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## **Release of the “Manual de Arbitraje de Fútbol Americano”** *The Spanish version of the MOFO*

The *Manual of Football Officiating* (MOFO) is recognized internationally and now is available in Spanish. Thanks to this, it is possible for Spanish-speaking countries, with their different circumstances, to be able to have officials with a standardized international level; just like the original version and the other translations. A fundamental characteristic of this Manual is its ability to adapt the mechanics in a logical and progressive way between three (3) and eight (8) on-field officials. This makes it an essential tool.

This version was produced thanks to the collaboration of officials from Mexico, Argentina and Chile, the majority of them with experience in world championships.

The Manual is a great tool for international American football and this translation was made in order to contribute to the development of the sport where Spanish is spoken. In addition, it can open the door to many people who will find, in their language, an opportunity to engage with the game or to improve.

The *Manual de Arbitraje de Fútbol Americano* is an IAFOA (International American Football Officials Association) publication and will be available on their website at <http://www.myiafoa.org/mechanics/mofo17/translations/es/mofo17es.pdf>

As a final note and quoting the *IFAF Football Rules and Interpretations 2017: 11-2-2* “Officiating responsibilities and mechanics are specified in the current edition of the *Manual of Football Officiating*, published by IAFOA. Officials are responsible for knowing and applying the material in the Manual.”

I sincerely hope that this Spanish version will be very helpful. Greetings from Chile.

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