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To All Alberta Soccer Referees,

We wish to provide a clarification on Law 4 – Player Equipment, specifically relating to whether player jerseys are required to be ‘tucked in’ or not.

Law 4 only requires that players wear ‘a jersey or shirt with sleeves’. There is no reference in Law to the requirement that a jersey be tucked in, so referees cannot require or insist on this taking place.

The only caveat to this is that Law 4 also states that a player may not wear ‘anything that is dangerous to himself/herself or another player’. If, for example, a jersey or shirt that was untucked was so long that it created a tripping hazard for the player, then the referee could consider this equipment to be ‘dangerous’, and require that it either be tucked in, or replaced by one that had a better fit and did not create the danger. Other than that, players may play with their shirt untucked if they wish.

These statements are supported by the Canadian Soccer Association.

Many years ago, tucking in of jerseys was mentioned in a FIFA Circular Memo, but it has never been mentioned in the Laws, and the specific FIFA memo is no longer in effect.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me directly.

Regards,

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