

LAWS OF THE GAME

2020 – 2021

CLARIFICATIONS AND CHANGES

LAW 2 – THE BALL

If the ball becomes defective PLAY IS STOPPED and it is restarted WITH A DROPPED BALL.

LAW 10 – KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK

Yellow cards and warnings received during the game, including Overtimes, ARE NOT carried forward into kicks from the Penalty Mark.

A Player who has been sent – off DURING THE GAME is not permitted to take kicks from the Penalty Mark.

If the Goalkeeper during the kicks from the Penalty Mark commits an offence and as a result the kick is RETAKEN, the Goalkeeper IS WARNED (no yellow card) FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE, but will be CAUTIONED (Y/C) for ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE.

If both the Goalkeeper and the kicker commit an offence AT THE SAME TIME (i.e. Keeper with an illegal feinting and Goalkeeper coming off the white line) THE KICK IS RECORDED AS MISSED AND THE KICKER IS CAUTIONED (Y/C)

LAW 11 – OFFSIDE

** A Player in an OFF-SIDE position receiving the ball from an OPPONENT who DELIBERATLY plays the ball, (including the deliberate HANDBALL), IS NOT considered to have gained an Advantage, UNLESS it was a DELIBERATE SAVE by an opponent.

LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

DIRECT FREE KICKS (D.F.K.)

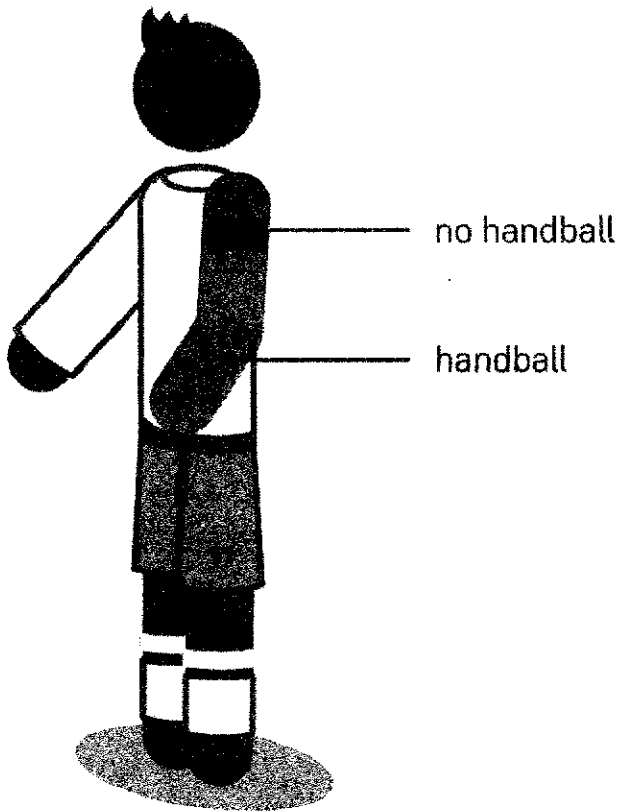
HANDBALL is an offence if a player:

1. DELIBERATLY touches the ball with their hand/arm, including moving the hand/arm towards the ball.
2. Scores in the opponent's goal DIRECTLY from their hand/arm EVEN IF ACCIDENTAL, including the goalkeeper.
3. After the ball has touched their or a Team – mate's hand/arm EVEN IF ACCIDENTAL immediately SCORES in the opponent's goal or CREATES a goal scoring opportunity
4. EXCEPT for the above offences, it is NOT an offence if the ball touches a Player's hand/arm.
5. *** If an attacking Player ACCIDENTALLY touches the ball with their hand/arm and the ball then goes to another ATTACKING Player and the attacking Team IMMEDIATELY scores, THIS IS A HANDBALL.
6. IT IS NOT an offence if, after an ACCIDENTAL handball, the ball TRAVELS SOME DISTANCE (pass or dribble) and or there are several passes before the goal or the goal scoring opportunity.
7. If the Goalkeeper handles the ball inside the Penalty Area when IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO DO SO (i.e. Pass back) an I.F.K. is awarded, but THERE IS NOT DIDCIPLINARY ACTIION.

8. If the Goalkeeper DELIBERATLY handles the ball A SECOND TIME at a restart (before it has touched another player) and STOPS a promising attack, DENIES a goal or an OBVIOUS goal scoring opportunity, the Goalkeeper should be CAUTIONED or SENT OFF even if the touch was with the hand/arm.
9. Delaying the restart of playing to show a card. Once the Referee has decided to caution or send-off a player, PLAY MUST NOT be restarted until the sanction has been administered, UNLESS the NON offending team takes a QUICK FREE KICK, has a CLEAR GOAL scoring opportunity and the Referee has not started the disciplinary sanction procedure. In this case the sanction is administered at the next stoppage.
- If the offence was AN OBVIOUS GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY the Player is CAUTIONED. However, if the offence INTERFERED WITH OR STOPPED a promising attack the player is not cautioned.

ADVANTAGE:

If the Referee plays an Advantage for an offence for which a Caution or a Send-off would have been issued had play been stopped, the Referee must administered such sanction when the ball is next out of play. HOWEVER, if the offence was a OGSO the Player is cautioned for UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR. If the offence was "INTERFEERING" with or stopping a promising attack the player IS NOT CAUTIONED.



CAUTIONABLE OFFENCES

AMENDED TEST: Failing to respect the required distance.

A Player is CAUTIONED if guilty of FAILING to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a DROP BALL, CORNER KICK, THROW-IN and FREE KICK.

A Player is CAUTIONED for unsporting behavior if commits any other offence which interferes with or stops a promising attack EXCEPT where the Referee awards a Penalty Kick for an offence which was an attempt to play the ball.

Note: a promising attack can be stopped or interfered with by an offence which is not a foul like ILLGALLY PLAYING THE BALL THE SECOND TIME.

LAW 14- THE PENALTY KICK

If BEFORE the ball is in play the Goalkeeper commits an offence:

1. If the ball enters the goal, A GOAL IS AWARDED.
2. If the ball misses the goal or rebounds from the cross-bar or the goal posts, the kick is retaken ONLY if the Goalkeeper's offence CLEARLY impacted on the kicker.
3. If the ball is prevented from entering the goal by the Goalkeeper the KICK IS RETAKEN.
4. If the Goalkeeper's offence results in the kick to be retaken the Goalkeeper is WARNED for the FIRST offence in the GAME and CAUTIONED for ANY subsequent offence in the Game.

IL A TEAM-MATE OF THE GOALKEEPER COMMITS AN OFFENCE:

1. If the ball ENTERS the goal, the goal is awarded.
2. If the ball DOES NOT enter the goal, the kick IS RETAKEN.
3. If a Player of BOTH TEAMS offend the kick is RETAKEN.
UNLESS one of the Players commits a MORE SERIOUS offence
(e.g. "illegal" feinting)

NOTE:

IF BOTH GOALKEEPER and THE KICKER commit an offence at the same time, THE KICKER IS CAUTIONED, and play restarts with an INDIRECT (IFK) free kick for the defending Team.

THIS RARE EVENT (offence) is usually caused by the KICKER
ILLEGAL FEINTING.

I WAS ASKED:

when is "holding" truly an offence?

A holding offence occurs ONLY when a Player's contact with an opponent IMPEDES the opponent's movement.

If a goalkeeper blatantly MOVES OFF THE GOAL LINE BEFORE the ball is kicked and PREVENTS a goal from being scored the ASSISTANT REFEREE should indicate the encroachment ACCORDING TO THE PRE-GAME INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE REFEREE. (NO flag)

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Sources: IFAB and personal.

Outcome of the penalty kick

	Goal	No Goal
Encroachment by attacking player	Penalty is retaken	Indirect free kick
Encroachment by defending player	Goal	Penalty is retaken
Encroachment by defending and attacking player	Penalty is retaken	Penalty is retaken
Offence by goalkeeper	Goal	Not saved: penalty is not retaken (unless kicker is impacted) Saved: penalty is retaken and warning for goalkeeper; caution for any further offence(s)
<u>Goalkeeper and kicker offend at the same time</u>	<u>Indirect free kick and caution for kicker</u>	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker
Ball kicked backwards	Indirect free kick	Indirect free kick
Illegal' feinting	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker
Wrong kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for wrong kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for wrong kicker