

IV - The Players' Equipment

Safety

A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry).

Basic Equipment

The basic compulsory equipment of a player is:

- a jersey or shirt
- shorts - if thermal under-shorts are worn, they are of the same main color as the shorts
- stockings (socks)
- shinguards
- footwear (boots)



Shinguards

- are covered entirely by the stockings
- are made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, or similar substances)
- provide a reasonable degree of protection

Goalkeepers

- each goalkeeper wears colors which distinguish him from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees.

Infringements/Sanctions

For any infringement of this Law:

- play need not be stopped
- the player at fault is instructed by the referee to leave the field of play to correct his equipment
- the player leaves the field of play when the ball next ceases to be in play, unless he has already corrected his equipment
- any player required to leave the field of play to correct his equipment does not re-enter without the referee's permission
- the referee checks that the player's equipment is correct before allowing him to re-enter the field of play
- the player is only allowed to re-enter the field of play when the ball is out of play

- A player who has been required to leave the field of play because of an infringement of this Law and who enters (or re-enters) the field of play without the referee's permission is cautioned and shown the yellow card.

Restart of Play

If play is stopped by the referee to administer a caution: the match is restarted by an indirect free kick taken by a player of the opposing side, from the place where the ball was located when the referee stopped the match.