

Penalty Kick Stutter Step Interpretations

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Rule 14.2 has been modified in 2010 to clarify that the player taking the penalty kick is permitted to use a stutter step or a hesitation move provided there is no stopping and there is continuous movement toward the ball. Should *the kicker stop* during his / her movement to the ball during the penalty kick, the kicker has violated 14.2. This does **NOT** automatically require a caution; even though Rule 14.3.3 states that the player **SHALL** be cautioned. The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the intent of the 2010 Rule and the resulting penalty. Additionally, the following chart reflects the proper restart for different outcomes of offensive or defensive violations of Rule 14 during the taking of a penalty kick and the approved rulings found in the 2010 Rules Book.

Who violated Rule 14?	What is the outcome of the penalty kick?			
	Ball goes in the goal	Kick is saved by the goal keeper and remains in play	Kick is saved by the goal keeper and goes out of play	Ball goes over the goal line without being touched by a defender
Attacker (including the kicker)	Retake the Penalty Kick	Indirect Free Kick from the point of the infraction – NOTE: Advantage <u>may</u> be invoked.	Indirect Free Kick from the point of the infraction	Goal Kick
Defender (including the goalkeeper)	Goal	Retake the Penalty Kick	Retake the Penalty Kick	Retake the Penalty Kick
Both teams	Retake the Penalty Kick	Retake the Penalty Kick	Retake the Penalty Kick	Retake the Penalty Kick

Rule 14 Approved Rulings:

A.R. 14.2.a. May a substitute be allowed to take a penalty kick in a game in which play has been extended? **RULING:** No, only a player who was on the field when time expired shall take the kick.

A.R. 14.2.b. If a penalty kick is being retaken for any reason, may another player of the same team take it? **RULING:** Yes, provided the player was on the field at the time the penalty kick was awarded.

A.R. 14.2.c. On a penalty kick, a player of the defensive team wishes to stand off the field. **RULING:** No. All players, with the exception of the goalkeeper and the player taking the kick, shall stand on the field of play outside the penalty area, and at least 10 yards from and behind the penalty-kick line or spot.

A.R. 14.2.d. On a penalty kick, the kicker passes the ball back to a teammate, who shoots and scores.

RULING: No goal. The kick shall be retaken because the ball shall go forward on a penalty kick.

A.R. 14.2.e. On a penalty kick, the kicker kicks the ball against the crossbar and the ball rebounds to that player, who shoots and scores. **RULING:** No goal. Award an indirect free kick to the other team for playing the ball a second time after the ball has gone into play and before it touches or has been played by another player.

A.R. 14.2.f. May a player taking a penalty kick push the ball forward for a teammate to run to it and score? **RULING:** Yes, provided (1) all of the players, except the player taking the kick and the opposing goalkeeper, are outside the penalty area, behind the ball and not within 10 yards of the penalty mark at the time the kick is taken; (2) the teammate to whom the ball is passed is not in an offside position when the ball is kicked and does not enter the penalty area until the ball has traveled the length of its own circumference; and (3) the penalty kick is taken in normal time.

A.R. 14.2.g. May the player taking the penalty kick go outside the penalty area? **RULING:** Yes. After the signal, the player may go outside the penalty area to take a longer run at the ball, though he or she cannot demand that the opponents give a clear path.

A.R. 14.3.1. The whistle has blown for the taking of a penalty kick. Before the actual kick, the goalkeeper moves forward and his or her feet are no longer in contact with the goal line. **RULING:** Do not suspend play until after the penalty kick. If a goal is scored, the infraction shall be ignored; but if a goal is not scored, the kick shall be retaken.

A.R. 14.3.2. On a penalty kick, the offensive team infringes upon the rule. **RULING:** The kick shall be retaken if a goal is scored. If a goal is not scored and the ball rebounds into play, an indirect free kick shall be awarded against the offending team. If the ball goes out of play over the goal line, a goal kick shall be awarded.

A.R. 14.3.3.a. The player taking the penalty kick or the goalkeeper commits unsporting behavior before the kick is taken. What action should the referee take? **RULING:** As the ball was not in play, the referee will caution or eject as appropriate for the misconduct and order the penalty kick to be taken or retaken as appropriate.

A.R. 14.3.3.b. A player intentionally goes beyond the boundary of the field of play on a penalty kick.

RULING: The player shall be cautioned and ejected from the game if he or she repeats the offense.

A.R. 14.4.a. A penalty kick has been awarded at the close of a period without any time remaining. When shall the period end? **RULING:** The extension shall last until the moment the kick has been completed, which is when one of the following occurs: (1) The moment the whole of the ball crosses the goal line; (2) The ball deflects into the goal from the cross bar and/or goal post(s); (3) The ball touches the goalkeeper and enters the goal; (4) The ball clearly is saved by the goalkeeper; (5) The ball passes over the goal line outside the goal post(s); or (6) The movement of the ball has ceased.

A.R. 14.4.b. When shall a penalty kick that has been awarded at the close of a period without any time remaining be retaken? **RULING:** (1) When the ball is stopped by an outside agent; (2) If a defending player encroaches and a goal is not scored; or (3) If a goal is scored after encroachment by a teammate.