

2025-26 Soccer Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration

1. During a regular season night game, a match is tied 1-1 at halftime. During halftime, the lights and all the power go out at the field and the athletic administrator says the power will not be back on until the morning.
 - A. Since the game had league title implications, the game can be resumed the next day.
 - B. Since one full half has been completed, the match is over. The final score is 1-1.
2. After the game, a coach or player uses abusive language toward the officials while the officials are in the parking lot of the school.
 - A. The official has no jurisdiction in the parking lot of the school.
 - B. The officials display a red card to the coach or player. If it is a dangerous situation, do not show a card. Instead, safely leave the parking lot and contact the school athletic director to inform them of a parking lot disqualification. The coach or player is now ineligible to participate in the next day of competition.
 - C. The officials display a red card to the coach or player. The coach or player may still participate in the next game.
3. Team A is in the lead during the last five minutes of the game. Team B has a player who has reported to the official area and is ready to substitute. Team A then sends a player to report to the official area and is ready to substitute. The ball goes out of play and Team B is awarded a throw in.
 - A. Allow both subs, and do not stop the clock.
 - B. Allow both subs, but stop the clock.
 - C. Caution the Team A coach for unsporting behavior.
4. When play is stopped because of an apparent injury, at what point is the player required to be removed from the game?
 - A. When the clock is stopped.
 - B. When the coach/trainer is beckoned onto the field.
5. A1 and B1 collide at midfield and fall to the ground. B1 immediately jumps up and runs away, but A1 remains on the ground. The center referee stops the clock to check on the injured player. Team A's trainer runs onto the field to check on A1.
 - A. The clock was stopped, so A1 must come out of the game.
 - B. The clock was stopped, but the coach/trainer was not beckoned. A1 may stay on the field.
 - C. The clock was stopped, but the trainer ran onto the field. A1 must come out of the game.
6. An assistant coach has been warned about dissent but continues to loudly question the referee. Who can be cautioned in this scenario?
 - A. The assistant coach.
 - B. The head coach.
 - C. BOTH the assistant coach AND the head coach.
7. Either team may allow a substitute to enter the field of play when there is a:
 - A. Goal kick for either team.
 - B. Throw-in for either team and the team taking the throw does not want a substitute.
 - C. Any stoppage of play.
 - D. None of the answers are correct.

8. A1 runs with the ball inside the opponents penalty area and tries to go past goalkeeper B2 in a one-on-one situation. B2 attempts to play the ball and fouls the attacker, who falls to the ground. The ball, however, ends up in the goal.
- A. Allow the goal and caution B2.
 - B. Allow the goal.
 - C. Allow the goal and eject B2 for attempting DOGSO.
 - D. None of the answers are correct.
9. A1 takes a long throw-in to A2, who is standing near the touchline in the opponents half, far away from the thrower. After the ball is thrown, it bounces off the ground outside the field of play and then enters the field.
- A. Rethrow since the ball did not enter the field of play.
 - B. None of the answers are correct.
 - C. Throw-in for the opponents at the point where the ball landed.
 - D. Throw-in for the opponents at the point of the previous throw-in.
10. A1 enters the field of play as a substitute for A2. While A2 is still on the field, A2 strikes an opponent. The correct decision is:
- A. Disallow the substitution.
 - B. Show the red card to A2 and team A plays short.
 - C. Show the yellow card to A2 and team A plays short.
 - D. Eject A2 but the team does not play short.
11. At kickoff, A1, who is going to take the kick, is standing in the opponents half of the field. After the whistle is sounded, A1 plays the ball to A2, who was also in the opponents half of the field.
- A. None of the answers are correct.
 - B. Award an indirect free kick for team B.
 - C. Retake the kick since A2 was not in a legal position.
 - D. Caution A2 and award an indirect free kick for team B.
12. The goalkeeper is the only player on the field permitted to handle the ball within the goal area. Therefore, it is not permissible for a goalkeeper to throw the ball into play from the touchline.
- A. FALSE
 - B. TRUE
13. The ball is in the defensive penalty area. As the ball bounces up, B1 knees the ball back to the goalkeeper, who picks it up with the hands.
- A. Indirect free kick for team A and caution B1 for trickery.
 - B. Indirect free kick for team A at the point where the goalkeeper picked up the ball.
 - C. This is legal; allow play to continue.
 - D. None of the answers are correct.
14. At halftime, the coach advises the referee that one of their players arrived late and was not on the roster. The coach wants to have this player participate in the second half.
- A. The player is allowed to be added to the roster and play.
 - B. This is permitted provided that the player has a uniform and number.
 - C. Since the player was not on the roster, it is not permitted.
 - D. None of the answers are correct.

15. B1, a teammate of goalkeeper B2, takes a goal kick by kicking the ball to B2 at the corner of, but inside, the penalty area. The referee should:
- A. Allow play to continue.
 - B. Require a rekick.
 - C. Award an indirect free kick at the spot where B2 touched the ball.
 - D. Caution B1 for unsporting behavior.
16. B1 receives the ball just past the halfway line. As the play unfolds, B1 has an obvious goal-scoring opportunity. A2, the only defender between B1 and the goalkeeper, attempts to play the ball but fouls B1 just outside the penalty area. B1 does not take a shot. The correct restart is:
- A. Award a penalty kick to team B and disqualify A2 for denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.
 - B. Award a direct free kick to team B.
 - C. Award a direct free kick to team B and disqualify A2 for denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.
 - D. Award a penalty kick to team B and caution A2.
17. The referee awards team B an indirect free kick. B1 quickly steps on top of the ball and B2 kicks the ball into the net. The referee should:
- A. Award team B a rekick because the ball did not move when B1 stepped on it.
 - B. Award team B a goal.
 - C. Award a goal kick to team A.
 - D. Caution B1 for unsporting behavior.
18. A1 runs with the ball into the opponents penalty area (one-on-one situation). B2 catches up with A1 but has no possibility to play the ball so B2 pushes A1 to deny an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.
- A. Penalty kick and eject B2 since there was no attempt to play the ball.
 - B. Penalty kick and caution B2 since it was in the penalty area.
 - C. Penalty kick.
 - D. None of the answers are correct.
19. Team B is awarded a direct free kick in their own penalty area. B1 elects to take a quick restart, which deflects off B2 to A3, who was still in the penalty area. A3 shoots and scores.
- A. Award an indirect free kick for team B because of interference.
 - B. No goal since A3 was in the penalty area. Issue a rekick.
 - C. Goal. B1 took a quick kick and A3 did not have time to retreat.
 - D. None of the answers are correct.
20. A1, a player who was fairly charged by B2, falls down and lands over the touchline, but in falling intentionally trips B2, who is still on the field of play. The correct decision is:
- A. Let play continue.
 - B. Stop play and restart with an indirect free kick to team B at the point nearest to where A1 tripped B2.
 - C. Stop play and restart a direct free kick to team B at the point nearest to where A1 tripped B2.
 - D. Stop play and restart with a caution to A1 and an indirect free kick to team B at the point nearest to where A1 tripped B2.

21. The referee correctly awards an indirect free kick for impeding, but does not raise the arm to indicate the correct restart. A1 kicks the ball directly into the opponents goal. The correct restart is:
- A. A corner kick for team A.
 - B. A kickoff.
 - C. Rekick since the Referee did not properly signal.
 - D. An indirect free kick for team A.
22. After a scramble in front of the net, B5 attempts to clear the ball but it is stopped by A6. A6 takes a shot and it strikes the referee who is standing in the penalty area. The ball goes into the goal. What is the appropriate restart?
- A. There is no restart, play on.
 - B. Indirect free kick for Team A.
 - C. Indirect free kick for Team B.
 - D. Drop ball to the team that last touched the ball prior to hitting the referee (Team A).
 - E. Drop ball to the defending goalkeeper (Team B).
23. A1 takes a powerful shot on goal. B2, who is very close, puts their hands in front of their face as a reflex action to protect the face, and the ball hits B2's hands.
- A. Stop play and award a direct free kick or penalty kick for team A.
 - B. Caution B2 for stopping play by using the hands.
 - C. Allow play to continue since this was not a deliberate attempt to use the hands.
24. What is the penalty for Stopping a Promising Attack (SPA) inside the penalty area when the defender attempts to play the ball?
- A. Penalty kick and red card
 - B. Penalty kick and yellow card
 - C. Penalty kick and no card
25. During the taking of a penalty kick, A7 uses several stutter-steps but does not interrupt the approach to the ball. The ball enters the goal. The referee should:
- A. Allow the goal and restart with a kickoff.
 - B. Disallow the goal and retake the kick.
 - C. Disallow the goal and restart with an indirect kick for Team B.
 - D. Disallow the goal, caution A7 for unsporting play and restart with an indirect kick for Team B.
26. During the taking of a penalty kick, the goalkeeper moves both feet off the line prior to the kick. The shot goes over the crossbar.
- A. The kick is retaken.
 - B. Award a goal kick and resume play.
 - C. The goalkeeper is to be cautioned, and the kick is retaken.
27. During a penalty kick shootout, each teams' five kickers, goalkeepers and officials are on the field. Where should the coaches and remaining bench players be located?
- A. At midfield with the kickers.
 - B. On the touchline, near the goal.
 - C. In the Team and Coaching Area.

28. The home team is wearing a dark top but with solid white sleeves. What is the best response of the official?
- A. These uniforms are legal. Play the game.
 - B. These uniforms are illegal, but the game should be played.
 - C. These uniforms are illegal, but the game should be played. In addition, the official should make the home team coach aware that they will be contacting the MHSAA to alert the office of the illegal uniforms.
29. During the MHSAA postseason tournament, both teams show up wearing dark jersey tops. What is the best course of action by the official?
- A. Do not start play until the visiting team is wearing white jersey tops.
 - B. If the official can clearly distinguish between the two teams, play the game. Contact the MHSAA after the game so the MHSAA can clear up future confusion.
30. In the second game of a JV/Varsity doubleheader, B20 checks into the second half. Play starts, and then the coach from Team A alerts officials that B20 played in both halves of the JV game and the first half of the varsity game, so this makes B20's fourth half of the day. What should the official do?
- A. Players are only allowed three halves in one day, so the official must stop the game, award a forfeit, and then contact the MHSAA office.
 - B. Players are only allowed three halves in one day, but officials are not responsible for tracking this. The game should continue, but the official should contact the MHSAA office. The MHSAA office will work with the schools to determine if there is a violation.