



Law XIV – Accumulated Fouls

Accumulated Fouls

- Are those sanctioned by a direct free kick mentioned in Law XII. The first five accumulated fouls by each team during each half are recorded in the summary of the game.

Position of Free Kick

For the first five accumulated fouls recorded for either team in each half:

- The players of the opposing team may form a wall to defend a free kick
- All opponents are at least 5m from the ball until it is in play
- A goal may be scored directly from this free kick

Beginning with the sixth accumulated foul recorded for either team in each half:

- The players of the opposing team may not form a wall to defend a free kick
- The player taking the kick has to be properly identified
- The goalkeeper must remain in his penalty area and at least 5m from the ball
- All the other players on the playing court must remain behind an imaginary line that is level with the ball and parallel to the goal line, and outside the penalty area. They must be 5m from the ball and may not obstruct the player taking the free kick. No player may cross this imaginary line until the ball has been touched or played

Procedure (for the sixth and any further accumulated fouls):

- The player taking the free kick has to kick the ball with the intention of scoring a goal and may not pass the ball to another player
- Once the free kick has been taken, no player may touch the ball until it has been touched by the goalkeeper, or has rebounded from the goalpost or crossbar, or has left the playing court
- No free kick may be taken from a distance of less than 6m from the goal line (cf. Law XIII). If an infringement that normally results in an indirect free kick occurs in the penalty area, then the free kick is taken from the penalty area line at the place nearest to where the infringement occurred.



Infringements/Sanctions

If any of the following situations occur:

If a player of the defending team commits an infringement to this Law:

- The kick is retaken, only if a goal is not scored
- The kick is not retaken if a goal is scored

If a player of the same team-as the player taking the kick infringes this Law:

- The kick is retaken if a goal is scored
- The kick is not retaken if a goal is not scored

If the player taking the kick infringes this Law after the ball is in play:

- An indirect kick is awarded to the opposing team, to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred, unless this was in the penalty area, in which case the indirect free kick is taken from the, penalty area line at the place closest to where the infringement occurred