

FIFA Questions ???? & Answers

Law 13 - Free Kicks

1. A player takes a free kick from outside his own penalty area and then touches the ball again by deliberately handling the ball before it has been played by another player. What action does the referee take?

He punishes the more serious offence, by awarding a direct free kick, or penalty kick if the offence took place inside the penalty area.

2. A team is awarded a direct free kick in its own penalty area. The player taking the kick passes it directly to his goalkeeper who misses it and the ball enters the goal. What action does the referee take?

The kick is retaken since the ball is not in play until it has passed outside the penalty area.

3. A team is awarded an indirect free kick inside its own penalty area. The player taking the kick hits it against a team mate who is inside the penalty area and the ball enters the goal. What action does the referee take?

The kick is retaken since the ball is not in play until it has passed outside the penalty area.

4. When a goal kick or a free kick is taken from within a player's own penalty area, when may opposing players enter the penalty area?

The players may not enter until the ball has passed outside the penalty area.

5. May a free kick be taken by lifting the ball with a foot or both feet simultaneously?

Yes. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

6. When taking a free kick awarded to their team, may players use feinting tactics to confuse opponents?

Yes. It is permitted and is part of football. However, if any opponents move nearer than 9.15m (10 yards) from the ball before it is in play they are cautioned for failing to respect the required distance.

7. Although an opponent is only 4.5m from the ball a player takes a quick free kick. Is it permitted?

Yes. Play is allowed to continue even if the opponent intercepts the ball.

8. An indirect free kick is awarded to the attacking team outside its opponent's penalty area. The referee fails to raise his arm to indicate that the kick is indirect and the ball is kicked directly into goal. What action does the referee take?

He awards only a goal kick because the initial offence, punished by an indirect free kick, is not nullified by the referee's mistake.

