



Law 5

Alabama
Interpretations of the
Laws of the Game as
provided in the IFAB
for 2016-2017;
subject to change!



U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program
Grade 8 Referee Course
Competitive Youth Training



Authority

- Referee has full authority
- Referee's decision is final
- Can correct mistake unless play restarted or they have left field





Powers and Duties

- Enforces the Laws of the Game (LOTG)
- Controls match cooperating with other officials
- Keeps unauthorized persons off the field
- Acts as timekeeper
- Keeps a record of the match
- Provides match report to proper authorities
- Manages the restart of play
- Allows play to continue when offended team benefits (applies Advantage)



Advantage

- Considerations
 - Severity of offense
 - Location of offense
 - Chances of an immediate, promising attack
 - Atmosphere of match
- Caution after advantage applied
 - Next stoppage



Powers and Duties

- Punishes more serious offense
- Takes disciplinary action
 - Upon entering field for pre-game
 - Until leaving field after match
- Issue yellow or red card
 - Upon entering field for match
 - Until after match has ended
- Expel team officials for irresponsible behavior



Simultaneous Offenses

- Multiple offenses occurring simultaneously
- By multiple players from same team
 - Referee must punish most serious offense
 - Play must be restarted according to the most serious offence committed
 - By players from both teams
 - Dropped ball



Team Officials

- Team officials must act responsibly
- Three step process for dealing with irresponsible team officials
 - Ask
 - Tell
 - Dismiss



Powers and Duties

- Acts on advice from other match officials
- Allows play to continue for slight injury
- Stop play to remove seriously injured player
 - Any card must be issued before removal
 - Play stopped just for injury, restart drop ball
 - Exceptions (next slide)
- Ensures bleeding player leaves field
- Stops, suspends or abandons match for infringements or outside interference



Exceptions

Players may not be treated, must leave the field and can not return until play is restarted, unless:

- Goalkeeper is injured
- Goalkeeper and outfielder collide and injured
- Two players from same team collide and injured
- Severe injury occurs
- Player injured as result of caution or send off offense and treatment can be quickly completed



Outside Interference

Examples include no light, spectator's whistle, thrown object, other animals, etc.

- Interference

- Play is stopped unless ball is entering goal and defender not obstructed
- Goal allowed even if contact made
- Dropped ball if no goal

- No interference

- Play continues

Any objects or other animals should be removed



Weather Considerations



- Weather is a safety issue
- Suspend or abandon
- Local rules/technology
- Some facilities have installed system



Positioning

- Use the diagonal system of control
- Keep play between position and assistant referees
- Keep the assistant referee in view
- Stay toward the outside of play
- Be close enough without interfering



Positioning

- Be mindful of surroundings
- What needs to be seen
 - Not always near the play
- Pay attention
 - Aggressive player confrontations off the ball
 - Possible offenses in area towards which play is heading
 - Offenses occurring after ball is played away



Signals

- Referee signals video



- Signal change: Advantage



Advantage (1)



Advantage (2)



Whistle

- Kick-off
- Penalty kick
- Foul
- Misconduct
- Serious injury
- Suspension or termination of game
- End of period play



Whistle

- Whistle after delaying restart
 - Enforce minimum required distance
 - Substitutions
 - Injury evaluation
 - Cards for misconduct
 - Need to talk with player or coach
- Never used with dropped ball



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Body Language



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Pre-game Conference

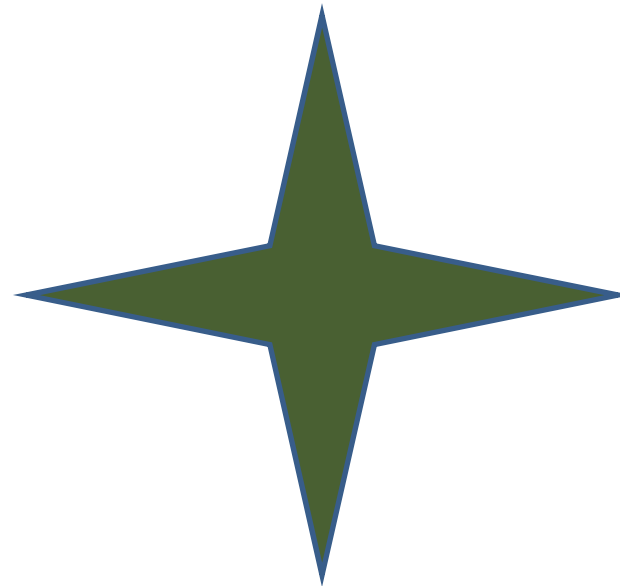


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Video

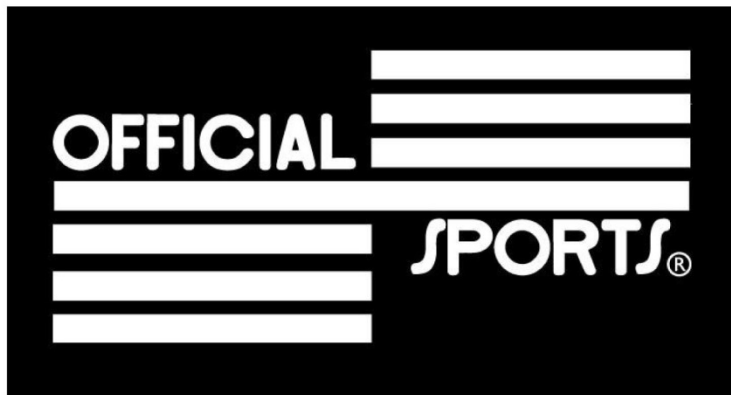
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Pro
Jersey



USSF
Coolwick
Short

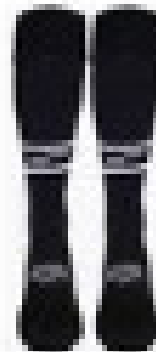


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Equipment

- **Compulsory**
 - Whistle(s)
 - Watch(es)
 - Yellow and red cards
 - Notebook (means to record - pen or pencil)
- Coin, Assistant referee flags, Bag
- Communication (buzzer flags, headsets, etc)
- Fitness monitoring (fitbit, etc.)



Review Question

- Should the referee stop the match right away, if in his or her opinion, a player is seriously injured?
- Yes
- No



Review Question

- When the referee applies _____, he or she allows play to continue when the team who was fouled with benefit.
- Offside
- Advantage
- Caution
- Misconduct



Review Question

- What approach should referees use when dealing with unacceptable behavior from team officials?
- Warn, Tell, Eject
- Caution, Tell, Expel
- Ask, Tell, Remove
- Ask, Tell, Dismiss



Review Question

- Which restart requires the referee to use his or her whistle before resuming play?
- Corner kick
- Dropped ball
- Kick-off
- Goal kick