

Wots your call? You get 1-2 secs to make your call and 3-5 secs more to explain it.
Always assess need to stop game: "Play On" or "Advantage" may be appropriate!
Abbreviations: PK = Penalty Kick; IDFK = [Indirect] Direct Free Kick

7.12 You award a penalty kick close to the end of the game. During the set-up you signal full time has occurred with a short whistle blow, and then allow the penalty to proceed in accordance with Law 14. The ball is kicked and rebounds off the goal upright onto the cleats of the goalkeeper who has moved forwards off her line. The ball rebounds once more, this time into the net. **Wots your call? Wots your restart?**

7.11 While defending inside her penalty area and close to the goal area line, a player trips over the ball and lands with her legs on top of the ball. A nearby opponent attempts to play the ball with her cleats. **Wots your call? Wots your restart?**

7.10 While challenging for the ball, a defender inside her goal area and close to the goal line kicks the ball when it is near the face of an opponent. This clears the ball away from goal but you (referee) consider the kick was *dangerous*. **Wots your call? Wots your restart?**

7.9 A player passes the ball forwards towards a team mate who is in a position which is clearly offside. The teammate stops his run and allows the ball to pass straight through his legs without touching him. Another teammate who was not in an offside position at the time of the original kick runs forward onto the ball and shoots the ball into the net. Everyone - crowd, manager, subs, defenders, snack bar manager - is yelling at you: "Offside ref. Don't you know the rules? Are you blind?" and other "*Hi Ref - Welcome to soccer*" enquiries as to your health. **Wots your call? Restart?**

7.8 At a freekick, the kicker takes a quick restart with opponents within 4-6 yards of the ball. The ball doesn't go as intended and instead deflects off an opponent who was moving away from the ball. The kicker complains: "Hey ref!! That's a card for not giving me my 10!!" **Wots your call? Restart?**

7.7 At a PK the kicker starts her run up as though to kick the ball with her right foot, then suddenly stops and swivels to kick the ball with her left foot. The keeper was sent the wrong way by the "feint" and complains loudly to the referee: "Hey she can't stop her run-up like that: it's not allowed!!!" **Wots your call? Restart?**

7.6 At another PK, before the ball is touched, a teammate of the kicker steps into the penalty box. The ball then goes directly into the goal. **Wots your call? Restart?**

7.5 At a corner kick the ball hits the goal and rebounds to the corner kicker who then kicks it back into the goal area. **Wots your call? Restart?**

Call: IDFK to the defending team at point where corner kicker touched ball the second time.

Detail: At any re-start, the kicker (or thrower) may not touch the ball a second time until the ball has been touched by another player (which does not include rebound off fixtures - or referees!) The kinda exception to this "double touch" rule is at a dropped ball because the referee puts the ball into play, not a player.

7.4 Inside the penalty area a player fouls an opponent, DFK awarded. With several players from both teams inside the Penalty Area, the opponent takes a quick restart to a nearby teammate who dribbles the ball across the penalty area. **Wots your call? Restart?**

Call: Re-do the freekick: the ball must be in play before it can be legally played. Not well known this, so please read the detail....

Detail: When a freekick is taken by a team within their penalty area, the ball must come fully outside the penalty area to be in play. This is exactly like a goal kick. Opponents must remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. Even though, in the example above, there were opponents inside the penalty area during the kick, you may very well have let play continue - quick restart - if none of these players tried to intercept the ball, but only if the ball first went into play.

7.3 If a player standing inside his penalty area throws an object (his shoe etc) at an opponent standing outside the penalty area ? **Wots your call?** Restart ?

Call: Eject player (Red Card): Violent Conduct. DFK where "target" was located.

Detail: Although the Violent Conduct was initiated from inside the Penalty Area, it took place outside the box. Throwing an object at an opponent clearly is no part of soccer so this is much more serious than "Unsporting Behavior". The Direct Free Kick is for "Strike or Attempt to Strike" so it does not matter if the object actually hit its target.

7.2 A player on the field of play throws an object at someone outside the field of play (bottle thrown at player by spectator) ? **Wots your call?** Restart ?

Call: Eject player (Red Card): Violent Conduct. IDFK from where object was thrown.

Detail: Again much worse than "Unsporting Behavior" so must be Red Card. Per Law 12 it's an Indirect Free Kick if a player, in the opinion of the referee, commits any other offense not previously mentioned in Law 12 for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player. The indirect free kick is taken from where the offense occurred.

7.1 A substitute off the field of play throws an object at player (on the field).

Call: Eject player (Red Card): Violent Conduct. IDFK from where ball was when you stopped play.

Detail: Still Violent Conduct and Red Card/Ejection because *all substitutes are subject to the authority of the referee*.

If you have any comments, alternative solutions queries or corrections on the above, please email ChrisAppleton@hotmail.com Please also share any other interesting refing situations.

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