



Law XVII – The Kick In

A goal clearance is a method of restarting play.

A goal may not be scored directly from a goal clearance.

The goal clearance is awarded when:

- The whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the attacking team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law XI

Procedure

- The ball is thrown from any point within the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team
- Opponents remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play
- The goalkeeper does not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player
- The ball is in play when it is thrown directly beyond the penalty area

Infringements /Sanctions

If the ball is not thrown directly beyond the penalty area:

- The goal clearance is retaken

If, after the ball is in play, the goalkeeper touches the ball a second time, before it has touched another player:

- An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred unless it was committed in the penalty area, in which case the indirect free kick is taken from the penalty area line from the place nearest to where the infringement occurred

If, after the ball is in play, the goalkeeper receives it back from a team mate:

- An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team, to be taken from the penalty area line from the place nearest to where the infringement occurred