

These are really, really easy questions that anybody should be able to answer. So even if you aren't a referee—feel comfortable and assured, that even if you don't get the answer right, we won't make too much fun of you.

1. The ball suddenly burst into flames. Do you:
  - a) Throw yourself on the ball
  - b) Call the coach out on to the field and ask him to throw himself on the ball
  - c) Suspend the red card for spitting and invite the lads to do their thing
  
2. You notice that the lines marking a soccer field are painted in blue rather than white. You also notice that both teams are wearing identical red jerseys, black shorts and white socks. Do you:
  - a) Grab the nearest can of blue paint and start spraying?
  - b) Play "shirts vs skins".
  - c) Let chaos reign by always calling "free kick 'red'" but not pointing
  
3. You hear thunder, but don't see clouds. Your first duty is to protect the players. Do you...
  - a) Ask for people who have filled out their volunteer form, give them a flag, tell them to hold it straight up so that any lightning strikes it will be channeled through them?
  - b) Ask the players to play on their knees so that they will not be the tallest object on the field, then relinquish the center to your assistant?
  - c) Fill your pocket full of dirt so you'll be properly grounded.
  
4. You get to the field on the day of the big U19 Boy's game and have forgotten your black ref shoes. You are wearing pinkish tennies. There are no other referees who can handle the center. You know the boys wouldn't respect you if you wear the pink shoes. Do you?
  - a) Get out your black pen and start coloring?
  - b) Wear your referee socks over your entire shoe and as far up the leg as possible?
  - c) Referee barefooted?
  
5. It's the game from HECK. You miss the foul that takes down 40% of the defenders. Your assistant has a sneezing fit and misses it, too. The attackers get the winning goal. The defending coach is roaring onto the field. What are your options?
  - a) Pray for a lightning strike—either for yourself or for the coach.
  - b) Hope for an alien abduction
  - c) Show the blue card. Nobody knows what it means, but you hope the coach will be sufficiently impressed to leave you alone.\*\*\* ←correct answer
  
6. Sadly, the blue card does not work. Do you
  - a) Pull off your badge, turn your shirt inside out and pretend to be a player?
  - b) Fake a heart attack?
  - c) Hold up your hand and casually ask, "Something wrong, coach?"

7. Three referees go into a bar. Before they order they realize that ... the ... bartender ... is ...the ... coach from the previous question. Do you:

- a) Suddenly go on the wagon?
- b) Ask for a bottle of beer...unopened?
- c) Try the blue card, again

8. A substitute player goes on the field before his opposite leaves the field. They get into a fight. The referee wants to give them both a red card...but he has only one red card.

What should he do?

- a) He should tear the red card in half and give half to each.
- b) He should pull out his referee wallet and write a red card IOU
- c) He should red card himself, take his pink tennies, and leave.

9. This next question is more an intermediate referee question...A small group of renegade gophers hijacks the ball and runs with it to the goal, carrying it between the uprights and 100% over the goal line before running laughing from the field. Goal? Or No Goal?

- a) Goal, since the gophers live in the field, by the letter of the law, they are a part of field.
- b) No shoes, no socks, no shin guards, no shorts, no shirt—no goal.

10. FIFA has somehow named you as the center referee in a World Cup Final Match. There is no time to find a substitute. You are allowed to bring four non-referee items with you onto the field. The first two items are your organ donor card and your blankie, what other two items would be helpful in a case like this?

- a) A Law Book and MacGyver's phone number
- b) A Lawyer and Darth Vader's light saber
- c) Harry Potter's Invisibility Cloak and a can of Right Guard