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The "Mark" Presentation 2017



The Mark

- **Kick-Out**
- **Clean Catch**
- **On or past the 45m line**
- **Awarded by the Referee**

The Mark – options when awarded

- **Take a free-kick**
- **Play on Immediately**

WHAT IS A CLEAN CATCH?

Definition of Catch:

To gain control of the ball with the hand(s) in a way which prevents it falling to the ground.

Mark Example



Clip 1



Clip 2



Clip 3



Clip 4





To Confirm

Clip 5



Clip 6



Clip 7



Clip 8



NOT A MARK



Clip 9



Clip 10



Clip 11



Clip 12



Clip 13



OPTIONS!

(i) Take a Free Kick

(ii) Play On immediately

FREE KICK

- (i) Signify**
- (ii) Taken from the hand**
- (iii) Five seconds**
- (iv) 13m**
- (v) Injury**

PLAY ON

(i) Challenge – 4 steps/play ball

(ii) Free kick



FREE KICK

Clip 14



Clip 15





PLAY ON

Clip 16



Clip 17



Clip 18



Clip 19



Clip 20



“FOULS”



Clip 21



Clip 22



Clip 23



INJURY



Clip 24





FAQS



FAQs

- How does the Referee award a “Mark”?

By blowing the whistle.

- To be awarded a Mark does the catch have to be from a player’s own kick-out?

No, no matter who catches the kick-out outside the 45m line a Mark shall be awarded.

- How does the player “signify to the Referee” that he is availing of the free kick?

He obviously stops playing.

- How long has the player awarded the Mark to take the free kick?

He shall not delay longer than 5 seconds.

FAQs

- If the player awarded the Mark delays for more than 5 seconds – what is the penalty?
- How far do players have to be from the free kick?
- What happens if a player from the opposing team blocks, attempts to block within 13m or interferes with a player who has chosen to take a free kick?

The Mark shall be cancelled and a throw in between a player from each side is awarded.

All players must be 13m from the free kick.

A Free kick 13m more advantageous shall be awarded.

FAQs

- What happens if a team mate plays the ball within 13m of the free kick awarded for the Mark?
- If the player awarded the Mark is injured in the process what is the award?
- What is the award if a player, who is taking the free kick following an injury to his team mate, scores directly?

A Free kick is awarded to the opposition.

Any team mate may take the free kick from the hands, but he may not score directly from the kick.

The free kick is cancelled and a throw-in ball awarded.

FAQs

- **When the player awarded the Mark decides to play on, when may he be tackled?**
He may be tackled after he takes four steps or once he plays the ball in any way.
- **What is the penalty if a player who has chosen to play on is illegally challenged ?**
A Free kick shall be awarded at the point at which the illegal challenge is made.

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