

2011 Soccer Rules Exam - Part I



1. The field of play shall be rectangular, 100 to 120 yards long, and 55 to 75 yards wide.

A. True

B. False

2. Pads on soccer goals can have both school colors and school logos.

A. True

B. False

3. If used on a football field, portable soccer goals should be anchored at least 2 yards (6 feet) in front of the base of the existing football goalposts.

A. True

B. False

4. Hash marks 11 yards from the touchline and located outside the field of play are mandatory for all games.

A. True

B. False

5. While inspecting field markings on an artificial turf field, the referee notices that the goals will tip over if pulled forward. The referee shall refuse to start the contest without the goals being anchored, secured or counterweighted.

A. True

B. False

6. Upon measuring, the referee finds that the lines enclosing the penalty area are incorrect. The game should be played and the home school informed that the lines must be corrected before the next contest.

A. True

B. False

7. In the pregame inspection, the referee finds the game balls to be soft or under-inflated. The home team will be required to rectify the problem.

A. True

B. False

8. All game balls must have the NFHS Authenticating Mark.

A. True

B. False

9. The referee shall order the game clock stopped whenever a team repeatedly substitutes to consume time.

A. True

B. False

10. Team rosters are not required to contain players' numbers.

A. True

B. False

11. A team may not substitute an unlimited number of players from the bench when a player is injured and removed from the field.

A. True

B. False

12. An unlimited number of players may be substituted from the bench except which of the following situations:

- A. When a goal is scored.
- B. At the start of the second period.
- C. When a player is injured and removed from the field.
- D. When a player is cautioned.

13. After a goal is scored, substitutes from either team must report to the scorer or nearest official before they are permitted to enter the game.

- A. True
- B. False

14. In the first game of a tournament, the referee determines that a player was apparently unconscious. That player may participate in a second game later that day without written authorization from a physician.

- A. True
- B. False

15. Team A has been awarded a corner kick. Players from both teams are at the scorer's table ready to substitute. Both teams are allowed to substitute.

- A. True
- B. False

16. The goalkeeper from Team A is injured and treated on the field by the trainer. Team A must remove the goalkeeper from the field.

- A. True
- B. False

17. During the time the coach is permitted on the field by the referee to attend to an injured player, coaching instruction shall not be given to any player on either team.

A. True

B. False

18. A player required by the referee to leave the field for having been cautioned must be replaced.

A. True

B. False

19. The referee awards a throw-in for Team B. Before the ball is put into play, the coach for Team B sends a player to the scorer's bench for entry into the game. The referee does not allow the substitution.

A. True

B. False

20. The game is played with no official scorer available. The substitutes report to the nearest official.

A. True

B. False

21. Player A is wearing shinguards that are exactly two inches above the ankle and have the NOCSAE seal indicating that they are age- and size-appropriate. The shinguards are legal.

A. True

B. False

22. Beginning with the 2012 fall season, each shinguard must be permanently marked on the front with the NOCSAE seal and height range.

A. True

B. False

23. Team captains are required by rule to wear an upper arm band designation.

A. True

B. False

24. It is required that substitutes wear distinguishing pinnies when warming up outside the team area.

A. True

B. False

25. Player A has a broken cheek bone and is wearing a protective face mask made of hard material molded to the face. The player presents the referee a medical release from his MD/DO. The referee may allow Player A to play with the face mask.

A. True

B. False

26. Artificial limbs, even when properly padded, are considered dangerous and therefore prohibited.

A. True

B. False

27. Beginning in the 2013 fall season, the home team jerseys must be:

A. Striped.

B. A light color.

C. White.

D. A dark color.

28. Beginning with the 2012 fall season, goalkeepers must have numbers on the back of their jerseys and the front of their jerseys or shorts.

A. True

B. False

29. Beginning with the 2013 fall season, the home team must wear white stockings.

A. True

B. False

30. Beginning in the 2012 fall season, goalkeepers will be required to:

A. Have a 6-inch number on the back and front of their jersey.

B. Have a 6-inch number on the back and a 4-inch number on the front of their jersey or shorts.

C. Have a 6-inch number on the back and no number on the front of their jersey.

D. Have no numbers on their jersey.

31. Which of the following items are considered illegal equipment for goalkeepers?

A. pants

B. a jersey that is the same color of the official's uniform

C. a soft-billed visor

D. a hockey goalie-type mask

32. A player may legally have the patch of his or her favorite professional team on the uniform.

A. True

B. False

33. The numbers on Team B's jerseys are not clearly visible. Team B has no other jerseys. The game shall be played and the referee shall notify the state association. This is correct procedure.

A. True

B. False

34. All permissible artificial limbs must be:

A. Covered by a cast.

B. Covered by a sleeve.

C. Padded with a minimum of 1/2-inch thick closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding.

D. Covered with a minimum of 1/2-inch thick soft material.

35. Which of following may not be worn on the team jersey?

A. American flag with state association approval.

B. School emblem.

C. School name.

D. Premier League patch.

36. When wearing a cast, a medical release is required to play.

A. True

B. False

37. A player who is illegally equipped and whose coach is cautioned for the misconduct does not have to leave the field of play.

A. True

B. False

38. Player A is found to be wearing an earring. The player is illegally equipped and shall be sent off.

A. True

B. False

39. Under no circumstances is a player permitted to wear the jersey outside the shorts.

A. True

B. False

40. A player is wearing a hockey goalie's face mask to protect a broken nose. The referee should permit the player to wear the mask as long as the mask has no sharp edges.

A. True

B. False

41. Team A is awarded a free kick. The referee realizes that an error occurred just after Team A restarted the game with a free kick. The referee may stop play and give the ball to Team B.

A. True

B. False

42. While inspecting Team B's equipment just prior to the start of play, B2 is verbally abusive to the official. The official cannot caution or disqualify B2 until the game has officially begun.

A. True

B. False

43. Team A is wearing black jerseys and Team B is wearing white jerseys. The Team A goalkeeper is wearing a red jersey. The officials may wear red shirts.

A. True

B. False

44. Head coaches are not required to attend the pregame conference with captains and the head referee.

A. True

B. False

45. Team A wins the coin toss and, in a gesture of good sportsmanship, asks the referee to give the choice to Team B. The referee should permit this.

A. True

B. False

46. The referee observes a foul, but does not penalize it because she perceives an advantage; however, the advantage does not develop. The referee shall immediately stop play and penalize the original foul.

A. True

B. False

47. The head referee may suspend or terminate the game when spectators enter the field and disrupt play. This is correct procedure.

A. True

B. False

48. With Team A in control of the ball and nearing Team B's goal, lightning strikes in a nearby wooded area. The referee cannot stop the game until Team A loses control of the ball.

A. True

B. False

49. The head referee shall instruct the timer to correct the clock as necessary.

A. True

B. False

50. Which of the following is not a duty of the referee?

- A. Instruct the timer to correct the clock when necessary.
- B. Decide matters on which the timer and scorer disagree.
- C. Determine the winner of games.
- D. Make decisions on any points not specifically covered in the rules.

51. Prior to the start of the game, the referee informs both coaches that she will keep the official time on the field. This is the referee's prerogative, and the coaches will accept her decision.

- A. True
- B. False

52. The official timer shall start the clock when the head referee blows his whistle to start play.

- A. True
- B. False

53. The referee awards a penalty kick to Team A with three seconds left in the game. The keeper deflects the ball directly back to the kicker, who then kicks the ball into the goal before time expires. The referee should award a goal.

- A. True
- B. False

54. Because of inclement weather, both coaches agree before the game to shorten the halftime period to five minutes. The referee may allow the change.

- A. True
- B. False

55. A severe storm starts at halftime and, in the opinion of the referee, the storm will continue for some time. The referee may suspend the game and declare it a legal, completed game.

A. True

B. False

56. The referee orders the clock stopped while he cautions a player. The official timer restarts the clock when the cautioned player leaves the field and his substitute has entered the field. The official timer is following correct procedure.

A. True

B. False

57. The official time is being kept on the field by the referee who stops play to award a penalty kick. Rather than stop the time, the referee may decide to add time on at the end of the half.

A. True

B. False

58. The interval between the second half and the first overtime period shall be five minutes.

A. True

B. False

59. Player A3 may kick off by passing the ball back to teammate A2.

A. True

B. False

60. An official shall sound the whistle to restart the game after a substitution.

A. True

B. False

61. When a drop ball occurs, all players, other than the two opposing players, must be at least 10 yards from the ball when the ball is dropped by an official.

A. True

B. False

62. Goalkeeper A1 catches a shot on goal by Team B. In preparing to throw the ball to a teammate, Goalkeeper A1 slips and drops the entire ball across the entire goal line and between the goalposts. The referee shall award a goal to Team B.

A. True

B. False

63. The referee has awarded Team B a free kick just outside its own penalty area. B3 takes the free kick and passes back to the goalkeeper, who misplays the pass and has the ball carom off his foot and into the goal. The referee shall award a corner kick.

A. True

B. False

64. Player A takes a corner kick and the ball travels directly into Team B's goal. The referee should award a goal.

A. True

B. False

65. Player A of the attacking team, is clearly in an offside position when her teammate delivers the ball to her with a throw-in. She collects the ball and kicks it in the goal. The referee should award an indirect free kick to Team B.

A. True

B. False

66. Attacking Player A, while in an offside position, intercepts a pass from a defender to her goalkeeper. The referee shall declare the attacking player offside.

A. True

B. False

67. Player A3, while in an offside position, receives a pass from teammate A2 that is deflected by an opponent. The referee allows play to continue. This is correct procedure.

A. True

B. False

68. Defender B puts attacking Player A in an offside position by stepping out of bounds. This is permitted by the rules.

A. True

B. False

69. Goalkeeper A makes a diving stop of a shot and holds the ball. The referee should immediately begin the six-second count for the keeper to release the ball even though the keeper is still lying prone on the ground.

A. True

B. False

70. The correct penalty for a dangerous play is a direct free kick.

A. True

B. False

71. Defender A2 attempts to clear the ball in a crowded goalmouth, but the ball unintentionally strikes opposing Player B2 on the arm. The ball drops to B2's feet, who shoots and scores. The referee shall allow the goal.

A. True

B. False

72. Only players on the field can be shown a yellow/red card for misconduct.

A. True

B. False

73. An official shall disqualify, without caution, any player who flagrantly fouls the goalkeeper in possession of the ball.

A. True

B. False

74. A head coach using a cell phone during the game to communicate with the assistant coach, who is located in the press box, is permissible.

A. True

B. False

75. Fouling in a reckless manner is considered unsporting conduct and will result in a caution.

A. True

B. False

76. Which of the following is considered unsporting conduct and will result in a caution?

A. taunting

B. spitting at an opponent

C. illegally equipped

D. leaving the team area to participate in a fight

77. A player shall be disqualified (yellow/red card) for any delayed, excessive or prolonged act(s) by which a player(s) attempts to focus attention upon himself/herself and/or prohibits a timely restart of the game.

A. True

B. False

78. While running next to Player B3, Player A4 simulates being pushed by Player B3 and falls to the ground. Player A4 should be given a caution for simulating a foul.

A. True

B. False

79. Use of a word or act to degrade an opposing player is penalized with a yellow card.

A. True

B. False

80. A player committing serious foul play by using unnecessary force when playing for the ball against an opponent shall be disqualified.

A. True

B. False

81. Player B3 is guilty of taunting. B3 is disqualified and the number of players on the field shall not be reduced.

A. True

B. False

82. The coach from Team A is disqualified from the contest. He refuses to leave the area. The referee shall terminate the game.

A. True

B. False

83. It is illegal when a player in the path of the ball moves her hand to protect her chest and the ball touches her hand.

A. True

B. False

84. All free kicks, with the exception of penalty kicks, may be taken in any direction.

A. True

B. False

85. The Team A goalkeeper runs up to take a free kick that has been awarded to his team just outside Team B's penalty area. The referee shall allow this.

A. True

B. False

86. A female player crosses her hands and arms over her chest to receive a pass. The ball hits off her arms and is controlled. The referee should award a direct free kick to the opposing team.

A. True

B. False

87. Players opposing the kicker shall always be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked.

A. True

B. False

88. Players from both teams encroach on a penalty kick. The kicker shoots and misses high over the goal. The referee shall order the kick to be retaken. This is correct procedure.

A. True

B. False

89. If a penalty kick is taken after the expiration of time, the ball is in play until its momentum has been spent, goes out of play or is touched a second time by the kicker.

A. True

B. False

90. Player A2 takes a throw-in that goes directly into Team B's goal. The referee awards a goal to Team A.

A. True

B. False

91. A pass by Team A hits a referee who is running just outside the touchline. The ball goes completely over the plane of the touchline just for an instant and bounces back to Team B. The referee shall allow a throw-in to Team B. This is correct procedure.

A. True

B. False

92. When a throw-in is being taken by Player A, Player B may stand on the touchline at the point of the throw-in.

A. True

B. False

93. Which of the following is the defender permitted to do during the throw-in?

A. Jump to block the throw-in.

B. Stand on the touchline at the point of the throw-in.

C. Stand two yards from the throw-in.

D. Impede the throw-in with the arms.

94. Player A3 takes the goal kick for his team. Seeing that the ball is about to be won by the opposing team outside the penalty area, he plays the ball a second time before another player can play it. The referee shall allow play to continue.

A. True

B. False

95. Player A2 takes a corner kick that hits the goal post and rebounds back to A2, who then kicks the ball into the goal. The referee should allow the goal.

A. True

B. False

96. While sitting on the bench, a substitute spits on an opponent. This is an example of a foul.

A. True

B. False

97. Bench personnel running on the field and preventing a goal would be an example of:

A. Misconduct.

B. Serious Foul Play.

C. Foul.

D. None of the Above.

98. When observing a foul, the assistant referee shall hold the flag vertically until acknowledged by the referee, wave the flag and point the flag in the direction of the free kick.

A. True

B. False

99. The referee must stop the clock and point to the center of the field after a goal is scored.

A. True

B. False

100. Which of the following is an NFHS Official Soccer Signal?

A. Holding.

B. Tripping.

C. Spitting.

D. Starting the clock.