



FIFA has compiled the following list of questions for referees to consider when identifying a foul and if any further sanctions are required. Different questions relate to different offences. Can you identify them? Hint: an understanding of the twelve offences penalised by a direct free kick.

1. Does the player show a lack of attention or consideration when making a challenge?
2. Does the player have a chance of playing the ball in a fair manner?
3. What degree of speed and/or intensity is the player using when making the challenge?
4. Which part of the body has the player used to make contact?
5. Does the player have control of the ball?
6. Can the player gain control of the ball?
7. Does the player act with complete disregard of the danger to their opponent?
8. Is the challenge endangering the safety of the opponent?
9. Does the player lunge at an opponent from the front, from the side or from behind?
10. Does the player act without precaution when making the challenge?
11. Is the challenge putting an opponent in a dangerous situation?
12. Does the player far exceed the necessary use of force when making the challenge?
13. On which part of the opponent's body is contact made?
14. Does the player touch the ball after making contact with the opponent?
15. Does the player make fair or unfair contact with the opponent after touching the ball?
16. What is the distance between the offence and the goal?
17. What is the direction of play?
18. Where are the defenders located?
19. Is the foul committed inside or outside the penalty area?
20. Is the player challenging for the ball at the moment the contact is made?
21. Does the player use brutality against an opponent when challenging?
22. Does the player act with a complete disregard of the consequences for their opponent?

Identifying holding

1. Does the player hold an opponent to prevent them from gaining possession of the ball?
2. Does the player deny an obvious goalscoring opportunity by holding an opponent?
3. Does the player hold an opponent with their hands or with their body?
4. Does the player hold an opponent for the tactical purpose of pulling the player away from the ball?
5. Does the player hold an opponent to prevent them from taking up an advantageous position?

Identifying handball

1. Is the hand moving towards the ball or is the ball moving towards the hand?
2. Are the player's hands or arms in a "NATURAL" or an "UNNATURAL" position?
3. Does the player attempt to avoid the ball striking their hand?
4. Does the player use their hand or arm to deliberately touch or block the ball?
5. Does the player attempt to score a goal by deliberately handling the ball?

Referees should also consider the following

1. Does the referee create a good viewing angle in order to get the correct decision?
2. Is the referee aware of a possible conflict in allowing the game to continue?
3. Does the referee keep their focus and concentration throughout the incident?
4. Is the referee in a good position to make the correct decision?
5. Is the referee aware of what the Law allows in certain situations?