

## **Fouls & Misconduct: Careless, Reckless, Using Excessive Force and Violent Conduct**

- 1 Does the player show a lack of attention or consideration when making his challenge?
- 2 Does the player act without precaution when making the challenge?
- 3 Does the player make fair or unfair contact with the opponent after touching the ball?
- 4 Does the player act with complete disregard of the danger to his opponent?
- 5 Does the player act with a complete disregard of the consequences for his opponent?
- 6 Does the player have a chance of playing the ball in a fair manner?
- 7 Is the challenge putting an opponent in a dangerous situation?
- 8 Does the player touch the ball after making contact with the opponent?
- 9 Does the player far exceed the necessary use of force when making the challenge?
- 10 Does the player use brutality against an opponent when challenging?
- 11 Is the challenge clearly endangering the safety of the opponent?
- 12 What degree of speed and/or intensity is the player using when making the challenge?
- 13 Does the player show clear malice when making the challenge?
- 14 Does the player lunge at an opponent from the front, from the side or from behind?
- 15 Which part of the body has the player used to make contact?
- 16 Does the player use his studs when making a tackle?
- 17 On which part of the opponent's body is contact made?
- 18 In what direction are the tackler's feet pointing?
- 19 Is the player challenging for the ball at the moment the contact is made?
- 20 Does the player(s) charge the opponent in a fair manner?
- 221 Do you consider the foul an act of violent conduct or a serious foul play?
- 222 Has the challenge been committed in a fair manner or a careless manner?
- 248 Does the player use his arm as a 'tool' or a 'weapon'?
- 249 Does the player challenge for the ball in a fair manner?

## **Breaking up a promising attack**

- 21 What is the distance between the offence and the goal?
- 22 Does the player have control of the ball?
- 23 Can the player gain control of the ball?
- 24 What is the direction of play?
- 25 How many defenders are involved in the situation?
- 26 Where are the defenders located?
- 27 How many attackers are involved in the situation?
- 28 Where are the attackers located?
- 29 How many options to pass the ball did the player have when he was fouled?
- 30 Does the challenge break up a promising attack?

## **Denying a goal or a goalscoring opportunity**

- 31 What is the distance between the offence and the goal?
- 32 Does the player have control of the ball?
- 33 Can the player gain control of the ball?
- 34 What is the direction of play?
- 35 How many defenders are involved in the situation?
- 36 Where are the defenders located?
- 37 Is the offence a direct free kick or an indirect free kick?
- 38 If there is no offence, does the player have an obvious opportunity to score a goal?
- 39 Does the player deliberately handle the ball to deny the opposing TEAM a goal?

## **Handling the ball**

- 41 Is the hand moving towards the ball or is the ball moving towards the hand?
- 42 Are the player's hand's or arms in a "NATURAL POSITION" or an "UNNATURAL POSITION"?
- 43 Does the player attempt to avoid the ball striking his hand?
- 44 Does the ball strike his hand from a short or from a long distance?
- 45 Does the player use his hand or arm to deliberately touch or block the ball?
- 46 Does the player prevent an opponent gaining possession of the ball by handling it?
- 47 Does the player attempt to score a goal by deliberately handling the ball?
- 48 Does the player prevent a goal by deliberately handling the ball?
- 49 Does the player prevent an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball?
- 50 Does the player try to deceive the referee by handling the ball?
- 256 Is the ball moving in the direction of the goal?

### **Holding an Opponent**

51 Does the player hold an opponent to prevent him gaining possession of the ball?  
52 Does the player hold an opponent to prevent him taking up an advantageous position?  
53 Does the player deny an obvious goalscoring opportunity by holding an opponent?  
54 Does the player hold an opponent with his hands or with his body?  
55 Does the player hold an opponent for tactical purpose of pulling the player away from the ball?

### **Simulation**

61 Is there contact between the players involved?  
62 Does the attacker use the slight contact to deceive the referee?  
63 Has the attacker initiated the contact between his opponent and himself?  
64 Is there fair/normal contact between the players, resulting in no offence being committed?  
65 Has the attacker anticipated the contact between his opponent and himself?  
66 Who was the initiator of the contact?  
67 Has the player 'over' exaggerated the seriousness of the foul committed?  
68 Does the player simulate a foul to win a free kick?  
69 Does the player attempt to deceive the referee?  
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### **Confrontation**

71 Were the original or initial offenders punished appropriately?  
72 Were the actions of the players involved excessive with regard to physical contact?  
73 Did the player(s) become involved unnecessarily by running from some distance?  
74 Are the ARs effective in helping to prevent further confrontation between players?  
75 Does the referee get "too close" to the incident and become caught up in the confrontation?  
76 Does the referee remain calm when dealing with confrontation?  
77 Does the referee touch or push the players?  
78 Does the referee try to separate the first players at the beginning of the confrontation?  
79 Does the 4th Official act appropriately?  
80 Should any of the match officials make physical contact with players or members of the technical area?  
223 Was at least one player from each team involved in the confrontation identified and punished appropriately?

### **Management of restart**

81 Were the referees' management skills effective in controlling the restart of play?  
82 Does the referee indicate to the kicker to wait for a signal to restart play?  
83 Does the referee succeed in ensuring that the defensive wall retreats 9.15m and remains so?  
84 How far away are the defensive players when the free kick is taken?  
85 Does the referee take up the most advantageous position for the restart?  
86 Is the ball placement acceptable?  
87 Did the defender try to impede a quick restart?  
88 Did the player provoke a confrontation by deliberately touching the ball after the referee had stopped play?  
89 Did the player appear to take a restart but suddenly leave it to one of his team-mates to take it?  
90 Does the referee indicate or acknowledge the restart of the match after it has been stopped?  
224 Were disciplinary sanctions correctly applied?  
255 Should the referee allow a 'quick' free kick in this situation?

### **Advantage**

91 Is there a team benefit if the referee applies the advantage?  
92 Did the fouled player still have possession of the ball after the foul was committed?  
93 Is there more of a benefit in applying advantage or awarding a free kick?  
94 Does the foul committed deserve a yellow card?  
95 Does the foul committed deserve a red card?  
96 Is the foul committed near the penalty area?  
97 Does the fouled player have space to progress?  
98 Are there team-mates in a good position to pass the ball to?  
99 After advantage has been applied, should the referee return to administer a disciplinary sanction?  
100 Where on the field of play did the offence occur?  
225 Should the tempo/temperature of the match be considered?  
226 If the player who committed the first offence had previously been cautioned, would it have been advisable to allow play to continue?

250 Is there a chance of an immediate attack?  
254 Could the referee adopt "wait and see" approach by delaying the whistle?

### **Dissent**

101 Does a player show dissent by protesting verbally (by word)?  
102 Does a player show dissent by protesting non-verbally (by action)?  
103 Does a player act in a manner that shows a lack of respect for the game?  
104 Could dissent have been avoided if the referee or AR had intervened quicker?  
105 Does the referee support his colleague following a reaction by a player to a decision made by an AR?  
106 Is the correct disciplinary sanction (yellow or red card) applied?  
107 Does the referee correctly differentiate between frustration and dissent?  
108 Does the captain of the team show dissent by protesting?  
109 Does a player attempt to get an opposing player cautioned by waving an 'imaginary card'?

### **Body language**

111 Does the referee show signs of uncertainty?  
112 Does the referee's body language show confidence or alertness?  
113 Is the referee slow to react following an incident?  
114 Have the referee's actions inflamed the situation?  
115 Has the referee remained calm and in control?  
116 Has the referee been influenced into taking disciplinary action?  
117 Does the referee use the whistle appropriately?  
118 Does the referee use the cards appropriately?  
119 Does the referee make the signals according to the guidelines for referees?  
120 Does the referee make his message clear to the player(s) involved?  
227 Does the referee raise his profile appropriately in more demanding situations?  
228 Should a referee remain 'neutral' and not make movements as though he is going to issue a disciplinary sanction?

### **Concentration / Awareness**

121 Is the referee aware of a possible conflict in allowing the game to continue?  
122 Is there immediate communication between the match officials to avoid unnecessary protests or appeals?  
123 Does the referee keep his focus and concentration throughout the incident?  
124 Is the referee in a good position to make the correct decision?  
125 Is the communication process appropriate in deciding who the offending player is?  
126 Why is the disciplinary sanction shown to the wrong player?  
127 Is the referee aware of what the law allows in certain situations?  
128 Is the player guilty of persistently infringing the Laws of the Game?  
129 Is the referee aware of the tactical play of a team that breaks up play or targets individual opponents?  
130 Does the referee protect a player(s) from potential serious injury?

### **Teamwork**

131 Is the AR closer to the action than the referee?  
132 Does the AR have a better view of the incident than the referee?  
133 Does the referee have a better view of the incident than the AR?  
134 Is the signal from the AR to the referee clear?  
135 Did the referee make a decision before the signal by the AR?  
136 Does the incident happen out of the view of the referee?  
137 Does the AR inform the referee about any misconduct?  
138 Should one of the match officials have seen the incident?  
139 Should the fourth official intervene if none of the other officials saw the incident?  
140 Has teamwork broken down because of a lack of concentration ?  
229 Is the AR or AAR closer to the action than the referee?  
230 Does the AR or AAR have a better view of the incident than the referee?  
231 Does the AR or AAR inform the referee about any misconduct?  
232 Should the AAR intervene if none of the other officials had seen the incident?  
233 Should the referee be aware of 'upper body' or contact with the **hands/arms** when the Assistant is focused on the ball being in or out of play?  
234 Does the Referee or Assistant Referee or AAR have a clear view of the incident?  
235 Is the decision given by the Referee or Assistant Referee credible given the distance they are from the incident?

### **Offside**

141 Is the assistant referee in a good position to judge offside?  
142 Is the player in an offside position? If so, which part of the body?  
143 Is the player in an offside position interfering with play by touching the ball?  
144 Is the player in an offside position interfering with the goalkeeper? If so, how?  
145 Is the player in an offside position interfering with an opponent? If so, how?  
146 Does the player in an offside position gain an advantage?  
147 Will the ball go to a player who was previously in an offside position after a rebound from an opponent?  
148 Does the assistant referee adopt the "wait and see" technique?  
149 Is there any other team-mate in an onside position who has a chance to play the ball?  
150 Does the player in an offside position challenge his opponent for the ball?  
236 Does the Assistant referee give the benefit to the attacking player when the defender and attacker are in line?  
237 Could the field markings help the AR to make a correct decision?

### **Miscellaneous**

151 Is the foul committed inside or outside the penalty area?  
152 Is the foul committed inside or outside the field of play?  
153 Was the ball in play when the offence was committed?  
154 Does the player enter or re-enter the field of play without permission?  
155 Does the ball enter the goal?  
156 Was the ball deliberately kicked to the goalkeeper by a team-mate?  
157 Does the goalkeeper deliberately handle the ball?  
158 Did the referee need to stop play in this situation?  
159 Does the player prevent the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands?  
160 Did the player(s) deliberately delay the re-start unnecessarily?  
238 Is this violent conduct or merely unsporting behaviour?

### **Management of Penalty kicks**

161 Was the goalkeeper of the kicker in the correct position during kicks from the penalty mark?  
162 Did any of the attacking players fail to remain 9.15m before the kick was taken?  
163 Did any of the defending players fail to remain 9.15m before the kick was taken?  
164 Should the referee have had the penalty kick re-taken?  
165 Did the goalkeeper gain an unfair advantage by moving before the kick was taken?  
166 Did the kicker play the ball a second time before it was played by another player?  
167 Did the goalkeeper deliberately attempt to delay the taking of the kick by acting in an unsporting manner?  
168 Did the referee ensure the re-taken penalty kick was carried out in accordance with Law?  
169 Was the penalty kick taken correctly and in accordance with Law?

### **Injuries**

171 Should the referee have stopped the game earlier?  
172 Was the law correctly applied to the injured players before play was re-started?  
173 Should the stretcher have been signalled for earlier?  
174 Did the treatment of the injured player(s) take too long?  
175 Did the player exaggerate the injury to try and get an opponent cautioned or to deceive the referee?  
176 Did the fourth official check the player before allowing him to continue?  
177 Did the referee play the correct 'additional time' ?  
178 Was the injury assessed before calling for the stretcher?  
179 Did the player avoid possible contact to prevent injury to himself?

### **Assistant Referees**

181 Does the AR raise the flag in the correct hand?  
182 Does the AR's flag technique confuse the referee?  
183 Does the AR change hands before the flag is raised?  
184 Is the AR's signal correct given the infringement that has been committed?  
185 What else could the AR have done to get the attention of the referee?  
186 Does the AR's intervention change the original decision of the referee?  
187 Does the AR make eye contact with the referee before signalling?  
188 Does the additional AR make the correct judgement?  
189 Is the AR or AAR positioned adequately to decide whether the ball has crossed over the goal line?  
190 Is the AAR correctly positioned during the incident?

## **Players Equipment**

191 Is it permissible to wear undershorts of a different colour to the main shorts?  
192 Are players allowed to play without shin guards?  
193 Should a goalkeeper wear colours that distinguish him from the other players and match officials?  
194 Did the player wait until there is a stoppage in play before returning to the field of play?  
195 Is a player allowed to continue playing with blood on his shirt?  
196 Do the colours of the basic compulsory equipment distinguish the player from his opponents?  
197 Do the colours of the basic equipment distinguish the player from his opponents?  
198 Do the stockings entirely cover the shin guards?  
199 Do the shin guards provide a reasonable degree of protection?  
200 Is a player permitted to wear jewellery?  
300 Is a player allowed to wear tape to cover jewellery?

## **Positioning & Movement**

201 Is the referee too close to the incident?  
202 Is the referee too far away to make a credible decision?  
203 Is the referee's view obscured by a player(s)?  
204 Does the referee create a good viewing angle in order to get the correct decision?  
205 Is the Assistant Referee better placed than the referee?  
206 Are both the referee and the assistant referee in good viewing positions?  
207 Does the referee's position give him a good viewing angle?  
208 Does the assistant referee's position give him a good viewing angle?  
209 Does the referee anticipate play and show good acceleration and speed?  
210 Does the referee ensure he keeps play between himself and his assistant?  
239 Is the referee's position close enough for controlling the further development of the situation?  
240 Is the lead AR within the referee's field of vision?  
241 Does the referee have a good angle of vision?  
247 Was the referee in a good position to make the correct decision?  
251 Does the referee's position interfere with play?  
252 Does the referee anticipate play and adjust his position?

## **Celebration of a goal**

211 Did the celebration result in excessive time wasting?  
212 Did the player make a gesture which was provocative?  
213 Did the goal scorer climb onto the perimeter fencing to celebrate?  
214 Did the player remove his shirt whilst celebrating?  
215 Did the player cover his head with his shirt when celebrating?  
216 Did the player use a mask to cover his head or face?  
217 Did the player leave the field of play to celebrate?  
218 Did the referee act in a preventative manner and exercise common sense?  
219 Did the player jump into or go amongst the spectators to celebrate?  
220 Did the goalscorer display a message on a under shirt or any other part of his equipment?  
242 Were the goalscorer's actions excessive and creating safety concerns for the spectators?

## **Delaying re-start of play**

243 Does the player delay the goalkeeper from distributing the ball into play?  
244 Does the player provoke the referee into deliberately receiving a caution?  
245 Should the referee consider if the player heard the whistle and clearly tried to delay the restart of play?  
246 Did the player delay the restart of play by deliberately kicking the ball away?  
253 Does the goalkeeper delay the re-start of play, if so how?