Sports Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. At full strength, how many players can a soccer team have on the field, goalkeeper included?

A. 11
B. 9
C. 10
D. 12

Correct answer: A. 11
An association football team can field up to 11 players, including its goalkeeper.

2. How many points does one successful NBA free throw score?

A. Three
B. Two
C. One
D. Four

Correct answer: C. One
Each made free throw adds one point. A player may be awarded more than one attempt for a foul.

3. In a regular half-inning, how many outs must the fielding team record before the sides switch?

A. Two
B. Three
C. Four
D. Six

Correct answer: B. Three
Each team normally gets a turn at bat in an inning. Three outs end its half-inning.

4. What is the usual score call when both players have 40 in a standard advantage-scoring game?

A. Love-all
B. Break point
C. Advantage
D. Deuce

Correct answer: D. Deuce
At deuce, a player must win two points in succession to take the game. The first of the two gives them advantage.

5. A golfer completes a par-four hole in three strokes. What is that score called?
   A. Eagle
   B. Birdie
   C. Bogey
   D. Albatross
   Correct answer: B. Birdie
   A birdie is one stroke under par. An eagle is two under, and a bogey is one over.

6. In indoor volleyball, a receiving team wins the right to serve. Which way do its players rotate?
   A. Clockwise
   B. Counterclockwise
   C. Front to back across the same spot
   D. Only the front row rotates
   Correct answer: A. Clockwise
   Each player advances one position clockwise when the receiving team earns the serve.

7. What is the standard time assessed for a single minor penalty in an NHL game?
   A. Five minutes
   B. One minute
   C. Four minutes
   D. Two minutes
   Correct answer: D. Two minutes
   A standard minor penalty is assessed at two minutes. Under specified conditions, a power-play goal can end it early.

8. How many points are awarded for a standard NFL safety during regular play?
   A. Three
   B. One
   C. Two
   D. Six
   Correct answer: C. Two
   A safety during regular play is worth two points. One way it occurs is when an offensive ball carrier is tackled in their own end zone.

9. What is the name for the full set of rings that players aim at in curling?

A. The house
B. The button
C. The hack
D. The hog line

Correct answer: A. The house
The rings form the house. The button is its center circle, while the hack is the foothold used during delivery.

10. How many points does a try add before the conversion attempt in rugby union?

A. Seven
B. Three
C. Four
D. Five

Correct answer: D. Five
A try is worth five points. A successful conversion can add two more.

11. How many innings per side are scheduled in the standard format of a Test cricket match?

A. Three
B. One
C. Two
D. Four

Correct answer: C. Two
Test cricket provides for two innings per side. A result can be reached before every scheduled innings is played.

12. Which fencing weapon has a valid target limited to the torso and part of the mask bib?

A. Épée
B. Foil
C. Sabre
D. All three weapons

Correct answer: B. Foil
Foil uses a restricted torso target that includes the conductive lower bib. Épée allows touches across the body, while sabre uses an upper-body target.

13. Under race conditions, what does a blue flag tell a driver who is about to be lapped?

A. An oil spill is ahead
B. Stop immediately in the pit lane
C. The race has finished
D. Allow the faster car to pass

Correct answer: D. Allow the faster car to pass
The blue flag alerts a driver that a faster car is coming through to lap them and should be allowed past.

14. Under World Athletics rules, how long is a baton takeover zone in the 4 × 100-meter relay?

A. 30 meters
B. 10 meters
C. 20 meters
D. 40 meters

Correct answer: A. 30 meters
The baton must change hands within a 30-meter zone. The baton itself determines whether the exchange is inside the zone.

15. Who won the men's marathon barefoot at the 1960 Rome Olympics?

A. Alain Mimoun
B. Emil Zátopek
C. Abebe Bikila
D. Mamo Wolde

Correct answer: C. Abebe Bikila
Ethiopia's Abebe Bikila ran barefoot to gold in Rome. He defended the title four years later in Tokyo, wearing shoes.