

Laws of the Game

Refresher Quiz

Directions: Answer each of the questions. Determine, if appropriate, (1) if the game should be stopped and (2) if so, name the restart.

Law 1 - The Field of Play

1. What must the referee do if the field conditions are dangerous or unsuitable for play and the problem cannot be corrected?

Law 2 - The Ball

1. Who provides the game balls?

Law 3 - Number of Players

1. While the ball is in play, the referee discovers that a team has more than the allowed number of players. What should the referee do?
2. A goal is scored by a team that has more than the allowed numbers of players and the referee discovers this before play has restarted.
3. A player receives permission to leave the field, but then interrupts his exit to play the ball as play continues.
4. Can substitutes sitting on the bench be shown the yellow or red card?
5. Can the referee caution or send off a player and show the appropriate cards immediately following a match after the final whistle?

Law 4- Players' Equipment

1. Two goalkeepers' shirts are the same color and neither has another shirt to change into. Should the referee proceed with the match?
2. A player, due to a collision with an opponent, loses a shoe and immediately scores a goal. Should the goal be valid?

Law 5 - The Referee

1. When restarting the game, is it acceptable for the referee to simply nod his head?
2. The concept of "trifling infractions" no longer appears in the law book. Is it therefore no longer a factor to be considered by referees?
3. Does advantage apply to any infringements other than those stated in Law 12 (Fouls and Misconduct)? For example, can advantage be applied in the case of an illegal throw-in that goes to an opponent?
4. A player has left the field of play to adjust his equipment. The player is inspected and approved by the assistant referee and the referee beckons him back into play. Is this permitted?
5. Same situation as 4.above, except the player has left the field of play to treat a bleeding injury. Can the referee delegate the inspection of the player to the assistant referee?
6. Can the referee change his decision for scoring a goal after the play has been restarted? Is this also true for decisions other than scoring a goal?

Law 6 - The Assistant Referee

1. Under what circumstances should the assistant referee hold his signal for offside if the referee missed it? How long should the assistant referee hold a signal missed by the referee for a ball out of play. How long should the assistant referee hold a signal for a serious foul committed out of the referee's sight?

Law 7 - The Duration of the Match

1. The referee ends the half three minutes early while the ball was in play. The assistant referee points out the mistake. What does the referee do now?

Law 8 - The Start and Restart of Play

1. Is there a requirement that players from both teams-or any player-must take part at a dropped ball?

Law 9- The Ball In and Out of Play

1. The assistant referee signals for offside. The referee is about to blow his whistle to stop play, but, before he can signal, an attacker is punched by an opponent inside the defender's penalty area.

Law 10 - The Method of Scoring

1. The ball is about to enter the goal, but before it crosses the goal line the referee inadvertently blows his whistle.
2. A spectator enters the field of play and attempts to prevent a ball from entering the goal. The spectator does not succeed in stopping the ball from entering the goal. Under what circumstances is the goal allowed?

Law 11 - Offside

1. Judgment to penalize a player who is in an offside position can occur at the moment the ball is played by a teammate. True or false?
2. What is meant by "active involvement"? Can it occur without the ball being directly nearby?
3. Can interfering with an opponent include verbal distraction of the goalkeeper by an opponent?
4. An opposing forward enters the goal and one of his teammates kicks the ball into the goal. Should the goal be considered valid?
5. Same as 4, but the forward shouts or moves as the ball enters the goal.
6. Offside is punished (the indirect free kick is taken) from which place: (a) where the second-to-last defender was, or (b) where the offside player was when his teammate played the ball?
7. A player has his toes on the halfway line but not over the line. Can this player be in an offside position?
8. How can a player who is in an offside position at the moment the ball is played by a teammate become "onside" again?

Law 12- Fouls and Misconduct

1. A player fairly charges an opponent (shoulder to shoulder) who is already being charged fairly by another player. Is this an offense?
2. A goalkeeper throws the ball intentionally and forcefully from inside the penalty against an opponent outside the penalty area.
3. A player takes a correct throw in but intentionally and forcefully directs the ball at an opponent. What is and where is the restart?
4. Does moving the hands or arms instinctively to protect the body when suddenly faced with a fast approaching ball constitute intentional handling if the ball is touched?
5. A player uses his hands to bend a corner flag, stopping the ball from going out. The ball does not touch his hand. Is there a foul?
6. A player who is on the ground is attempting to play the ball with his feet. Is the player considered to be "playing in a dangerous manner"?
7. A player plays recklessly by nearly kicking his own teammate in the head. Can the player be charged with "playing in a dangerous manner"?
8. A player impedes the progress of an opponent. If, in addition, there is physical contact, will it require that a direct free kick be awarded?
9. Does "playing distance" vary with the age of the players or the speed of play?
10. Does the goalkeeper have possession of the ball when he tosses it upwards and catches it again?
11. Will goalkeepers who hold the ball for longer than 5-6 seconds normally be warned by the referee before any more serious action is taken?
12. Can the goalkeeper be charged (shoulder to shoulder) when he is holding the ball?
13. Identify which two of the following four fouls call for a mandatory caution: (a) A player handles the ball deliberately to score a goal; (b) a player, without the referees permission, changes jerseys with the goalkeeper; (c) a player unfairly distracts an opponent performing a throw-in; and (d) a player interferes with the goalkeeper's release of the ball from his hands into play.
14. If the referee notes a pattern of different players fouling the same opponent, can the referee warn the entire team that the next offense may result in a caution to the offending player?
15. A defender fouls an attacker who has an obvious goal scoring opportunity. The referee applies advantage and the goal is scored. Under what circumstances will the defender be sent off, and when does he not need to be sent off?

Law 13 - Free Kicks

1. An attacking team chooses to take a free kick with an opponent six yards away. The ball goes directly to the infringing opponent who gains control of the ball. Should the referee require the kick to be retaken?
2. The referee applies advantage to a misconduct occurrence but subsequently stops play when the advantage no longer exists. The restart is taken from (a) where the ball was when play was stopped or (b) from the spot of the original misconduct?
3. The referee fails to raise his hand for an indirect free kick. The ball goes directly into the opponents' goal without touching any other player.

Law 14- Penalty Kick

1. A teammate of the kicker enters the penalty area before the kick is taken and a goal is not scored but the goalkeeper saves the ball by deflecting it over the crossbar.

Law 15- The Throw-In

1. May a throw-in be performed from a spot off the field two yards from the touchline?
2. When is the ball considered to be in play on a throw-in?
3. Is "spin" on the ball explicitly prohibited by the law?
4. Can a player who lacks use of one arm perform a legal throw-in?
5. Can a throw-in be performed from a kneeling position?

Law 16- The Goal Kick

1. A properly kicked goal kick (after the ball has left the penalty area) goes directly into the goal of the kicking team.

Law 17- The Corner Kick

1. The ball is properly placed and, as a result of the kick, immediately leaves the field across the goal line.