lines.



Law 2 – The Ball

2.1. What is the shape of the ball?

2.2. Complete the maximum and minimum requirements:

Circumference _____

Weight _____

Pressure _____

2.3. Who decides if the ball conforms to the laws of the game?



Law 3 – The Number of Players

3.1 What is the maximum number that constitutes a team? _____

3.2 What is the minimum number on either team required for a match to start?__

3.3 Which position is required to be identified in a team?_____

3.4 Where does a substitute enter the field of play?_____

3.5 When may a substitution take place?_____



Law 4 – Players Equipment

4.1 List the five items of compulsory equipment a player has to wear

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

4.2 What is the requirement for goalkeeper's colours?

4.3 Is a player permitted to wear jewellery?

4.4 When are players to be inspected to ensure that their equipment is correct?

4.5. Is a player allowed to play with blood on his playing uniform?



Law 15 – The Throw – In

15.1 When is a throw-in awarded?

15.2 Where is a throw-in taken from?

15.3 Can the thrower use only one hand?

15.4 Can the thrower touch the ball again before it has been touched by another player?

15.5 How far must opponents stand from the point where the throw in is to be taken from?

15.6 When is the ball in play at the taking of a throw in?



Law 16 – The Goal Kick

16.1 When is a goal kick awarded?

16.2 Can a goal be scored direct against the opposing team from a goal kick?

16.3 When is the ball in play at a goal kick?

16.4 Can the kicker play the ball a second time before it has been touched by another player?

16.5 Where must all the opponent remain until the ball is in play?



Law 17 – The Corner Kick

17.1 When is a corner kick awarded?

17.2 Can a goal be scored direct against the opposing team from a corner kick?

17.3 When is the ball in play at a goal kick?

17.4 Can the kicker play the ball a second time before it has been touched by another player?

17.5 Can the corner flag post be moved before the corner kick is taken?

17.6 How far away from the corner arc must opponents remain until the ball is in play?

