

NLP'S BIG FAT NON-LEAGUE SLIPUP

THE RESULTS! VANISHING SPRAY BUT NO DISSENT!

RULES are rules – but that doesn't mean to say that all NLP readers agree with them.

Everyone has an opinion on the current laws of the game and what new ones should be brought in.

So we put it to the floor and asked what one rule would you introduce? The responses were wide and varied.

Many of the 1,266 responses want the offside laws cleared up – some even want it

scrapped altogether! But you don't want to see assistant referees put out of a job, with calls for throw-ins to be taken from where the ball went out.

Indeed, there were some other suggestions that have got the backing of the majority.

Perhaps predictably, dissent is a key issue with calls for referees to be given the

power to march a free-kick forward ten yards – much like in both rugby codes – for arguing with decisions. It's a rule that has been tried before

and our readers are in favour of it becoming permanent in the hope it will cut out the back-chat.

Diving also seems to be a bee in the

bonnet. We've had proposals for sin-binning those players guilty of simulation and, in higher volume, demands of instant red cards.

Another big bug-bear concerns players leaving the field follow-

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treatment for an injury. A lot of respondents want to see an end to that. Others have the idea that the opposition player guilty of causing the injury should also have to temporarily stay off the pitch until his victim is back on.

No-one likes a time-waster. We also received a number of

suggestions for no more substitutions in the latter stages of the game.

Just one reader thinks it's time FA Trophy winners are awarded six points to their league total, with the runners-up handed three and another reckons it should be four points for an away win.

But the big thing you

want to see appearing at Non-League grounds is referees using vanishing spray.

A big hit in the World Cup and now the Premier League, 71.49 per cent said 'spray away' when asked if they would you like to see vanishing spray introduced in Non-League football?

The people have spoken.



YOUR RULES

“No penalty shoot-outs, instead, golden goal and removing a player from each side every five minutes, swap ends every 15 minutes”

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“At a penalty the 20 other players not directly concerned should have to be in the opposite half when the referee blows his whistle for the kick to be taken”

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“After receiving on-field treatment, players should remain on the pitch. If not, the player who committed the foul should also leave the field”

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“If match is level at the end, the team with most corners wins”

YOUR RULES

“Give 45 seconds for goal celebrations to ease. The opposition can then kick-off no matter where the celebrating team are”

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“You can only be offside in the 18-yard box”

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Would you like vanishing spray in Non-League football?

Yes 71.49%

No 28.51%

Would you like sin-bins to be trialled in Non-League football?

Yes 41.55%

No 58.45%

Would you like to see an 'orange' card trialled in Non-League football?

Yes 28.76%

No 71.24%

Should clubs be allowed to use more than three substitutes in a game?

Yes 15.39%

No 84.61%

Should clubs be allowed to bring on a substitute goalkeeper even if all three outfield changes have been made?

Yes 38.94%

No 61.06%