2015 Most Missed questions with Explanations

1. In the first half of the match, the referee observes a player with inappropriate shin guards and requires the player to leave the field of play and is not substituted for. The player corrects the problem and reports to the scorer’s table for reentry. The referee crew shall:

   a. Not allow the player to reenter in the first half.
   
   b. Allow the player to enter during the run of play
   
   c. **Allow the player to enter at the next stoppage of play**
   
   d. Allow the player to enter at the next legal substitution opportunity for either team.
   
   e. Allow the player to enter at the next legal substitution opportunity for his team.

   Per the penalty cited in Rule 4: “Any player not conforming to Rules 4.1 through 4.5 shall not be permitted to play. Moreover, after being instructed to leave the field, providing he/she has not been substituted for, a player shall not re-enter the game without first reporting to the referee, who shall be satisfied that the player’s uniform, shoes and equipment are in order.” This requires referee inspection; therefore, he must wait until the play is stopped.

2. After the goalkeeper has been designated for the kicks from the mark tie breaking procedure, a team may change their goalkeeper with one of the eligible kickers participating in the procedure for tactical reasons.

   a. True
   
   b. **False**

   “7.1.1.7 Once the goalkeeper is designated, he or she shall not be replaced unless injured or ejected; and his or her replacement may be from any of the eligible players listed on the official NCAA game roster for that game. Injuries leading to replacement of the designated goalkeeper shall be determined by the attending physician and/or a certified trainer in concert with the governing sports authority. (See Page 7.) However, the injured goalkeeper is eligible to return if physically able.”
3. A team’s goalkeeper is ejected during the kicks from the mark tie breaking procedure. A team may only replace the goalkeeper with one of their designated kickers participating in the procedure.

   a. True
   
   b. False

Rule 7.1.1.1 states: “In addition, if the designated player ejected is the goalkeeper, his or her replacement may be from any of the eligible players listed on the official NCAA game roster for that game.”

4. In the NCAA soccer rules and interpretations references to the governing sports authority or game authority refer to the:

   a. NCAA Soccer Rules Committee
   
   b. The game assignor
   
   c. Athletic Directors of the participating institutions or conference commissioners
   
   d. The coaches of the teams involved in the match

Points of Emphasis on page 7 of the 2014 and 2015 NCAA MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SOCCER RULES states: “References to game authority or governing sports authority throughout the book generally refer to athletics directors of the participating institutions, conference commissioners or any other office that has jurisdiction over the game in question.”

5. The last ten seconds of the first half have been counted down and the game clock indicates the end of the half, however, the signaling device has failed and prior to the referee blowing his whistle to indicate the end of the half, a goal is scored. The referee shall

   a. Allow the goal
   
   b. Disallow the goal

Major Rules Changes for 2014 and 2015:

6.3.9 If no horn sounds at the expiration of time, the period ends when the clock reaches zero .................................................................p.32

6.3.9 The timekeeper shall signal for the termination of the period and signal with a horn (not whistle) when time has expired. The expiration of time is the moment the
timekeeper’s signal begins, regardless of the position of the ball. If no horn sounds, the period will end when the clock reaches zero (and/or 45:00/90:00/10:00/10:00).

6. During a penalty kick as a tie breaker, the goalkeeper stops the forward progress of the kick; however, the wind propels it back into the goal. The referee shall:

   a. **Award the goal**

   b. Do not award the goal

A.R. 14.4.a. A penalty kick has been awarded at the close of a period without any time remaining. When shall the period end? RULING: The extension shall last until the moment the kick has been completed, which is when one of the following occurs:

   (1) The moment the whole of the ball crosses the goal line;

   (2) The ball deflects into the goal from the cross bar and/or goal post(s);

   (3) The ball touches the goalkeeper and enters the goal;

   (4) The ball clearly is saved by the goalkeeper;

   (5) The ball passes over the end line outside the goal post(s); or

   (6) The movement of the ball has ceased.

The movement of the ball has not stopped and the goalkeeper has not clearly saved the ball (since it is still moving), so this is ruled a good goal.

7. A game can legally begin without the corner flags

   a. **True**

   b. False

Rule 1.8 Corner Flags: PENALTY—If it cannot be corrected before the start of competition, **the game shall begin** and the referee shall file a report with the governing sports authority.

8. In the first half, a defender (A2) attempts a legal slide tackle and as a result is bleeding from the hip. The referee correctly requires A2 to leave the field and A2 is replaced by substitute (A12). After being attended to by the trainer and no longer bleeding, A2 reports to the scorer’s table to replace A3. The referee should:

   a. **Allow A2 to replace A3**
b. Only allow A2 to reenter if A2 replaces A12

c. Not allow A2 to reenter

3.5.3.2 **Players with a bleeding injury**, blood on the uniform or signs of a concussion shall be substituted for and may re-enter the game (after being beckoned by the referee) at any stoppage of play or at any of the allowable times for normal substitution, provided they have received clearance from the appropriate medical personnel. **Neither the injured player nor the substitute shall be charged with a substitution. However, if the injured player replaces a player other than the original substitute, that player shall be charged with a substitution.**

9. The referee calls a penalty kick. A player is injured and substituted for before the penalty kick restart. The entering player is allowed to take the penalty kick.

   a. True
   
   b. False

NCAA Rule 14.2 states, “The penalty kick is taken after the referee’s whistle from any place on the penalty line or spot. **Only those players on the field at the time the penalty kick is awarded may take the penalty kick.**”

A.R. 14.2.a. May a substitute be allowed to take a penalty kick in a game in which play has been extended? RULING: No, only a player who was on the field when time expired shall take the kick.

10. A player (A1) is instructed to leave the field because of a bleeding injury in the first half. A1 is replaced by a substitute (A2). After receiving attention to take care of the bleeding, A1 returns to the game for a player (A3) other than the original substitute. The referee should:

   a. Disallow the substitution.
   
   b. **Permit the substitution but the player that left the field (A3) will not be able to reenter.**
   
   c. Permit the substitution and allow the player who left the field (A3) to reenter later in the first half.

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11. After the whistle has sounded for the end of the first half, a player who was on the field at the end of the half is ejected for using inappropriate language on the way to the locker room, but off the field of play. The referee shall:

   a. **Eject the player require the team to begin the second half with 10 players**

   b. Eject the player and allow the team to begin the second half with 11 players

   c. Do not eject the player as the offense happened on the way to the locker room

12.12.1 states: If the ejected individual(s) is a player of record in the game at the time of the ejection, the player, who cannot be replaced, shall leave the game and his/her team shall play short.

A.R. 12.3.7.b. May a player be cautioned and/or ejected during an interval between periods or after the completion of a game? RULING: Yes. Moreover, if time remains and the player in question has not been substituted for before the incident occurs or the penalty has been assessed, the team shall play short for the remainder of the game.