

**To:** OHSAA Soccer Officials

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**Re:** A Brain Teaser

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In light of this year's changes to NF 13 and 16, concerning when the ball is in play from a free taken from within a team's own defensive penalty area, here is a scenario suggested to me by Referee Roger Quay of Lancaster.

What do you think?

The ball goes to a goal kick for Team B. In her haste to quickly take the goal kick, goalkeeper B11 stumbles a bit and kicks the ball, which squibs several feet outside of the goal area.. A1, who had been outside of the penalty area when the ball was kicked, quickly runs into the penalty area. B11 had lost her footing, but managed to lunge to the ball, touching it with her left hand just before A1 could kick the ball into the goal. Which is (are) correct?



- A. Award Team A a penalty kick for handling and a straight red card to B11 for DOGSO-Handling.
- B. Indirect free kick to Team A for the double-touch and caution B11 for unsporting conduct.
- C. Play continues.
- D. Give a straight red card to B11 for DOGSO and award Team A an indirect free kick from the spot of the foul.
- E. Had A11 scored from an advantage situation, B11 would receive a caution and the goal would be awarded to Team A.
- F. D and E.

## Discussion

A. Under NF 12.2 EXCEPTION, the goalkeeper, B11 , could not be given handling, and, therefore, DOGSO-Handling could not apply, NF 12.8.2(d)(2).

B. The foul chosen and restart are correct, NF 16.1.4 PENALTY and NF 13.2.2(a). A caution is incorrect for DOGSO, NF 12.8.1(f)(13); NF 12.8.1(f)(14); NF 12.8.1(f)(15) and NF 12.8.2(d)(4). B11 could not legally attempt to next play the ball by touching it.

C. In light of the entirety of our discussion, this is not an option.

D. This is correct, NF 12.8.2(d)(4), as B11's next touch of the ball after taking the goal kick was not an attempt to play the ball under the rules, NF 16.1.4 and NF 13.2.2(a). The restart is governed by NF 16.1.4 PENALTY and NF 13.2.2(a).

E. Though the facts set forth above differ from those assumed in this answer, it would be correct to give the goal and caution B11, if a goal had been scored from an advantage situation, even where the goalkeeper did not attempt to play the ball, NF 12.8.1(f)(14).

F. See, D and E, above for discussion.

