



### LAWS OF THE GAME XIII

Read the following questions and choose the correct answer:

1. **A goalkeeper bounces the ball before kicking it. Is this an offence?**
  - a. Yes. According to the Laws of the Game, the goalkeeper has relinquished possession of the ball.
  - b. No. According to the Laws of the Game, the goalkeeper has not relinquished possession of the ball.
  - c. Yes, provided that he can put it into play without the need to bounce it.
  - d. Yes, because it is considered time wasting
  
2. **If the ball hits the referee in the face and then enters the goal while the referee is temporarily incapacitated, should the goal be allowed even though the referee did not see it?**
  - a. Yes, but only if the assistant referee and/ or the fourth official consider that the goal was scored legally.
  - b. Yes, in all cases
  - c. No
  - d. Yes, but only if in the referee's opinion the goal was scored legally.
  
3. **Prior to taking the kick-off at the start of a game, a player recklessly strikes another player of the opposing team. What decision should the referee take?**
  - a. He sends off the player, but he may be substituted.
  - b. He sends off the player and he may not be substituted, so the team will play with 10 players.
  - c. He cautions the player and asks the coach to substitute him.
  - d. He cautions the player.
  
4. **Is it possible for a substitute to enter at the halfway-line and the substituted player not to exit at the same place?**
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. It depends
  - d. This is only allowed if it wastes less time.

5. **During the game, another ball enters the field of play. Should the referee stop the game?**
- a. No, the referee stops the play only if the second ball interferes with play.
  - b. Yes, the referee stops the play immediately.
  - c. No, the referee stops the play only if one of the match officials sees the second ball.
  - d. Yes, the referee stops the play but not immediately.
6. **When is the goalkeeper considered to be in possession of the ball?**
- a. When he deliberately plays it with his hand or arm. For example, lifting it, clearing it or picking it up.
  - b. When he touches it with any part of his hands or arms.
  - c. When he holds the ball with one or both hands.
  - d. All the previous answers are correct.
7. **Is the referee authorized to show a red card to a substitute and order him to leave the technical area and go to the changing rooms, whether or not he has participated in the match, if he has made gestures or used obscene, offensive or insulting language?**
- a. Yes. All first-team players, substitutes and substituted players are under the referee's authority whether they are on the field of play or not. The red card is used to clearly indicate the disciplinary action.
  - b. No, only the players who are on the field of play are subject to the referee's authority.
  - c. No, it is not permitted to show yellow or red cards to substitutes or to substituted players, only to the players who are on the field of play.
  - d. No, the referee can only show the yellow card to the substitutes but never to the substituted players.
8. **Can the referee change his decision?**
- a. It depends on the seriousness of the offence.
  - b. No, never
  - c. Yes, if he realizes that it is incorrect or, on the advice of the assistant referee or fourth official, provided that the play has not been restarted or the match has not finished.
  - d. None of the answers is correct.
9. **A team decides to play a match with long trousers. What decision should the referee make?**
- a. He should not allow it.
  - b. He should not allow it because the Laws of the Game stipulate that only shorts are permitted.
  - c. He should allow it, provided that they are of a different colour to those of the opposing team.
  - d. He should allow it, provided that they wear shorts and socks over them and they are the same colour as the shorts.

**10. Is there a particular situation where the referee is obliged to accept the decision of one of his assistant referees?**

- a. Yes, at throw-ins, goal kicks and for offside
- b. No, the referee is never obliged to consider an assistant referee's decision.
- c. Yes. If the referee has become temporarily incapacitated and the play has continued under the supervision of the assistant referee.
- d. Yes, provided that the assistant referee is closer to the play.