

Comparison of Soccer Restarts

	Kick-off	Throw-in	Goal Kick	Corner Kick	Direct Free Kick	Indirect Free Kick	Penalty Kick	Dropped Ball
Reason for restart	Start of period or after goal.	Ball passes completely over touch line.	Ball passes completely over goal line, last touched by attacking player, and goal not scored.	Ball passes completely over goal line, last touched by defending player, and goal not scored.	DFK foul that does not meet criteria for penalty kick.	IFK foul, misconduct without foul, offside, or second touch violation.	DFK foul committed by defending player in own penalty area.	Temporary stoppage that does not require another restart (IFAB) or for injury or unusual situation (NFHS).
Location	Center of field.	At point where ball left field.	Anywhere within goal area.	Nearest corner arc.	Where offense occurred / defenders anywhere in own goal area.	Where offense occurred / defenders anywhere in own goal area / attackers on goal area line.	Penalty mark.	Penalty area if dropped for goal-keeper; where ball was last touched if for another player.
Restrictions	All players except kicker in own half; opponents at least 10 yards from ball.	Opponents at least 2 yards from point on touch line where throw-in is taken. Opponents may not distract or interfere with thrower.	Opponents outside penalty area.	Opponents at least 10 yards from corner arc (IFAB) or at least 10 yards from ball (NFHS).	Defenders' kick: opponents outside penalty area and at least 10 yards from ball. Attackers' kick: opponents at least 10 yards from ball or on own goal line between posts.	Defenders' kick: opponents outside penalty area and at least 10 yards from ball. Attackers' kick: opponents at least 10 yards from ball or on own goal line between posts.	Players except kicker and opposing GK at least 10 yards from ball, outside penalty area and penalty arc, and behind penalty mark.	Referee drops ball for one player. All other players of both teams must remain at least 4.5 yards from ball (IFAB) or at least 4 yards from ball (NFHS).
When ball is in play	When ball is kicked and clearly moves.	When ball leaves hands and breaks plane of touch line .	When ball is kicked and clearly moves.	When ball is kicked and clearly moves.	When ball is kicked and clearly moves.	When ball is kicked and clearly moves.	When ball is kicked and clearly moves.	When ball touches ground.
2nd touch allowed?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Offside if ball is received directly?	No (treat as violation of Law 8)	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No (treat as violation of Law 14)	No
Score directly?	Yes, but only against opposing team.	No	Yes, but only against opposing team.	Yes, but only against opposing team.	Yes, but only against opposing team.	No	Yes	No