

## **MEMORANDUM 2003**

**July 1, 2003**

As most of you are aware, the International Football Association Board meets annually, makes changes to the Laws of the Game, and issues points of emphasis for referees to follow. The United States Soccer Federation then issues an annual Memorandum incorporating these changes and directives to referees in the United States. Unless indicated otherwise, these changes are effective on July 1.

Simply stated, there are no significant changes for referees to be made aware of with the Memorandum 2003. The change to the procedures related to the coin toss prior to Kicks from the Penalty Mark should be duly noted. A brief summary of the changes is as follows:

?? Law 4 – Advertising on player’s equipment is now not limited to only the jersey;

?? Clarification is provided on assistance from the Fourth Official;

?? The winner of the coin toss prior to the taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark now has the choice of kicking first or second;

?? There are additional instructions on how to deal with players who infringe the provisions of Law 14;

?? FIFA/USSF has reaffirmed the decision taken with the 2002 Memorandum banning temporary expulsions; and

?? The use of artificial surfaces will go forward and clear guidelines are being developed.

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