Law 5

Alabama Interpretations of the Laws of the Game as provided in the IFAB for 2016-2017; subject to change!
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
  o By multiple players from same team
    o Referee must punish most serious offense
    o Play must be restarted according to the most serious offence committed
  o By players from both teams
    o 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
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
Body Language
Video

- Pre-game conference video
Uniform

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U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION REFEREE PROGRAM
Uniform

- USSF Men's Short Sleeve Pro Jersey
- USSF Coolwix Short
- USSF Longer Inseam Short
- USSF Two Stripe Ref Sock
Uniform
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
Which restart requires the referee to use his or her whistle before resuming play?

- Corner kick
- Dropped ball
- Kick-off
- Goal kick