

AYSO Region 218, Davis Referee Guide to Restarts Or

“RESTARTS: What can go wrong?”

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- As the referee, you have the power and obligation to ignore the problems listed below if, in your opinion, the infractions are trivial or doubtful, i.e., have no material impact on the game (teaching moments for younger kids aside), and the management and enjoyment of the game would benefit from not stopping play.
- Use the power of cautions wisely to manage the match.
- On all kicks, the ball must be stationary and is not in play until the ball is kicked (with a kicking motion) and has moved (however slightly).

Restart	What went wrong	Action to take (letter of the law)	Recommendation	AYSO alternative
Kick off (Law 8)	Ball did not go forward	Retake		
	Players moved into illegal positions before the kick	Retake		
	Kicked before ref whistled	Retake		
	Second touch by kicker	Indirect free kick to opposing team at point of infraction.		
Throw-in (Law 15)	Wrong mechanics	Throw-in awarded to opposing team	Don't be too picky.	Instruct, retake (in fall and spring seasons, in younger age groups, in earlier games in the season)
	Wrong location (more than one yard from where ball left field)	Throw-in awarded to opposing team	Instruct the thrower <u>before</u> the throw.	Instruct, retake (in fall and spring seasons, in younger age groups, in earlier games in the season)
	Ball did not cross touchline (i.e., did not break the plane of the touchline boundary).	Retake		
	Ball hit ground outside touchline, then rolled onto field of play	Retake		

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	Second touch by thrower before ball is touched by any other player.	Indirect free kick to opposing team at point of infraction.		
	Opponent less than 2 yards	Retake if necessary. May caution (Unsporting behavior)	Warn first	
	Opponent distracted or impeded the thrower	Retake if necessary. May caution (Unsporting behavior)	Warn first	
Goal kick (Law 16)	Ball did not leave the penalty area	Retake		In younger age groups, if kicker can't kick hard enough, move the ball closer to the front edge of the penalty area or suggest another kicker try.
	Ball was played before it left the penalty area	Retake		
	Kicker spots the ball on the ground, and then picks it up to move it to the other side (i.e., trickery/delay).	Instruct kicker to leave ball at original spot. May caution (delaying the restart of play)	Warn first before cautioning.	
	Opponents entered the penalty area before the ball was in play	Retake		
	2 nd touch by kicker (improbable)	Indirect free kick to opposing team at point of infraction.		
Corner kick (Law 17)	Kicker moved flag	Retake the kick	If possible, instruct the kicker <u>before</u> the kick.	
	Second touch by kicker	Indirect free kick to opposing team at point of infraction.		
	Opponents did not remain 10 yards away until after ball was in play	Retake. Opponent may be cautioned (failing to respect required distance)	Warn first before cautioning	
Free kicks (Law 13)	Opponents closer than 10 yards prior to kick and kicking team is not doing a quick kick	May caution if necessary (failing to respect required distance)	Instruct/warn first	
	Wrong location (on purpose to delay)	May caution (delaying the restart of play)	Instruct/warn first	
	Opponents did not remain 10 yards away until after ball was in play	Retake if necessary. Opponent may be cautioned (failing to respect required distance).	Warn first before cautioning	
	Kicker told to wait for the whistle but kicker did not wait.	Retake		

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Penalty kicks (Law 14)	Kicked before ref blew whistle	Retake. May caution if repeated (unsporting behavior)		
	Infringement by kicking team, i.e., encroachment before kick.	If goal, retake; otherwise, indirect free kick for opposing team from spot of infraction.		
	Infringement by defending team, i.e., encroachment before kick or keeper moves off line too soon.	If goal, it stands; otherwise, retake the kick.		
	Infringement by both teams, i.e., they both encroach before kick.	Retake		
	Second touch by kicker, either directly off of kick or from rebound off cross bar/goal post before anyone else touches ball.	Indirect free kick for opposing team from the spot of infraction, unless in goal area, then the kick can be spotted and kicked from anywhere in goal area.		
Dropped ball (Law 8)	Ball is played before it touches the ground	Retake	Ask players to move back a step	