**Module 3**

**Drop Ball: Rule 9**

A Drop Ball is a method of restarting a game when the referee has stopped play because:

The ball has gone out of bounds due to a simultaneous touch or; the ball has become deflated or; play has been temporarily stopped due to an injury or inadvertent whistle or weather stoppage or other unusual incident or; simultaneous fouls of the same degree occur by opponents or; the ball touches an official and remains on the field and either a team starts a promising attack or the ball goes directly into goal or possession changes.

Where the ball has left the field due to a simultaneous touch, the ball is dropped five yards inside the boundary to a player of the team that had possession of the ball prior to the simultaneous touch.

If when play was stopped, the ball was in the penalty area or the last touch was inside the penalty area, then the ball is dropped to the defending team’s goalkeeper. Opposing team players must be outside of the penalty area and team mates of the goalkeeper receiving the ball must be at least four yards away.

For all other situations the Ball is dropped where it was when the incident occurred that led to the referee stopping play.

Opposing players must be at least four yards away at a Drop Ball.

The ball is in play when it hits the ground.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a Drop Ball.

**Module 3 Quiz**

1. A player receives a Drop Ball from the referee, dribbles the ball towards the opposing goal, shoots and scores. The restart is a goal kick.

**TRUE or FALSE**

1. A player miskicks the ball and it goes into the opposing penalty area and hits the Referee and deflects back to the kicker. A Drop Ball is required.

**TRUE or FALSE**

1. A goalkeeper in his penalty area throws the ball and it hits the Referee and rebounds to the goalkeeper who picks it up and punts it down the field. The Referee should stop play and award an indirect free kick to the opposing team where the goalkeeper touched the ball.

**TRUE or FALSE**

1. Receiving a Drop Ball from the Referee a player volleys the ball into the top left- hand corner of the opponent’s goal. The restart should be a kick off.

**TRUE or FALSE**