

FIFA Questions ???? & Answers

Law 16 - The Goal Kick

1. A player who has taken a goal kick correctly, deliberately plays the ball with his hand when the ball has left the penalty area but before it has been touched by another player. What decision does the referee give?

A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team and the player may be sanctioned according to the Laws of the Game.

2. A player, other than the goalkeeper takes a goal kick and the ball passes out of the penalty area into play but is blown back by a strong wind without any other player having touched it. A player of the defending side other than the goalkeeper, plays the ball with his hands within the penalty area. What decision does the referee take?

A penalty kick is awarded and the player may be sanctioned according to the Laws of the Game.

3. A goalkeeper takes a goal kick and the ball passes out of the penalty area into play but is blown back by a strong wind without any other player having touched it. The goalkeeper tries to stop the ball entering the goal by touching it with his hands, but is unsuccessful. What decision does the referee give?

He awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team.

4. After a goal kick has been taken, but before the ball has left the penalty area, an opponent enters the penalty area and is fouled by a defending player. What action does the referee take?

The offending player is cautioned or sent off according to the nature of the offence and the goal kick is retaken.

5. When a player takes a goal kick, the ball strikes the referee inside the penalty area and continues in play. What action does the referee take?

No action is necessary. The ball remains in play after it rebounds from the referee in the field of play.

