World Cup VAR and rule changes

World football's governing body IFAB has introduced new powers for video assistant referees (VAR) at the World Cup, with a crackdown on time-wasting to improve match tempo

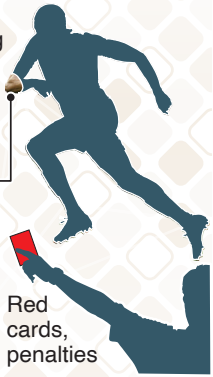
Connected Ball Technology
Side-mounted 500Hz inertial measurement unit motion sensor chip

Identifies time and location of each touch of ball



VAR decisions
Offside, attacking player ahead of defenders and ball – when it is kicked

Handball, e.g. deflection



Goals, e.g. ball crossing line



Fouls leading to penalty or goal



Red cards, penalties

NEW VAR REVIEW POWERS



Red cards arising from clearly incorrect second yellow card



Mistaken identity for card



Incorrectly awarded corner kick

TIME-WASTING COUNTDOWNS AND PUNISHMENTS



5 seconds
Goal kicks
Corner to opposition

Throw-in
Awarded to opposition



10 Substitutions
Team must play for one minute with fewer players



60 Injuries
Player must leave pitch for one minute, unless opponent receives a card.
Goalkeepers and penalty-takers exempt



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