

2006 vs. 2005 GTP Comparison

This document summarizes the changes in the 2006 edition of the USSF “Guide to Procedures for Referees, Assistant Referees and 4th Officials” (GTP) as compared to the previous 2005 edition. Any text samples extracted and included are done solely for educational purposes and so are still bound to the original copyright holder (USSF).

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2006 saw only very minor changes in the document. This compared to the major rewrites and reversals of the last three editions. In fact, it is almost not worthwhile publishing this comparison this year. See the previous edition of this document for more information on the changes of the past few years, as needed.

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Added “General Positioning” under “DURING PLAY” heading. (note: also page numbering starts from the cover now)

PRIOR TO THE GAME (page 7)

Arrival at the Field:

Errata: early editions had the last line of the only sentence in this section missing mistakenly. The line is “no time is prescribed, at least 30 minutes prior to kick-off.”

THROW-IN Referee’s End of Touch Line (page 17)

Assistant Referee

Modifies second bullet to state first to provide a confirming signal after referee indicates throw-in decision. Then slight rewrite to existing remaining paragraph on how to indicate if asked for assistance.

GOAL KICK (page 21)

Assistant Referee

Adds new top-level bullet paragraph, “Provides confirming flag signal after referee indicates a goal kick restart when ball crosses referee’s side of goal line.”

CORNER KICK Referee’s Side of Field (page 24)

Assistant Referee

Moved first bullet paragraph to second to last position. Adds new top-level bullet paragraph, “Provides confirming flag signal (45 degrees downward toward near corner) after referee indicates a corner kick when ball crosses referee’s side of goal. Embellishes second bullet paragraph to more clearly explain to provide a flag signal if referee asks for assistance.

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