



2017-18 Grade 8 Referee Test

This exam is based on the IFAB 2017-18 Laws of the Game and the Grade 8 Referee Course for testing all new and current Grade 8 Referees working games at the competitive youth level.

- 1) If the goals are not securely anchored to the ground, what should the referee do?
 - a) Ask the home team coach to fix the issue and start the game only after the goals are securely anchored to the ground
 - b) Ask the away team coach if it is okay and start the game if both coaches agree
 - c) Start the game without the goals being anchored securely to the ground
 - d) Start the game without the goals being anchored securely to the ground if it is not too windy

- 2) If a tripping offense is committed on the line of the penalty area by a defending player, what is the correct restart?
 - a) Indirect free kick
 - b) Dropped ball
 - c) Penalty kick
 - d) Kick-off

- 3) Can the process of checking players' passes with rosters and inspecting player equipment not take place if the game is running behind schedule?
 - a) No, it is important to check players for all games at the competitive youth level, even if the game is running behind schedule
 - b) Yes, this process can be skipped if the game is running behind schedule
 - c) Yes, this process can be skipped if the game is running behind schedule, but only if both coaches agree
 - d) Yes, this process can be skipped if the entire referee team agrees

- 4) Can the referee allow a team in a competitive youth game to play without a goalkeeper?
 - a) Yes, a team is allowed to play without a goalkeeper if it chooses to do so
 - b) No, each team must have a goalkeeper
 - c) Yes, but only if the other team's coach allows for it
 - d) Yes, but only if the local rules of competition permit a team to play without a goalkeeper

- 5) A player who leaves the field of play to correct or change equipment must have the equipment checked by one of the match officials and only re-enter the field of play with the referee's permission.
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

- 6) Which of the following is NOT one of the powers or duties of the referee?
 - a) Enforces the Laws of the Game
 - b) Acts as timekeeper and keeps a record of the match
 - c) Provides medical treatment to an injured player
 - d) Stops, suspends or abandons the match because of outside interference of any kind



7) A game may not start or continue if either team has fewer than ____ players.

- a) 3 b) 6 c) 7 d) 11

8) When the referee applies _____, he/she allows play to continue when the team who was fouled will benefit.

- a) Offside
b) Advantage
c) Caution
d) Misconduct

9) The ball completely crosses over the touchline, between the halfway line and the assistant referee. Should the assistant referee signal with the flag at 45 degrees above the field in the direction of the throw-in?

- a) Yes
b) No

10) The ball, last touched by a defending player, completely passes over the goal line for a corner kick. How should the assistant referee signal?

- a) Point the flag 45 degrees downward in the direction of the corner flag
b) Point the flag horizontally with the right hand toward the goal area
c) Signal with the flag 45 degrees upward in the direction of the restart
d) Raise the flag vertically with the right hand and after making eye contact with the referee, indicate the location of the offense by dropping the flag at an appropriate angle to a point in the field (far, middle, near side)

11) The assistant referee observes a foul that the referee could not see. The referee stops play when the assistant referee raises the flag and gives it a slight wave. Once the whistle sounds, the assistant referee first holds the flag across the lower body and then visibly walks towards the corner flag post. What has the assistant referee indicated?

- a) Corner kick
b) Goal kick
c) Penalty kick
d) Indirect free kick

12) The referee sees the ball enter the goal. The assistant referee makes eye contact with the referee and then sprints up the touchline towards the halfway line. What has the assistant referee indicated?

- a) The goal scored was legal
b) The goal should be disallowed



13) A substitute is standing at the halfway line waiting to enter the match at the next stoppage of play. The ball has gone over the touchline for a throw-in and the referee allows for the substitution. The substitute wants to take the throw-in. Does the substitute first has to enter the field of play before being allowed to take the throw-in?

- a) Yes
- b) No

14) If the ball passes out of the field across the assistant referee's end of a touchline and immediately returns to the field, and play continues, the assistant referee should signal by doing which of the following?

- a) Point the flag 45 degrees downward in the direction of the corner flag
- b) Point the flag horizontally with the right hand toward the goal area
- c) Signal with the flag 45 degrees upward in the direction of the restart
- d) Raise the flag vertically in the hand that is going to be used to signal direction of the throw-in, and then after the referee stops play, signal with the flag 45 degrees upward in the direction of the restart

15) The recommended position for an assistant referee during play is which of the following?

- a) Even with the ball
- b) Even with the second to last opponent (defender)
- c) Even with the ball or the second to last opponent (defender), depending on which is closer to the goal line
- d) Even with the first attacker

16) The referee has decided to add 2 minutes to the end of the first half. The decision should be based on which of the following?

- a) Substitutions, assessment and/or removal of injured players, time wasting, and disciplinary sanctions
- b) Normal stoppages for throw-ins, goal kicks, and corner kicks
- c) Suggestions by one or both coaches
- d) Whether or not the game started on time

17) Allowance for time lost means which of the following?

- a) If 3 minutes were added to the end of the first half, 3 minutes must also be added to the end of the second half
- b) All the time it takes for substitutions should be added to the end of the half
- c) Only time wasting by the team that is in the lead can be considered
- d) The amount of time added to each period is determined by the referee

18) When is the ball in play from a dropped ball?

- a) When the ball touches the ground
- b) When the referee releases the ball
- c) When a player touches the ball
- d) When the ball stops bouncing



19) When is the ball in play at the taking of a kick-off?

- a) When it has been touched or played by another player
- b) When it leaves the center circle
- c) When it is kicked and clearly moves
- d) When it is kicked and moves forward

20) At a dropped ball, the ball touches the ground, and is kicked directly into the opponent's goal without touching at least two players. How should the referee restart the game?

- a) Goal kick
- b) Corner kick

21) A penalty kick is completed when the ball stops moving, the ball goes out of play, or the referee stops play for any infringements of the Laws.

- a) Yes
- b) No

22) The ball crosses completely over the touchline, but does not touch the ground and is blown back onto the field by the wind. What should the referee do?

- a) Allow play to continue since the ball never touched the ground outside the field of play
- b) Stop play and restart with a throw-in
- c) Stop play and restart with a corner kick
- d) Stop play and restart with a goal kick

23) If an offence involves contact, what is the correct restart?

- a) Restart with an indirect free kick
- b) Restart with a throw-in at the spot of the offence
- c) Restart with a direct free kick or penalty kick
- d) Restart with a dropped ball

24) A player in an offside position is only penalized for an offside offense if ...

- a) He/she is involved in active play
- b) He/she is closer to the ball than the defender
- c) He/she has an obvious chance to score
- d) He/she receives the ball directly from a throw-in, goal kick, or corner kick

25) An attacking player, in an offside position, receives the ball directly from a teammate's corner kick. Is the player guilty of an offside offense?

- a) Yes
- b) No



26) An attacking player, in an offside position, receives the ball directly from a teammate's throw-in. Is the player guilty of an offside offense?

- a) Yes
- b) No

27) An attacking player, in an offside position, receives the ball directly from a teammate's indirect free kick. Is the player guilty of an offside offense?

- a) Yes
- b) No

28) An attacking player, in an offside position, receives the ball directly from a teammate's goal kick. Is the player guilty of an offside offense?

- a) Yes
- b) No

29) An attacking player, in an offside position, receives the ball from a teammate's pass after it bounces off the outstretched leg of a defender. Is the player guilty of an offside offense?

- a) Yes
- b) No

30) A player is guilty of persistent offenses. What action should the referee take?

- a) Caution and show the guilty player a yellow card
- b) Send-off and show the guilty player a red card
- c) Show a yellow card and then sendoff the player by showing a red card
- d) For this incident neither a caution nor a send-off is directed by the Laws of the Game

31) A player tackles an opponent with excessive force, endangering the safety of the opponent. What action should the referee take?

- a) Caution and show the guilty player a yellow card
- b) Send-off and show the guilty player a red card
- c) Show a yellow card and then send-off the player by showing a red card
- d) For this incident neither a caution nor a send-off is directed by the Laws of the Game

32) When a throw-in is being taken, an opponent fails to respect the required distance. What action should the referee take?

- a) Caution and show the guilty player a yellow card
- b) Send-off and show the guilty player a red card
- c) Show a yellow card and then send-off the player by showing a red card
- d) For this incident neither a caution nor a send-off is directed by the Laws of the Game



33) A player carelessly kicks an opponent while contesting for the ball in the center circle. How should the referee restart play?

- a) Dropped ball
- b) Indirect free kick
- c) Direct free kick
- d) Penalty kick

34) A player who is not the goalkeeper punches the ball to deny an obvious goal scoring opportunity while standing in his or her own penalty area. What action should the referee take?

- a) Caution the player and issue a yellow card
- b) Award a Penalty Kick, issue a red card and send-off the player that committed the offense
- c) Show the player a second yellow card and then issue a red card
- d) No caution or send-off is required by the Laws of the Game

35) A defender tackles an opponent right on the defender's penalty area line in a careless manner. How should the referee restart play?

- a) Dropped ball
- b) Indirect free kick
- c) Direct free kick
- d) Penalty kick

36) The goalkeeper, within his/her penalty area, plays the ball with his/her hands after it had been deliberately kicked by a teammate. How should the referee restart play?

- a) Dropped ball
- b) Indirect free kick
- c) Direct free kick
- d) Penalty kick

37) The goalkeeper, while catching the ball, goes completely out of the penalty area into the penalty arc area with the ball still in his/her hands. How should the referee restart play?

- a) Dropped ball
- b) Indirect free kick
- c) Direct free kick
- d) Penalty kick

38) When a player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a deliberately handling the ball, what is the correct restart and disciplinary action?

- a) Indirect free kick and yellow card
- b) Direct free kick or penalty kick and red card
- c) Indirect free kick and red card
- d) Direct free kick or penalty kick and yellow card



39) At the taking of a free kick, an opponent who is less than ten yards from the ball fails to respect the required distance by advancing or lunging toward the ball and blocks the kick. What action should the referee take?

- a) The player should be cautioned and the kick should be retaken
- b) Play should continue and the player should be cautioned at the next stoppage
- c) Play should continue
- d) Stop play and retake the kick

40) When should the referee allow for a quick free kick to be taken instead of requiring a ceremonial free kick?

- a) When a caution or send-off has occurred
- b) When the kicking team asks for 10 yards
- c) When the referee delays the taking of the free kick for any reason
- d) When the defending team is still within 10 yards but retreating from the ball when the kicking team quickly takes the kick

41) A player, when not challenging for the ball, deliberately strikes an opponent in the head or face with the hand or arm is guilty of:

- a) Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language
- b) Serious foul play
- c) Receiving a second caution in the same match
- d) Violent conduct

42) From a penalty kick, the ball rebounds off the goalkeeper back to the player who took the kick. That player then kicks the ball into the goal. What is the correct restart?

- a) Corner kick
- b) Goal kick
- c) Indirect free kick
- d) Kick-off

43) If at the taking of a penalty kick, the kicker plays the ball backwards, the correct restart is:

- a) Retake the penalty kick
- b) Caution the kicker
- c) Indirect free kick
- d) Dropped ball

44) At the taking of a penalty kick, the goalkeeper moves from side to side but remains on the goal line and then deflects the ball over the crossbar. What is the correct restart?

- a) Corner kick
- b) Goal kick
- c) Indirect free kick
- d) Kick-off



45) At the taking of a penalty kick, a defender enters the penalty area after the referee signals for the kick but before the kick is taken. After the kick is taken, the goalkeeper deflects the ball over the crossbar. What is the correct restart?

- a) Dropped ball
- b) Indirect free kick
- c) Corner kick
- d) Penalty kick

46) At the taking of a penalty kick, a teammate of the kicker enters the penalty area before the kick is taken. The kick is taken and the goalkeeper saves the penalty kick. According to the Laws of the Game, should the referee stop play and award an indirect free kick to the defending team?

- a) Yes
- b) No

47) An opponent, who deliberately prevents a free kick from being taken quickly, must be cautioned for ...

- a) Unsporting behavior
- b) Dissent by word or action
- c) Persistent offenses
- d) Delaying the restart of play

48) From a throw-in, the ball goes directly into the opponent's goal without being touched by another player. What is the correct restart?

- a) Corner kick
- b) Goal kick
- c) Throw-in
- d) Kick-off

49) A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team. If the ball directly enters the kicker's own goal, a(n) _____ is awarded to the opponents.

- a) Goal kick
- b) Indirect free kick
- c) Corner kick
- d) Direct free kick

50) From a corner kick, the ball curves in the air and completely crosses the goal line outside the field of play. The ball then returns into the playing field, and is kicked into the goal. What is the correct restart?

- a) Corner kick
- b) Goal kick
- c) Throw-in
- d) Kick-off