

CONSIDERATIONS FOR ANALYSIS OF MATCH SITUATIONS

Fouls: Careless, Reckless, Excessive Force/Violent conduct

- Does the player show a lack of attention or consideration when making his challenge?
 - Does the player act without precaution when making the challenge?
 - Does the player make fair or unfair contact with the opponent after touching the ball?
 - Does the player act with complete disregard of the danger to his opponent?
 - Does the player act with a complete disregard of the consequences for his opponent?
 - Does the player have a chance of playing the ball in a fair manner?
 - Is the challenge putting an opponent in a dangerous situation?
 - Does the player touch the ball after making contact with the opponent?
 - Does the player far exceed the necessary use of force when making the challenge?
 - Does the player use brutality against an opponent when challenging?
 - Is the challenge clearly endangering the safety of the opponent?
 - What degree of speed and/or intensity is the player using when making the challenge?
 - Does the player show clear malice when making the challenge?
 - Does the player lunge at an opponent from the front, from the side or from behind?
 - Which part of the body has the player used to make contact?
 - Does the player use his studs when making a tackle?
 - On which part of the opponent's body is contact made?
 - In what direction are the tackler's feet pointing?
 - Is the player challenging for the ball at the moment the contact is made?
-

Breaking up a promising attack

- What is the distance between the offense and the goal?
 - Does the player have control of the ball?
 - Can the player gain control of the ball?
 - What is the direction of play?
 - How many defenders are involved in the situation?
 - Where are the defenders located?
 - How many attackers are involved in the situation?
 - Where are the attackers located?
 - How many options to pass the ball did the player have when he was fouled?
-

Denying a goal or a goal scoring opportunity

- What is the distance between the offense and the goal?
- Does the player have control of the ball?
- Can the player gain control of the ball?
- What is the direction of play?
- How many defenders are involved in the situation?
- Where are the defenders located?
- Is the offense a direct free kick or an indirect free kick?
- If there is no offense, does the player have an obvious opportunity to score a goal?

Handling

- Is the hand moving towards the ball or is the ball moving towards the hand?
 - Are the player's hands or arms in a "natural position" or an "unnatural position"?
 - Does the player attempt to avoid the ball striking his hand?
 - Does the ball strike his hand from a short or from a long distance?
 - Does the player use his hand or arm to deliberately touch or block the ball?
 - Does the player prevent an opponent from gaining possession of the ball by handling it?
 - Does the player attempt to score a goal by deliberately handling the ball?
 - Does the player prevent a goal by deliberately handling the ball?
 - Does the player prevent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball?
 - Does the player try to deceive the referee by handling the ball?
-

Holding

- Does the player hold an opponent to prevent him from gaining possession of the ball?
 - Does the player hold an opponent to prevent him from taking up an advantageous position?
 - Does the player deny an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by holding an opponent?
 - Does the player hold an opponent with his hands or with his body?
-

Simulation

- Is there contact between the players involved?
 - Does the attacker use the slight contact to deceive the referee?
 - Has the attacker initiated the contact between his opponent and himself?
 - Is there fair/normal contact between the players, resulting in no offense being committed?
 - Has the attacker anticipated the contact between his opponent and himself?
 - Who was the initiator of the contact?
-

Confrontation

- Were the original or initial offenders punished appropriately?
- Were the actions of the players involved excessive with regard to physical contact?
- Did the player(s) become involved unnecessarily by running from some distance?
- Are the ARs effective in helping to prevent further confrontation between players?
- Does the referee get "too close" to the incident and become caught up in the confrontation?
- Does the referee remain calm when dealing with confrontation?
- Does the referee touch or push the players?
- Does the referee try to separate the first players at the beginning of the confrontation?

Management of restart

- Were the referees' management skills effective in controlling the restart of play?
 - Does the referee indicate to the kicker to wait for a signal to restart play?
 - Does the referee succeed in ensuring that the defensive wall retreats 9.15m and remains so?
 - How far away are the defensive players when the free kick is taken?
 - Does the referee take up the most advantageous position for the restart?
 - Is the ball placement acceptable?
 - Did the player try to impede a quick free kick?
 - Did the player provoke a confrontation by deliberately touching the ball after the referee had stopped play?
 - Did the player appear to take a restart but suddenly leave it to one of his team-mates to take it?
 - Does the referee indicate or acknowledge the restart of the match after it has been stopped?
-

Advantage

- Is there a team benefit if the referee applies the advantage?
 - Did the fouled player still have possession of the ball after the foul was committed?
 - Is there more of a benefit in applying advantage or awarding a free kick?
 - Does the foul committed deserve a yellow card?
 - Does the foul committed deserve a red card?
 - Is the foul committed near the penalty area?
 - Does the fouled player have space to progress?
 - Are there team-mates in a good position to pass the ball to?
 - After advantage has been applied, should the referee return to administer a disciplinary sanction?
-

Dissent

- Does a player show dissent by protesting verbally (by word)?
- Does a player show dissent by protesting non-verbally (by action)?
- Does a player act in a manner that shows a lack of respect for the game?
- Could dissent have been avoided if the referee or AR had intervened quicker?
- Does the referee support his colleague following a reaction by a player to a decision made by an AR?
- Is the correct disciplinary sanction (yellow or red card) applied?
- Does the referee correctly differentiate between frustration and dissent?
- Does the captain of the team show dissent by protesting?

Body language

- Does the referee show signs of uncertainty?
 - Does the referee's body language show confidence or alertness?
 - Is the referee slow to react following an incident?
 - Have the referee's actions inflamed the situation?
 - Has the referee remained calm and in control?
 - Has the referee been influenced into taking disciplinary action?
 - Does the referee use the whistle appropriately?
 - Does the referee use the cards appropriately?
 - Does the referee make the signals according to the guidelines for referees?
 - Does the referee make his message clear to the player(s) involved?
-

Concentration/ Awareness

- Is the referee aware of a possible conflict in allowing the game to continue?
 - Is there immediate communication between the match officials to avoid unnecessary protests or appeals?
 - Does the referee keep his focus and concentration throughout the incident?
 - Is the referee in a good position to make the correct decision?
 - Is the communication process appropriate in deciding who the offending player is?
 - Why is the disciplinary sanction shown to the wrong player?
 - Is the referee aware of what the law allows in certain situations?
-

Teamwork

- Is the AR closer to the action than the referee?
- Does the AR have a better view of the incident than the referee?
- Does the referee have a better view of the incident than the AR?
- Is the signal from the AR to the referee clear?
- Did the referee make a decision before the signal by the AR?
- Does the incident happen out of the view of the referee?
- Does the AR inform the referee about any misconduct?
- Should one of the match officials have seen the incident?
- Should the fourth official intervene if none of the other officials saw the incident?
- Has teamwork broken down because of a lack of concentration?

Offside

- Is the assistant referee in a good position to judge offside?
 - Is the player in an offside position? If so, which part of the body?
 - Is the player in an offside position interfering with play by touching the ball?
 - Is the player in an offside position interfering with the goalkeeper? If so, how?
 - Is the player in an offside position interfering with an opponent? If so, how?
 - Does the player in an offside position gain an advantage?
 - Will the ball go to a player who was previously in an offside position after a rebound from an opponent?
 - Does the assistant referee adopt the "wait and see" technique?
 - Is there any other team-mate in an onside position who has a chance to play the ball?
-

Miscellaneous

- Is the foul committed inside or outside the penalty area?
 - Is the foul committed inside or outside the field of play?
 - Was the ball in play when the offense was committed?
 - Does the player enter or re-enter the field of play without permission?
 - Does the ball enter the goal?
 - Was the ball deliberately kicked to the goalkeeper by a team-mate?
 - Does the goalkeeper deliberately handle the ball?
 - Does the player show a lack of attention or consideration when making his challenge?
 - Does the player make fair or unfair contact with the opponent after touching the ball?
-

Management of Penalty kicks

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

Injuries

- Should the referee have stopped the game earlier?
- Was the law correctly applied to the injured players before play was re-started?
- Should the stretcher have been signaled for earlier?
- Did the treatment of the injured player(s) take too long?
- Did the player exaggerate the injury to try and get an opponent cautioned or to deceive?

Assistant Referees

- Does the AR raise the flag in the correct hand?
 - Does the AR's flag technique confuse the referee?
 - Does the AR change hands before the flag is raised?
 - Is the AR's signal correct given the infringement that has been committed?
 - What else could the AR have done to get the attention of the referee?
-

Players' Equipment

- Is it permissible to wear undershorts of a different color to the main shorts?
 - Are players allowed to play without shin guards?
 - Should a goal keeper wear colors that distinguish him from the other players and match officials?
 - Did the player wait until there is a stoppage in play before returning to the field of play?
 - Is a player allowed to continue playing with blood on his shirt?
-

Positioning

- Is the referee too close to the incident?
- Is the referee too far away to make a credible decision?
- Is the referees view obscured by a player(s)?
- Does the referee create a good viewing angle in order to get the correct decision?
- Is the Assistant Referee better placed than the referee?
- Are both the referee and the assistant referee in good viewing positions?