

How well do you know the Laws of the Game?

Take this quiz and find out.

Questions:

1. In soccer, the winner of the coin flip may make **only** this decision_____.
2. The loser of the coin flip must_____.
- There is no offside when a player receives a ball directly from one of these three restarts?
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
6. Attacker B is standing just to the left of the goal between the goal line and the second to last defender. Attacker A dribbles the ball toward the right side of the goal, shoots and scores. Is this offside?
7. A Red team attacker kicks a ball towards a Blue team defender, who instinctively puts her hands up to protect her face from the ball. The ball hits her forearms. Is this a handball?
8. The Blue team midfielder kicks the ball and it hits a Red team defender on the elbow, landing at her feet. Is this a handball?
9. The Blue team attacker kicks a ball toward the net. A Red team defender reaches out with his hand and stops the ball from going into the net. What's the call? _____ and _____.
10. A Red team defender kicks the ball back to his goalkeeper, who picks the ball up in his penalty area. What is the call?
11. On a goal kick, what players can be in the penalty area?
12. On a goal kick, when does the ball become 'in play.'
12. In question 6, Attacker A shoots and ball bounces off the goalkeeper to Attacker B who shoots and scores. What's the call?
13. On a throw-in, the thrower has both feet on the ground, takes the ball with two hands from behind and over her head and spins the ball as she throws it. Is this permissible?
14. On a dropped ball restart, the Red team player kicks the ball twice before another player touches it. What should the referee do?
15. On a throw-in, the ball rolls down the line without being touched. A teammate runs up, picks it up and tosses it back to the thrower. What is the proper call?
16. On a throw-in, a tall defender stands directly in front of the thrower. Is this permissible?
17. On a throw-in, a defender jumps up and down ten feet in front of the thrower and tries to distract her. Is this permissible?
18. How far from the goal line is the penalty spot? 8 yards, 10 yards, 12 yards, 14 yards.
19. If an injured player has left the field to be attended to, when can he return to the field?
20. On a corner kick, a player removes the corner flag to get a better run at the ball. Is this permissible?
- Which of the following are cautionable offenses (yellow card) and which will result in sending off (red card)?
21. Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures_____
22. Is guilty of unsporting behavior_____
23. Displays dissent toward the referee by word or action_____
24. Denies the opposing team an obvious goal scoring opportunity_____
25. Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted on a corner or free kick____
26. What part of the body determines whether or not a player is judged to be offside?
27. A game starts late and both coaches want to eliminate halftime and play straight through. The referee asks the players if this is okay with them. One player says he wants a break. What should the referee do?
28. On a free kick, a wayward defender kicks the ball toward his own end. The ball does not touch anyone and enters the goal. What's the call?
29. On the kickoff, a player boots the ball and it enters the opponent's goal. Does this count?
30. A player throws the ball in and it bounces off the goalpost back to her. She kicks the ball into the net. What's the call?

Answers:

1. Which side of the field to attack. This is the only choice the Laws of the Game allow.
2. Kick off the first half.
3. Goal kick
4. Corner kick
5. Throw in
6. No. To be offside, a player (at the moment the ball is struck by a teammate) must be in the opponents half the field and be involved in active play by a/ interfering with play, or b./ interfering with an opponent or c./ gaining an advantage by being in that position.
7. No. Putting hands up to protect oneself would not be considered a handball. As long as she does not also 'carry, strike or propel' the ball (the old language of this rule), this would not be considered "deliberate." See the next answer.
8. No. A handball must be deliberate. A ball accidentally touching the arm of a player is not a handball, even if they gain an advantage as a result (does the player play the ball or does the ball play the player? In this case the ball found the player). This is perhaps the most misunderstood rule in soccer.
9. A penalty kick. And the player would be shown a red card for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
10. A goalkeeper may not pick up a ball passed to them by their teammate. If this occurs inside the penalty area, the referee will award the opposing team an indirect free kick from the spot of the infraction.
11. Only the defending team. All attacking players must be outside the penalty area.
12. The whole of the ball must cross outside the penalty area before any other player touches it. If it does not, the kick is retaken.
13. Yes. A player may spin the ball as long as both hands are on the ball and it starts from behind the head and travels over the head in a continuous motion...and she uses equal hand strength.
14. Allow play to continue. A player may 'double-touch' a drop ball.
15. Handball. All lines on a field are considered part of the area they enclose.
16. Yes. But if they move to block the thrower, the referee will warn or caution them.
17. No. This will result in a mandatory caution (yellow card).
18. Twelve yards. And, since all players must remain behind the ball and more than 10 yards from the spot, this is the reason for the half-circle at the top of the penalty area (this half-circle is not considered part of the penalty area).
19. At any time, but only with the referee's permission.
20. No.
21. Red
22. Yellow
23. Yellow
24. Red
25. Yellow
26. The torso (not the player's feet)
27. Players are 'entitled' to a halftime. If any player requests a break, the referee must allow it.
28. Corner kick to the other team. Players may not score on their own goal on a free kick.
29. Yes.
30. Indirect free kick to the other team. This is a 'double-touch' by the thrower and not permissible.