



WIDEWORLD SPORTS CENTER

Quiz on WWSC Rules for Indoor Soccer

Each item describes a situation.

Does the statement correctly describe the way things should happen according to WWSC rules?

Yes **No** One team does not show up for the game. The players from the other team want to play a scrimmage amongst themselves. The referee must stay to officiate the scrimmage.

Yes **No** If one team is not ready to begin the game at the scheduled kick-off time because they are short of players, and the game has to be delayed for two minutes until more players arrive, the match is started with a penalty-kick for the opposing team.

Yes **No** If *neither* team is ready to start at the scheduled kick-off time, the referee should start the clock anyway.

Yes **No** If opposing teams are wearing shirt colors that cannot be easily distinguished from each other by the referee, the home team must change into shirt or vest of a different, contrasting color.

Yes **No** If the referee is wearing black and the visiting team is also wearing black and does not have an alternate shirt, the team is issued a two-minute penalty to start the game.

Yes **No** Each team is permitted to have one player per game, besides the goalkeeper, wearing a shirt that is not properly numbered.

Yes **No** If a player does not have a number on his shirt, he may be permitted to play if a temporary number is affixed using athletic tape.

Yes **No** The goalkeeper's shirt is not required to have a regulation number.

Yes **No** If a player is not wearing shinguards, the player is instructed by the referee to correct this problem at his next substitution opportunity.

Yes **No** A player's socks must entirely cover the shinguards, or the player must leave the field and may not return until the problem is fixed to the approval of the referee.

Yes **No** On a kickoff, the ball must move forward before it can be touched by another player.

Yes **No** On a kickoff, the ball must move its full circumference in distance (about 26 inches) before it may be touched by another player.

Yes **No** The ball is accidentally kicked by a defender directly into the ceiling net and bounces off the net at an unexpected angle. The referee blows the whistle to stop play and restarts the game with a dropped ball at the spot on the field directly below the spot where the ball hit the ceiling net.

Yes **No** Defenders on a free kick must yield 10 feet between themselves and the ball.

Yes **No** A player shows dissent by word or action toward the referee. He is shown the blue card and must sit out for 2 minutes.

Yes **No** A defender is guilty of playing in a dangerous manner within his own penalty area. The opponent is awarded an indirect free kick, which must be taken from the spot at the top of the penalty arc.

Yes **No** The goalkeeper punts the ball forward. The ball grazes the ceiling netting, not visibly changing direction. The referee shouts "Keep going!" and allows play to continue.

Yes **No** On a corner kick, defenders are permitted to stand at the edge of their own penalty area. even though this distance is less than the required distance from the ball.

Yes **No** An attacker dribbles just across the halfway line and then misfires on his shot. The ball hits a ceiling beam and takes a weird bounce back into play. The opponent is awarded an indirect free kick from the center mark, because the player was in between the two red lines when he played the ball.

Yes **No** An attacker is guilty of playing in a dangerous manner within the opponent's penalty area. The opponent is awarded an indirect free kick, and may take the kick from any point within their penalty area.

Yes **No** A player makes a challenge for the ball near the dasher boards and collides with an opponent, causing the opponent to crash into the boards. If the first player touches the ball before making contact with his opponent, he cannot be considered guilty of a foul.

Yes **No** An attacker takes a shot on goal. The ball bounces off the leg of a defender in front of his goal and into one of the ceiling beams, causing it to bounce backwards. The referee blows the whistle to stop play and awards an indirect free kick to the attacker's team from the defending team's red-line dot.

Yes **No** The goalkeeper may attempt a sliding, foot-first tackle for the ball as long as he is inside his own penalty area.

Yes **No** The goalkeeper may slide to get the ball away from an opponent within his own penalty area as long as he is trying to get the ball with his hands and not his feet.

Yes **No** A coach in an Over-30 Men's game directs abusive or insulting language toward the referee. The coach is shown the red card and instructed to leave WWSC property. His team must now play with one fewer player for the next 5 minutes.

Yes **No** A player is guilty of "boarding." He is shown the yellow card and must sit out for 2 minutes.

Yes **No** A parent in the spectators' area is directing dissent toward the referee. The referee should try to ignore this because he does not have the power to eject spectators from the facility.

Yes **No** Halves are 26 minutes in length.

Yes **No** 2 minutes are permitted for half-time.

Yes **No** After half-time has expired, the referee gives the teams a signal that it is time to kick off the second half. One team is not yet ready because their coach is still giving instructions to the players. The referee should allow the team 30 more seconds before starting the clock.

Yes **No** A team is already playing two players short because of overlapping time-penalties. One of their active players is cautioned for a reckless challenge. The game must now be terminated because his team will be below the minimum number of players required.

Yes **No** The referee may terminate a game at any time, without consulting WWSC management, if he feels it is not in the best interest of the players or WWSC to allow the game to continue.

Yes **No** Players may bring glass juice bottles into the bench area, but only if they were purchased at the concession stand.

Yes **No** A player suffers a minor injury. It takes 90 seconds to get him treated and off the field. The referee should add 90 seconds to the time remaining on the the scoreboard clock.

Yes **No** A team wastes time within the final 3 minutes of a game. The referee may award a penalty kick to the opponent no matter where the time-wasting occurred.

Yes **No** Teams have no right to protest the decisions of a referee to WWSC management after a match, even if the decisions are technically incorrect.

Yes **No** A player clears his throat and spits on the carpet, by force of habit. If he is not spitting *at* anyone, no offense has occurred.

Yes **No** A player may place his hands on the boards for self-protection if an opponent is nearby.

Yes **No** Referees must submit a written report if a match is abandoned, explaining the reason. It is sufficient for this to be written on the back of the scoresheet.

Yes **No** A "bicycle kick" is automatically considered to be "playing in dangerous manner," even if no opponent is close to the kicker.

Yes **No** A player is bleeding. The referee must order him to leave the field. The player may re-enter the game "on the fly" as soon the bleeding area has been covered and the bleeding stopped.

Yes **No** Player *A* is using his body to "shield" the ball from an opponent, Player *B*. The ball is close enough to be kicked, but Player *A* stands still, shielding the ball from his opponent. Player *A* is not making any attempt to kick or do anything with the ball. The player is considered guilty of obstruction.

Yes **No** The goalkeeper is permitted to handle the ball inside his own penalty area if the ball has been "headed" to him by a teammate.

Yes **No** With the score tied and ten minutes left, a serious injury to a player occurs, requiring attention from paramedics. By the time the player is removed from the field, it is already time for the next game to start. The referee should tell the teams on the field that the game is abandoned and WWSC will schedule a make-up match.

Yes **No** A defender kicks the ball and it travels in the air across both red lines without touching another player. The opponent is awarded a direct free kick from the red-line dot closest to the defender's goal.

Yes **No** An attacker sends a pass into the corner for a teammate. The defending goalkeeper rushes out to the corner to intercept the ball with his feet and dribbles with it back into his own penalty area. He then picks up the ball with his hands. No offense has been committed.

Yes **No** A player may jump over the dasher boards as long as play is not in progress at that time (i.e., at halftime).

Yes **No** A free kick is awarded to Team *A* right in front of Team *B*'s bench. Team *B* makes a substitution. The player from Team *A* taking the free kick waits more than 5 seconds to take the kick, because Team *B*'s players were in her way. The referee allows the player extra time to take the kick, even though 5 seconds have already passed.

Yes **No** Raising one's foot higher than chest level is considered a "high kick" and is automatically punished by the award of an indirect free kick to the opposing team.

Yes **No** After being cautioned and sent to the bench, a player slams the dasher-board door in anger after stepping into the bench area. The player cannot be cautioned for dissent because he is no longer on the field. A bench penalty should be issued.

Yes **No** A player is cautioned for unsporting behavior. He then shows dissent toward the referee before going to the bench, and is cautioned and shown the yellow card a second time. The referee should next show the player the red card and require the player's team to play one player short for the next 5 minutes, regardless of the number of goals scored during those 5 minutes.