



*From: FISTF Sports Department*

*To: Presidents, National Associations*

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*Subject: New version (5.0) of FISTF Sports Rules*

*Dear National Associations Officials,*

*After almost two years of intense work, FISTF Sports Department is proud to present the new version 5.0 of FISTF Sports Rules. This new version includes several important improvements:*

- 1. Dozens of depicted examples of situations that happen frequently during table football games, accompanied by the correct resolution for each situation.*
- 2. More than fifty clarifications related to rules that were ambiguous and incomplete until now, as published by FISTF on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.*
- 3. Eleven changes of rules, which make the game more exciting and fair. The specific changes are the successful outcome of the second leg of the Sports Rules' Update Project. All changes are explained in detail in the attached **Modifications Document**, written in five languages (English, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek).*

*You will also find attached a "plain-text" version of the new Sports Rules, which will help you spot the new or changed rules (green text) and the clarifications (red text) in the whole context of the Sports Rules.*

*This new version 5.0 of FISTF Sports Rules will become effective from the beginning of the new sports season 2014-15, immediately **after** the World Cup 2014 in Rochefort.*

*All National Associations are requested to approve this new version of the Sports Rules, by sending a consenting email to FISTF Sports Department **no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**. The AGM which will be held in Rochefort will confirm the approval of this new version 5.0 of the Sports Rules.*

*Again I would like to thank all the people who contributed in bringing to an end this painstaking effort and significant step forward. Particularly, I would like to thank FISTF BoD members, FISCT and AEFM for their support but mostly Massimo Ciano and Stefano de Francesco of FISCT for their continuous help during the review of the second leg of Sports Rules Update Project.*



*Also, many thanks go to the Clubs SC Stembert, ACS Perugia 1973 and ASCT Sessana 1982 who play-tested the proposed rule modifications and helped streamlining and finalizing the changes. Finally, many thanks to the translators of the text in the Modifications Document (Massimo Ciano, Baudouin Heuninckx and Luis Felipe Mendez Banderas to Italian, French and Spanish respectively) and to Massimo Novi for his valuable help in the formatting of the new version of the Sports Rules and for translating the whole Sports Rules book into Italian.*

*We truly hope that this new version of FISTF Sports Rules will be welcomed by all players around the world of Table Football. Please, do not forget to send the requested consenting email as soon as you finish reading the new version 5.0 of the Sports Rules.*

*I am at your disposal should you need any clarification,*

*Yours in sport,*

*George Drazinakis*

***FISTF Sports Vice President***