

Referee Notes/Guide

This page is a study guide for you to learn from. It has some of the important facts you will need to know. But having the knowledge is only half the picture, the other half is how to implement this knowledge. Come to the course for this.

Soccer has just 17 laws ...

1. The Field of Play
2. The Ball
3. The Players
4. The Players' Equipment
5. The Referee
6. The Other Match Officials
7. The Duration of the Match
8. The Start & Restart of Play
9. The Ball In & Out of Play
10. Determining the Outcome of a Match
11. Offside
12. Fouls & Misconduct
13. Free Kicks
14. The Penalty Kick
15. The Throw-In
16. The Goal Kick
17. The Corner Kick

*Remember the main function of the laws are for the safety of the players.

We will concentrate on Law 11 - Offside & Law & 12 - Fouls and Misconduct ...

Law 11: Offside:

Four Parts - Offside position, active participation, not offside, punishment

- A player ahead of ball
- A player completely in opponents half of field
- There are less than two opponents near the goal line
- Active participation -interferes with play, or an opponent or gains advantage

The punishment is loss of ball and an *INDIRECT FREE KICK* (IFK) to opponents.

CAN'T BE OFFSIDE - on a corner kick, throw-in or goal kick

Law 12:

What are the MAJOR FOULS? 10 in all

Kicking, Striking, Tripping, Pushing, Jumping At, Charging

(Considered to be Careless/Reckless/Excessive force)

Four other offenses (that C/R/EF not required).

Holding, Spitting, Tackling opponent (before the ball), Handling the ball

The restart after a major foul is a *DIRECT FREE KICK* except when the major foul happens in the penalty area then a *PENALTY KICK* is taken.

Key point: A goal can be scored from a Direct Free Kick!

What are MINOR FOULS? 5 in all

Dangerous Play

Charging fairly when ball is not in playing distance

Charging the Goalkeeper

Impeding the progress

Time wasting by Goalkeeper

The restart after a minor foul is a *INDIRECT FREE KICK* even when the minor foul happens in the penalty area!

A Dangerous Play occurring in the penalty area while sounding major is still INDIRECT!

Key point: A goal cannot be scored from a Indirect Free Kick unless two players touch the ball. Two from the same team or one from each team (i.e. The kicker and a goalkeeper)

Dangerous play could be playing the ball while player is on the ground depends how close an opponent is to the player.

- Nearby (within playing distance) = DANGEROUS PLAY
- Not Nearby = NO DANGEROUS PLAY

A couple of sample test questions:

1. The ball is automatically out of play if the player playing the ball is off the field? Yes or No
2. The only kick to restart play that must travel forward in direction to be in play is a:
 - A. Kickoff
 - B. Goal Kick
 - C. Penalty kick
 - D. Direct free kick