

FIFA Questions ???? & Answers

Law 7 - The Duration of the Match

1. During the match a player advancing in counterattack eludes the second last defender about half-way along the field of play and near the touch line. The goalkeeper sprints from the goal to stop the opponent but succeeds only in clearing the ball away from the field of play. Because of his speed the goalkeeper also carries on running off the field and a forward exploits the situation by taking a throw-in quickly and correctly, with the goalkeeper still off the field, and play ends in a goal. What sanction should the referee take?

No offence has been committed. The goal is valid.

2. Is it left to the referee's discretion to decide whether lost time (injuries or other causes) is to be compensated or not?

No, the referee must add on in each half of the game for all the time lost. However, the amount of such time is at the discretion of the referee.

