

FIFA Questions ???? & Answers

Law 1 - The Field of Play

1. If the crossbar breaks during a match played under the rules of a competition and there are no available means of repairing or replacing it, should the match be abandoned?

Yes. The crossbar is a part of the goal and must always be in place.

2. Is it necessary for flags to be placed at the half-way line?

No. Such flags are optional.

3. Is it permissible to mark the field of play with broken lines?

No. Law 1 does not allow broken lines.

4. A goalkeeper or another player draws unauthorised marks on the field of play with his foot. What action does the referee take?

If the referee notices this before the match starts the offending player is cautioned for unsporting behaviour.

If the referee notices this being done during the match he cautions the offending player for unsporting behaviour when the ball next goes out of play.

5. Are the goal nets compulsory?

No. They are recommended whenever possible and may be required under competitions rules.

6. Is the area enclosed by the goal line and the goal nets part of the field of play?

No. This area is outside of the field of play.

7. Is it permitted to have additional marks made on the field of play to assist the goalkeeper?

No.

