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# Law 13 Free Kicks



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**A** direct free kick can be taken by lifting the ball with a foot or both feet simultaneously, the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

**F**einting to take a free kick to confuse opponents is permitted as part of football, however, if in the opinion of the referee it is considered an act of unsporting behaviour the player shall be cautioned.

**I**f a player, while correctly taking a free kick, intentionally kicks the ball at an opponent in order to play the ball a second time but neither in a careless nor a reckless manner nor using excessive force, the referee shall allow play to continue.

**A**n indirect free kick should be retaken if the referee fails to raise his arm to indicate that the kick is indirect and the ball is kicked directly into the goal.

**T**he initial indirect free kick is not nullified by the referee's mistake.



If a player decides to take a free kick quickly and an opponent who is less than 9,15 m from the ball intercepts it, the referee shall allow play to continue.

If a player decides to take a free kick quickly and an opponent who is near the ball deliberately prevents him taking the kick, the referee shall caution the player for delaying the restart of play.



If, when a free kick is taken by the defending team from inside its own penalty area, one or more opponents remain inside the penalty area because the defender decides to take the kick quickly and the opponents did not have time to leave the penalty area, the referee shall allow play to continue.

