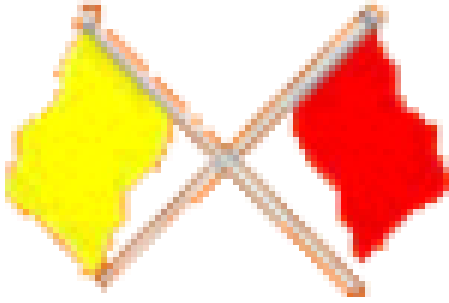


# Referee Pre-Game Instructions



**AR Duties:** Ball out of play - Restarts - Offside - Assist in game control and fouls (if not seen by Referee).

*Record as instructed – one Assistant Referee always watches while one records, and assist in keeping time.*

**ALWAYS KEEP EYE CONTACT!**

*ALWAYS Follow the ball to the goal line. Do not discuss judgment calls with anyone! Keep flag in left hand or to field side in Referees view.*

## **Ball out of play—ARs side of touchline and/or goal line**

As needed, give signal and point flag directly for Goal Kick, Corner Kick, or Throw In.

## **Ball out of play—Referees side of touchline and/or goal line**

Referee has first call in his quadrant for Goal Kick, Corner Kick, or Throw In.

AR signals Ball out / in: flag straight up, hold until whistle, Make Eye contact with Referee, assist Referee if needed by signaling proper restart and direction.

## **Restarts – Position on the touchline unless noted.**

**Kick-Off:** 1) Count Players; 2) even with second to last defender; 3) unfurl flag.

**Goal Kick:** 1) at 6 yards for ball placement; 2) even with second to last defender (attacker near penalty-area).

**Corner Kick:** at corner flag for 1) ball placement; 2) defender 10 yards, 3) two touches; 4) ball out of play; and 5) goal judge.

**Throw-In:** 1) assist location, 1 yard 2) watch foot faults.

**Free kick midfield:** 1) second to last defender, 2) watch ball placement.

**Free kick near penalty area:** second to last defender or if Referee signals go to goal line.

**Penalty Kick:** Assist in game control, on goal-line and 18 yard line, goal judge.

**Goal scored:** 1) If OK get eye contact, then sprint 15 yards towards Halfway line; 2) If OK and ball goes in and out, flag up wait for EYE contact and sprint 15 yards towards halfway line; 3) If scorer was offside – offside signal; 4) ALL other offenses no flag, freeze at attention.

**Substitution:** flag squared overhead (mirror), flag down when signaled by Referee

## **Offside**

Recognize offside position, call offside only if there was participation, involvement or an advantage was gained. It is O.K. to delay the flag for a moment to make sure of participation, advantage and active involvement.

SIGNAL- Flag straight up, at whistle point to field location. IF no whistle, then hold flag until Referee waves off or ball goes directly to goalie, or defender who is able to control the ball and/or counterattacks/clears.

## **Fouls**

Determine if Referee **needs** assistance (for severe fouls signal with the referee): Flag up after Eye contact and whistle give it a wiggle and point flag signal if IFK. Referee waves off - flag down, smile, stay calm.

### **Fouls near goal or penalty area**

Called by Referee and if he needs assistance :

Outside penalty area or IFK inside penalty area: Stay in line with spot of foul.

Inside penalty area: Flag down in front of legs and stay in line with spot of foul.

Called by Assistant Referee: (**Make** sure Referee could not see)

*Outside penalty area:* Stay in line with spot of foul, flag up and give it a wiggle.

*Inside penalty area:* signal and after whistle walk to and in front of corner flag, if Referee awards penalty kick, go to proper position, if no penalty kick is awarded, return to proper position.

### **Fouls behind Referee's back**

Talk to players (low key). If severe foul play, violent conduct, or misconduct, then raise flag and signal for Referee to come over (caution or send-off).

In emergency Assistant Referee may enter field to distract fighting until Referee arrives or to cover Referee's back.

Trailing Assistant Referee records #'s, colors, who did what to whom, and sequence of events.

## **In General**

Do not tolerate delay of game, dissent, encroachment, and interference with goalkeeper. Always back up your Referee—YOU ARE A TEAM. Always watch field after each score and at halftime or full time for violent conduct, misconduct, or dissent.

**Always KEEP EYE CONTACT!**

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1) BE THERE TO MAKE THE CALL; 2) BLOW THE WHISTLE/MAKE THE FLAG SIGNALS; AND 3) TAKE NO CRAP FROM ANYONE.