



## 2023 NFHS Soccer Exam Part II

1. A game that must have a winner remains tied after overtime played under the NFHS Sample Tie-Breaking Procedure. The game will now proceed to a penalty kick tie-breaker. The Team B coach informs the referee of the desire to add a player to the team's roster, a JV team player who has been sitting in the stands during the game. The coach reports that this player is legally and properly equipped.
  - A. The referee must allow this addition to the roster.
  - B. This is not permitted.
  - C. This is only permitted with the permission of the opposing coach.
  - D. Allow the JV player to kick after all others have kicked.
2. B10 is apparently injured. The referee has stopped play and summoned the Team B trainer onto the field of play.
  - A. Neither coach may give coaching instruction to the players during the injury stoppage.
  - B. The Team A coach may give instruction to the Team A players but the Team B coach must only attend to the injured player.
  - C. The Team B coach may only give instructions to the substitute for B10.
  - D. Both coaches may give their teams coaching instructions.
3. B7 is injured and is required to leave the field. Team B has no available substitutes and, therefore, must play short. Several minutes later, B7 has recovered from injury, and the coach sends B7 to report in. What should happen next?
  - A. B7 may enter the game at the next legal substitution opportunity for the team from anywhere on the field.
  - B. B7 may enter the game at the next dead ball after reporting to the officials' area and being beckoned by the referee.
  - C. B7 may enter the game during the run of play.
  - D. B7 may not enter the game until clearance has been provided by a doctor in writing.
4. Before the game, the Team A head coach informs the referee that A15 will be wearing a hockey-style mask, due to an injury A15 received in a game the previous week.
  - A. This is not permitted.
  - B. This is not permitted unless A15 can show the referee a doctor's permission slip.
  - C. This is permitted.
  - D. This is permitted unless the mask has been painted in an objectionable manner.
5. Goalkeepers shall wear socks that:
  - A. Are the same color as their teammates.
  - B. Must be different than the color of all other field players.
  - C. Must differ in color of opposing field players.
  - D. Must differ in color of opposing goalkeeper.

6. The referee observes a foul, but does not penalize it because the referee perceives an advantage; however, the advantage does not develop.
- A. The referee will let play continue because advantage was given.
  - B. The referee will stop play, caution the player who committed the original foul, and re-start with an indirect free kick.
  - C. The referee will stop play, caution the player who committed the original foul, and re-start with a direct free kick.
  - D. The referee shall immediately stop play and penalize the original foul.
7. B14 takes a shot on goal, with goalkeeper A1 out of position. A3, however, extends the arm into the path of the ball, deflecting it to B9. B9 shoots and the ball enters the goal.
- A. The referee should award Team B a penalty kick and caution A3 for unsporting conduct.
  - B. The referee should award Team B a penalty kick and disqualify A3 for serious foul play.
  - C. The referee should allow the goal and caution A3 for unsporting conduct.
  - D. The referee should allow the goal and disqualify A3 for serious foul play.
8. A2, standing with the ball on A2's own half of the field and seeing A4 streaking for the goal, kicks the ball over the heads of the Team B defenders between A2 and A4. B6 reaches over B6's head and knocks down the ball. A4 was in an offside position when A2 passed the ball.
- A. B6 is guilty of handling. The referee should award Team A a direct free kick.
  - B. B6 is guilty of handling. The referee should award Team A a direct free kick and caution B6 for unsporting behavior.
  - C. A4 is guilty of offside. The referee should award Team B an indirect free kick. The referee should caution B6 for unsporting behavior.
  - D. A4 is guilty of offside. The referee should award Team B an indirect free kick. The referee may warn B6 about actions but does not have to give a caution.
9. A player shall be disqualified, without caution, by the official when the player has completed the following action:
- A. Hand ball.
  - B. Kicks the ball out of bounds.
  - C. Flagrantly fouls the goalkeeper who is in possession of the ball.
  - D. Fakes an injury.
10. During play, a goal gets moved back off the goal line away from the field, and the entire ball passes beyond the goal line but not beyond the goal posts. What is the outcome?
- A. This is a good goal. The goal is assumed to be in the proper position. Restart with a kickoff.
  - B. This is not a goal. Restart is an indirect free kick for the defending team.
  - C. This is not a goal. Restart with an indirect free kick to the attacking team, from the point of the goal-area line nearest to where play was stopped.
  - D. This is not a goal. Restart is a drop ball to the defending team.
11. The home team has nets that are striped green and white to match its school colors. What should the referee do?
- A. Declare the game a forfeit and award the win to the visiting team.
  - B. Inform the coach that colored nets are illegal and must be correct by the next game, then notify the state association.
  - C. Ask the visiting coach if the coach wishes to play the game as scheduled.
  - D. Colored and/or striped nets are legal. Play the game.

12. Student spectators have gathered behind the goal, standing on the ground and cheering their team during penalty kicks.
- A. This is ok.
  - B. This is ok, as long as the fans are 10 feet behind the goal.
  - C. This is ok as long as both team's fans are allowed to stay, and they remain 10 feet behind the goal.
  - D. No one is permitted directly behind the goal, unless they are in bleachers. Home team management should remove the fans from behind the goal.
13. Who decides whether a field is safe for play to begin?
- A. The head referee decides if the field is playable prior to the game beginning, but the home team athletic director makes the decision once the game begins and until it ends.
  - B. The home team athletic director decides if the field is playable prior to the game beginning, but the head referee makes the decision once the game begins and until it ends.
  - C. The head referee decides if the field is playable both prior to the game beginning and during the game.
  - D. The home team athletic director decides if the field is playable both prior to the game beginning and during the game.
14. After the second half starts, Player A is noticed to be wearing cleats with sharp metal studs (illegal equipment).
- A. The player is to be cautioned.
  - B. Take no action, but notify the state association after the game.
  - C. The player must be removed and may be replaced and the head coach cautioned.
  - D. Start play, then caution the player.
15. As play resumes after a goal kick, a fight breaks out on the field next to the visiting bench. The benches from both teams clear and get involved in the melee. Once order is restored, the referee terminates the game.
- A. The referee has the authority to terminate or suspend the game when elements, spectators or other causes require such action.
  - B. The referee declares Team A as the winner since it was winning when the game ended.
  - C. The referee may terminate the game and declare it a no contest.
  - D. The referee can declare a winner if more than half the game is played.
16. Team A is awarded a free kick outside the penalty area in front of its own goal. Player A1 takes the free kick which goes untouched into Team A's own goal. The correct procedure is:
- A. Award a goal to the opposing team.
  - B. Allow Player A1 to retake the free kick.
  - C. Drop ball outside the penalty area.
  - D. Award a corner kick to the opposing team.
17. Player A1 takes a corner kick but only moves the ball a few feet into the field of play. Player B1 comes to challenge, but Player A1 touches the ball before any other player. The official shall:
- A. Award an indirect free kick to Team B from the spot of the foul.
  - B. Allow Player A1 to retake the corner kick.
  - C. Award a throw-in to Team B at the nearest point of contact.
  - D. Award a goal kick to Team B.

18. Player A touches the ball forward with a portion of the arm above the armpit. The referee should:
- A. Allow play to continue.
  - B. Award a direct free kick to the opposing team for handling.
  - C. Award an indirect free kick to the opposing team for handling.
  - D. Award a direct free kick to the opposing team and caution Player A.
19. A goal may be scored directly from which of the following:
- A. A goalkeeper's throw into the opponent's goal.
  - B. A goalkeeper's punt into the team's own goal.
  - C. A throw-in.
  - D. An indirect free kick.
20. 10 minutes into the second half of play a game is ended due to lightning. The correct ruling is:
- A. The game is an official game regardless of state association guidelines on suspended games.
  - B. The game must be restarted from the suspension of play regardless of state association guidelines on suspended games.
  - C. The game must be rescheduled from the start regardless of state association guidelines on suspended games.
  - D. The game is an official game unless otherwise set forth by state association guidelines.
21. Player A enters the game with beads in the hair that are secured to the head in a bun. The referee should:
- A. Allow play to continue as there is no rule infraction.
  - B. Caution Player A and ask Player A to leave the field.
  - C. Remove Player A and caution the head coach for an illegally equipped player.
  - D. Do not caution the player or coach but ask Player A to leave the field and remove the beads.
22. Goalkeeper A1 blocks a hard shot on goal by deliberately parrying the ball to the ground. As B11 runs toward the ball, the goalkeeper picks the ball up and punts it up field. The referee should:
- A. Allow play to continue as this is legal.
  - B. Whistle for a foul against the goalkeeper for a double touch and award a free kick to B11's team.
  - C. Whistle for a foul against the goalkeeper for a double touch inside the team's own penalty area and award a penalty kick to B11's team.
  - D. Whistle for a foul against the goalkeeper for deliberately parrying the ball and award a free kick to B11's team.
23. B7, in the opponent's penalty area, is dribbling the ball toward the goal. A3 trips B7 while attempting to play the ball, ending a goal-scoring opportunity for B7. The referee should:
- A. Disqualify A3 and restart play with a penalty kick for B7's team.
  - B. Stop the clock and disqualify A3 for the tripping foul, restart with a penalty kick for B7's team.
  - C. Stop the clock and display the yellow card to A3 and restart with a penalty kick for B7's team.
  - D. Allow play to continue as the foul occurred while A3 was playing the ball and the trip was inadvertent.

24. A player on Team B, not the goalkeeper, deliberately handles the ball while trying to stop a shot by Team A and the ball still goes in the goal. The correct ruling is:
- A. The player on Team B is disqualified (red card) and Team A is given a penalty kick.
  - B. The player on Team B is cautioned (yellow card) and the goal is allowed to stand.
  - C. The player on Team B is cautioned (yellow card) and Team A is given a penalty kick.
  - D. The player on team B is disqualified (red card) and the goal is allowed to stand.
25. A player on Team A is disqualified (red card) for receiving a second yellow card of the game. While this player is walking off of the field, a player from Team B approaches the player and claps in Team A player's face and tells the player to get off the field. The official should:
- A. Ask the player from Team B to stop and send the Team B player back to the player's position.
  - B. Caution the player from Team B for taunting and allow a substitute for that player.
  - C. Disqualify the player from Team B for taunting and not permit a substitute.
  - D. Do nothing.
26. A player on Team B, not the goalkeeper, deliberately handles the ball while trying to stop a shot by Team A and the ball does not go in the goal. The correct ruling is:
- A. The player on Team B is disqualified (red card) and Team A is given a penalty kick.
  - B. The player on Team B is cautioned (yellow card) and the goal is allowed to stand.
  - C. The player on Team B is cautioned (yellow card) and Team A is given a penalty kick.
  - D. The player on team B is disqualified (red card) and the goal is allowed to stand.
27. During active play, Substitute/Bench player B12, thinking the ball is out of play, enters the field and receives the ball from a pass from teammate B4.
- A. Allow play to continue.
  - B. Award Team A a direct free kick from the point of B12 receiving the ball and caution B12.
  - C. Resume play with a drop ball.
  - D. Award Team A with an indirect free kick from point of infraction.
28. During active play, Team A's coach steps onto the field to give instruction, but does not interfere with active play.
- A. Resume play with a drop ball.
  - B. Award Team B an indirect free kick from the point of infraction.
  - C. Award Team B a throw-in from sideline where infraction occurred.
  - D. Award Team B an indirect free kick from where the ball was when the referee stopped play and caution the coach.
29. Team B has been awarded an indirect free kick 25 yards from Team A's goal. B6 kicks the ball and it rolls a yard before B4 kicks the ball, which enters the Team A goal without being touched by any other player.
- A. Award a goal.
  - B. Have Team B retake the kick.
  - C. Award a goal kick to Team A.
  - D. Award an indirect free kick to Team A.

30. Player A while taking a corner kick places the ball inside the corner arc and on the touchline. Players from Team B must be:
- A. At least 10 yards away from where the ball is placed until the ball is kicked.
  - B. At least 5 yards away from where the ball is placed until the ball is kicked.
  - C. At least 10 yards away from the corner arc until the ball is kicked.
  - D. At least 5 yards away from the corner arc until the ball is kicked.
31. The referee has awarded Team A a penalty kick. As A20 runs toward the ball to take the kick, A11 enters the area before A20 kicks the ball. The referee should:
- A. Blow the whistle as soon as A11 enters the penalty area.
  - B. Allow play to continue and award a retake if the penalty kick is scored.
  - C. Allow play to continue and award a goal kick for Team B if the penalty kick is scored.
  - D. Caution player A20 and award a goal kick for Team B.
32. During a penalty kick, the ball moves while the kicking player is approaching the ball but before the player has a chance to kick the ball. The referee should:
- A. Blow the whistle as soon as the ball moves and allow player A8 to reset the ball.
  - B. Allow play to continue and if a goal is scored have player A8 retake the penalty kick.
  - C. Blow the whistle and award an indirect kick to Team B.
  - D. Allow play to continue and if the goalkeeper makes a save allow A8 to retake the penalty kick.
33. During the taking of a penalty kick, A16 uses a stutter-stepping approach with continuous movement toward the ball and the ball enters the goal. The referee should:
- A. Disallow the goal and retake the kick.
  - B. Allow the goal and restart with kickoff by the defending team.
  - C. Disallow the goal and restart with an indirect kick by Team B.
  - D. Disallow the goal, caution player A16 for unsporting play and restart with an indirect kick by Team B.
34. Player B1 approaches the ball during a penalty kick and kicks it backwards to player B2. B2 shoots and misses over the top of the goal. The referee should:
- A. Award Team A a goal kick.
  - B. Allow the penalty kick to be retaken.
  - C. Restart play with a drop ball to Team A's goalkeeper.
  - D. Award Team A an indirect free kick from the penalty mark.
35. Prior to the game, an official notices that there are no marked team areas. The official shall:
- A. Suspend the game.
  - B. Allow the game to take place and notify the state association.
  - C. Refuse to begin the game until the team areas are properly marked.
  - D. Caution the home team coach.

36. The goalkeeper for Team A and a player for Team B collide and the ball goes out of play. The referee stops the clock to prevent play from continuing but does not beckon the coach or trainer onto the field for either player. After a moment, the players catch their breath and do not appear to be injured. The referee then directs the play to be restarted. The referee shall:
- A. First require both players to leave the field as the clock was stopped for an apparent injury.
  - B. First check with appropriate medical personnel to determine whether play may resume.
  - C. Allow the play to be restarted without requiring either player to leave the field as neither the coach nor the appropriate medical personnel was beckoned onto the field.
  - D. Require written authorization from appropriate medical personnel to allow either player to continue to play that day.
37. A player is being replaced. Where can the player exit the field?
- A. On the bench side of the field. If benches are on opposite sides, the player must exit toward their own bench.
  - B. At the closest boundary line to expedite the substitution.
  - C. At any point on the field.
  - D. At the goal line.
38. The visiting team arrives at the game wearing solid white jerseys and black shorts. The official shall:
- A. Require the visiting team to change to light-colored shorts before the start of the game.
  - B. Tell the visiting team coach that the uniform is illegal, allow the game to be played and notify the state association.
  - C. Ensure that the visiting team's socks are the same color as their shorts.
  - D. Allow the game to be played as this is a legal visiting uniform.
39. Team A players are wearing electronic performance and tracking clips on their shoes.
- A. Caution the coach for illegal equipment and require Team A to remove the clips.
  - B. Wearable technology is allowed but cannot be visible. Require Team A to move the clips so they are under their uniforms and not visible.
  - C. Wearable technology is allowed and may be worn on the shoes. Allow the game to proceed as the clips are legal.
  - D. Do not allow Team A to wear the clips unless the opposing team also has similar clips.
40. The following are duties of the assistant referee during pregame except:
- A. Review specific duties with scorer.
  - B. Assist the head referee or center referee in inspecting the game balls and field of play.
  - C. Review duties and responsibilities with ball holders.
  - D. Assist with the pregame conference with team captains.
41. When does an official's jurisdiction over a game end?
- A. When the second half or overtime is complete.
  - B. When the officials leaving the field of play and its immediate surroundings.
  - C. When the official completes the game report.
  - D. When the officials are on their way home.

42. In the second half of a game, the stadium clock/scoreboard malfunctions and is no longer functioning. How will the time and the score be kept?
- A. The official timer will regularly announce the time over the PA until the end of the game.
  - B. The assistant referee and official timer will maintain time and score.
  - C. The head referee will keep the time and score as no other means are available.
  - D. The game shall be suspended until a replacement clock and scoreboard can be found.
43. Player A2 is on a breakaway. Player B2 approaches A2 just as A2 moves the ball forward and past B2. The ball moves out of reach of both players and B2 moves between A2 and the ball. The referee shall:
- A. Rule Player B2 guilty of obstruction and award an indirect free kick to Team A at the spot of the foul.
  - B. Stop play and warn both players about dangerous play. Restart with a drop ball at the spot of the infraction.
  - C. No infraction has occurred. Play shall continue.
  - D. Stop play and caution B2 before awarding a direct free kick to Team A at the spot of the foul.
44. The referee disqualifies a coach for leaving the team area, entering the field of play and arguing a call.
- A. The coach shall be allowed to remain in the team area but may not actively coach the rest of the contest.
  - B. The coach must leave the team area but is allowed to move to the fan/patron side of the field to watch the remainder of the contest.
  - C. The coach must leave the team area but is allowed to stand outside the team area (near the corner of the field or on the goal end of the field) to watch the remainder of the contest as long as there is no communication between the coach and players or bench personnel.
  - D. The coach must leave the vicinity of the playing area. Refusal to comply shall result in termination of the game.
45. Which one of the following considerations are not part of Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity (DOGSO)?
- A. General direction of play.
  - B. Distance between the offense and the goal.
  - C. Serious foul play.
  - D. Likelihood of keeping or gaining control of the ball.
46. When a defender commits a foul against an attacker in their own penalty area which denies an opponent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by pulling, pushing or holding, what is the correct decision?
- A. Penalty Kick.
  - B. Penalty Kick and caution (yellow card) the defender.
  - C. Indirect Free Kick for a dangerous play.
  - D. Penalty Kick and disqualify (red card) the defender.
47. A defender, standing in front of the defender's goal, extends own arm away from the body and prevents the shot from entering the goal. What is the correct decision the referee needs to make?
- A. Penalty Kick and caution (yellow card) the defender.
  - B. Allow play to continue as there has been no violation.
  - C. Penalty Kick and disqualify (red card) the defender for denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.
  - D. Penalty Kick.



48. During a penalty kick taken during the game, all players except the kicker and opposing goalkeeper shall be:
- A. Within the confines of the team area.
  - B. Behind the halfway line.
  - C. Within the field of play, but outside the penalty area and at least 10 yards from and behind the penalty mark until the ball is kicked.
  - D. Within the field of play, but outside the penalty area and at least 10 yards from the penalty mark until the ball is kicked.
49. At the taking of a throw-in near the halfway line, the ball is thrown in but hits the ground before entering the field of play. What decision should the referee make?
- A. Allow the team taking the throw-in to retake the throw-in from the same spot.
  - B. Allow play to continue. No violation has occurred.
  - C. Award a throw-in to the opposing team.
  - D. Award an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the nearest point on the touch line.
50. When a player on Team A commits the team's first foul (accidental tripping) of the game in Team A's offensive end of the field in a careless manner, the referee shall:
- A. Call the foul, and issue a caution (yellow card) to the offending player on Team A.
  - B. Call the foul and direct the play be restarted with a direct free kick.
  - C. Call the foul and issue a disqualification (red card) to the offending player on Team A.
  - D. Call the foul and direct play to be restarted with an indirect free kick.