

FIFA Questions ???? & Answers

Law 15 - The Throw-In

1. The ball is out of play over the touch line, but before it is thrown in, a player deliberately kicks an opponent. What action does the referee take?

He sends him off the field for violent conduct and restarts play with a throw-in.

2. A player takes a throw-in. The ball does not enter the field of play but remains outside the touch line. What action does the referee take?

The throw-in is retaken.

3. A player, while correctly taking a throw-in, intentionally throws the ball at an opponent's head. What action does the referee take?

Play is stopped if in the opinion of the referee, the player is guilty of unsporting behaviour. He is cautioned (or sent off for violent conduct). Play is restarted by a direct free kick to the opposing team from the place where the offence occurred i.e. the place where the ball struck the opponent.

4. Is there a maximum distance away from the touch line from which a throw-in may be taken?

No. A throw-in should be taken from the place where the ball left the field of play. However, a throw-in from a distance of up to 1m from the exact position is a generally accepted practice.

5. An opponent stands in front of a player at a throw-in to impede him. What action does the referee take?

He allows the throw-in to be taken if the opponent remains stationary. If he moves or gesticulates to distract the thrower, he is cautioned for unsporting behaviour.

6. A player takes a throw-in with part of each foot on or behind the touch line or with part of his feet inside the line and his heels on the touch line. Is this permitted?

Yes, provided that part of each foot is on or behind the touch line and on the ground.

7. A throw-in, taken incorrectly, sends the ball directly to an opponent. Is play allowed to continue by applying the advantage clause?

No. The throw-in is retaken by a player of the opposing team.

8. Is a player allowed to take a throw-in kneeling or sitting down?

No, a throw-in is only permitted if the correct procedures in the Laws of the Game are followed.

9. Is a player allowed to take a throw-in acrobatically, by rolling with the ball?

Yes, provided that the correct procedures in the Laws of the Game are followed.

10. A throw-in is taken by a player. He throws the ball directly to his goalkeeper who attempts to stop the ball entering the goal by using his hands. However, the ball enters the goal. What action does the referee take?

A goal is awarded.

