

2008 NISOA Refresher Examination
NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules
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- PURPOSE:** An updated NISOA refresher examination is furnished annually to local NISOA chapters for their use in preparing and recertifying members for the coming intercollegiate and interscholastic seasons.
- GOALS:**
1. To reinforce key points of rules and their application in officiating.
 2. To encourage study of those rules where examination results indicate a need to do so.
 3. To encourage discussion among chapter members of rules applications that require discretionary referee judgment and application so that consistency of field application among referees is improved.
- GRADING:** NISOA has not established a passing grade for the examination. The examination is offered as a group and self-improvement tool.
- ANSWER KEY:**
1. An answer key is provided for use by the Local Chapter Clinician, or other Chapter designee, when administering the examination.
 2. This examination has been drafted and disseminated prior to the final printing of this year's rule book for logistical reasons. The rule and approved ruling references are based upon the electronic version of the working draft available to the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee members. New rules are noted (*). You should administer the examination after showing the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules videotape prepared by NISOA.
 3. Several items on the answer key are marked for "Discussion." These involve discretionary judgments or applications by the referee, and/or new issues. All new changes should be discussed. It is expected that these will motivate discussion of alternate ways to approach the situation on the field. The Local Chapter Clinician should be prepared to guide any such discussion, and offer the additional guidance needed.
- PROCEDURE:** The following is suggested:
1. The examination should be "closed book;" members should not discuss the questions with each other until the post-examination evaluation session.
 2. The local chapter should make enough copies so that each member present has a test and members should keep their copies as a reference after the examination is over.
 3. The Local Chapter Clinician should review the examination with the members immediately after the members complete it, using the answer key provided for guidance.
 4. Allow enough time for all members to complete the examination. The total time needed should not exceed one hour, and should actually take less.
- FOLLOW UP:** When a pronounced deficit is indicated by the results, whether among the group or by an individual, the Local Chapter Clinician should assume responsibility for providing follow up assistance and training before the coming season begins.
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- COMMENTS:** As with all written examinations, there is always room for improvement. NISOA welcomes your suggestions. We particularly welcome specific suggestions for questions or subject matter that should, in your opinion, be included in an annual refresher examination. These can be sent to: NISOA National Rules Interpreter, Kenneth G. Andres, Jr., Esq., 264 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033, (856) 794-1444; by facsimile (856) 795-4464; or e-mail kandres@andresberger.com.
- SPECIAL NOTE:** Please advise our officials to consult our website at www.nisoa.com for updates throughout the season.

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- ____ 1. The Diagonal System of Control (DSC) is mandatory.
- True.
 - False.
- ____ 2. An ejected goalkeeper:
- may be replaced by a field player.
 - may be replaced by another goalkeeper from the bench providing a field player is removed at the same time and the team plays short a player.
 - does not have to be replaced if the team coach wishes to continue without a goalkeeper.
 - none of the above.
 - only "a" and "b."
- ____ 3. A member of the coaching staff is not permitted to leave the coaching area and view the game from the press box or other suitable area.
- True.
 - False.
- ____ 4. May a player wear garments or jewelry (e.g., crosses, rosary beads, yarmulkes) required due to religious beliefs?
- Yes, providing the referee determines that the article is not liable to cause injury to another player.
 - No.
- ____ 5. The expiration of time for any period is when the timekeeper's timing signal begins, regardless of the position of the ball.
- True.
 - False.
- ____ 6. It is not possible for the same player in the same game to be charged with two (2) yellow cards..
- True.
 - False.

_____ 7. While the game is in progress, the referee notices that a player is wearing jewelry. What is your course of action?

- a. Instruct the player to take off the ring and continue play.
- b. Verbally admonish the offending player.
- c. Award an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
- d. Order the offending player to leave the field of play, remove the jewelry and permit the player to re-enter after removing the jewelry during any stoppage of play.
- e. Order the offending player to leave the field of play, remove the jewelry and permit the player to re-enter after removing the jewelry during the next allowable substitution opportunity.
- f. Order the offending player to leave the field of play, remove the jewelry and permit the player to re-enter after removing the jewelry during the run of play.

_____ 8. Bench personnel in the press box or stands are permitted to communicate with coaches in the coaching and team areas.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 9. For substitution purposes, the reentry rights of a player are determined by the position played when substituted for (i.e., field player or goalkeeper).

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 10. Field players leaving the game for normal illness/injury may not reenter the game in that same period.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 11. The starting goalkeeper is injured as the result of a collision with a teammate in the first half and is substituted for. The starting goalkeeper can return later in the first half.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 12. The referee properly suspends a game at the 65th minute of play because of elements or other causes and the game cannot be completed that day. This game will be considered a:

- a. No contest.
- b. Complete contest.

_____ 13. A part of the goal becomes displaced during the run of play and the ball remains in play on the field of play. The proper restart is a drop ball.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 14. May a player who is substituted for in the first overtime period reenter the game in that period?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

___ 15. What action should the referee take when a defender encroaches on a free kick, intentionally interferes with the kick and causes the ball to be played into an open space?

- a. stop play, caution the encroacher, retake the free kick.
- b. allow play to continue and caution or verbally admonish at the next stoppage.
- c. invoke the advantage clause, if appropriate, and caution at the next stoppage.
- d. only a or c above.

___ 16. Markings of a commercial nature on the field are permissible.

- a. True.
- b. False.

___ 17. Is the referee required to beckon a substitute onto the field after stopping the clock for a substitution?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

___ 18. Multiple players are involved in an incident and medical personnel are beckoned onto the field of play to assess injuries. Which players are required to leave the field of play?

- a. All of the players involved in the incident.
- b. All the players requiring medical attention.
- c. All the players requiring medical attention, unless one of the players is the goalkeeper who is allowed to remain.

___ 19. Following the conclusion of the game, the referee and assistant referees must sign the official NCAA Box Score Form to verify cards issued, ejection reports and the official score of the game.

- a. True.
- b. False.

___ 20. A defensive player who is within his/her own penalty area intentionally handles the ball in order to prevent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by the opposing team; however, the ball goes into the goal before the referee is able to whistle for the foul. The referee should allow the goal to stand and eject the defensive player.

- a. True.
- b. False.

___ 21. Goalkeepers shall wear jerseys and socks that distinguish them from all field players and referees.

- a. True.
- b. False.

___ 22. An assistant coach who is viewing the game from the press box is permitted to communicate with bench personnel in the coaching and team area during halftime, overtime intervals and/or any time the assistant coach returns to the coaching team area.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____ 23. Team A substitutes two players on its own throw-in. How many players is Team B permitted to substitute at that time?

- a. None.
- b. One.
- c. Two.
- d. Any number up to 11 players.

____ 24. A player appears to be injured and the referee stops the clock while Team A has possession of the ball. What is the proper restart?

- a. Direct free kick for Team A.
- b. Drop ball.
- c. Indirect free kick for Team A.

____ 25. The referee shall signal that the clock be stopped for all substitutions during the final five minutes of the second period only.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____ 26. A player has been ejected for fighting. The referee must:

- a. notify the player's coach before the restart of the game.
- b. notify the official scorekeeper before the restart of the game.
- c. after the game, contact the NISOA Regional Representative via telephone, facsimile or e-mail.
- d. file a written report.
- e. all of the above.
- f. all of the above except "d."

____ 27. The referee stops the clock and instructs a player to leave the field of play and remove or correct a situation involving illegal equipment. When may that player re-enter the game?

- a. At any stoppage.
- b. Only on a substitution opportunity for that player's team.
- c. At any stoppage after receiving approval from the referee.
- d. During a substitution opportunity for either team after receiving approval from the referee.

____ 28. Goalkeepers are permitted an unlimited number of substitution reentries.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 29. Goal nets may reflect school names or logos.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 30. Any player, coach, team official or participant listed on the official roster who uses abusive, threatening or obscene language or engages in such behavior or conduct shall be ejected.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 31. The referee awards a goal to Team B. Prior to the kickoff, the assistant referee advises the referee that attacking player B1 deliberately handled the ball into the goal. The referee should:

- a. Proceed with the kickoff since the goal has been awarded.
- b. Caution B1 and restart with a direct free kick to Team A.
- c. Eject B1 and restart with a direct free kick to Team A.
- d. Restart with a direct free kick to Team A.
- e. Either b or d, depending on the circumstance.

_____ 32. Goalkeepers shall wear jerseys that distinguish them from all field players and socks that distinguish them from their opponents.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 33. Protests of NCAA Men's and Women's soccer games are permitted, provided it involves misapplication of a rule of conduct.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 34. When does a substitute become a field player of record?

- a. When the player(s) report to the scorekeeper's table.
- b. At the sole discretion of the referee.
- c. During the first 85 minutes of the game and during both overtime periods: at the moment the referee beckons the player onto the field.
- d. In the last five minutes of regulation period: when the referee signals the clock to be stopped.
- e. Either "c" or "d."

_____ 35. If the score is tied in the final five minutes of the second period, the clock will be stopped for all substitutions.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 36. If the referee believes that a player, coach or other bench personnel uses abusive, threatening or obscene language-gestures unintentionally, may the referee decide not to eject the individual?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

____ 37. During the final five minutes of the second period, both teams have substitutes waiting at the scorekeeper's table. The trailing team initiates a substitution on its throw-in. The team in the lead chooses to substitute a player, too. Does the clock stop?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

____ 38. If play is suspended due to injury or other unusual situation, with the ball in clear possession of one of the teams at the time of stoppage, the referee must restart the game by awarding an indirect free kick to the team in possession of the ball at the time of stoppage.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____ 39. In order for a protest to be considered, the coach protesting the game must record the protest, in writing, on the official score sheet before the referees sign the official score sheet and leave the site of the competition.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____ 40. Field players that are not substituted for (team plays short) when leaving the game for illness or injury may re-enter the game when beckoned by the referee during the run of play or at any stoppage.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____ 41. A1 takes a shot which rebounds off the goalkeeper to A2 who was in an offside position at the moment of the shot but not involved in the play. The ball rebounds directly to A2 who controls the ball, shoots and scores. The proper restart is:

- a. Award the goal and kickoff to Team B.
- b. Goal kick to Team B.
- c. Direct free kick to Team B.
- d. Indirect free kick to Team B.

_____ 42. If a protest involves a score keeping error, the referee and the protesting coach shall make an immediate determination based upon all information available at the game site and correct the score keeping error.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 43. An injured player leaves the field after being attended to on the field. His/her side elects to play short. The player then wishes to return. Reentry may take place:

- a. at any stoppage.
- b. during the run of play.
- c. both "a" and "b."

_____ 44. Does a player have to enter the field of play after the referee has signaled the clock to be stopped for a substitution?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

_____ 45. Team A is in possession of the ball near the halfway line and is building up play to advance to goal. A nonparticipating player for Team B engages in unsporting conduct which warrants the issuance of a caution. The referee allows play to continue and Team A takes a shot on goal which is collected by the goalkeeper for Team B. What action should the referee take?

- a. Allow the goaltender to simply play the ball since the referee chose to play advantage.
- b. Stop the clock, caution the nonparticipating player and award an indirect free kick to Team A from the point where the ball was when the infraction occurred.
- c. Stop the clock, caution the nonparticipating player and award an indirect free kick to Team A from the point where the goalkeeper collected the ball.
- d. Stop the clock, caution the nonparticipating player and award an indirect free kick to Team B from the point where the goalkeeper collected the ball.

_____ 46. If a coach or institutional representative refuses to submit a game roster prior to the beginning of the game, the referee shall declare a forfeit.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 47. The expiration of time for any period of play is the moment the timekeeper's timekeeping signal begins, regardless of the position of the ball.

- a. True.
- b. False.

_____ 48. After the game is completed, a school representative contacts the referee and advises that a videotape confirms that the referee ejected the wrong player involved in a fight. Can the referee rescind the red card?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

____ 49. Multiple players have reported to the scorekeeper - or assistant referee - to enter the game as substitutes in the 87th minute. The referee signals to stop the clock and the coach decides to hold one player back. Is that player charged with a substitution entry?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

____ 50. When does the jurisdiction of the referee over the game end?

- a. At the expiration of time.
- b. When the referee signs the official NCAA box score form.
- c. When the referee leaves the site of the competition.
- d. Either b or c.

____ 51. A player is cautioned and substituted for at the time of the caution. May the player reenter in that same period?

- a. No.
- b. Yes, if it occurs in the second half.

____ 52. In the event of an equipment change, only the player(s) with the equipment problem may be replaced. The opponent may replace an equal number of players at the same time.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____ 53. No contest may be started or resumed that has not been restarted before an additional 90 minutes after the conclusion of a regulation 90 minute game.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____ 54. May a referee reverse a decision or rescind a card after the game has been re-started?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

____ 55. Play is suspended by the referee to caution a coach for unsporting conduct while the ball is in play. What is the proper restart?

- a. Drop ball on the field of play from the point of infraction.
- b. Drop ball at the location of the ball at the time of infraction.
- c. Indirect free kick, against the offending coach's team, given from the point where the ball was when the infraction occurred.
- d. Direct free kick, against the offending coach's team, given from the point where the ball was when the infraction occurred.

____56. For any inadvertent stoppage while a goalkeeper is in possession of the ball, the proper restart is an indirect free kick.

- a. True..
- b. False.

____57. Goalkeepers are permitted one (1) substitute reentry per playing period.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____58. If the referee commands the clock to be stopped to assess a player's injuries and it is determined that medical personnel are not needed, does the player have to leave the field of play?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

____59. If the audible timekeeping signal malfunctions at the end of a period and the time recording device reaches zero, the referee's whistle shall signal the termination of the period.

- a. True.
- b. False.

____60. If a game extends into overtime, both ten (10) minute overtime periods must be played in their entirety.

- a. True.
- b. False

