

“To have Australian referees regarded as world class officials”

Effective Player Management Strategies

2016 Update

Law 5



“The Referee:

- controls the match in cooperation with the assistant referees and, where applicable, with the fourth official”*

For the purposes of this presentation,
‘controls the match’ involves
positively influencing player behaviour.

Begin with a Positive Approach



- Arrival at the ground
- Meeting Club Officials
- Meeting Team-mates



Use Your Personality



Be Yourself

- Work to your strengths
- Be aware of what doesn't work for you
- Be human - yet in control
- Smile - if it gets the right response

Exude Confidence



Be Confident - but modest

- Be seen to be in total control
- Keep your head when all around you are losing theirs
- Be on top of your job.....



Read the Game



- Be alert to all that is happening around you
- Observe the positional play of the teams
- Choose where to be in set play situations
- Penalise and remember (for later reference and sanctions)
- Use your experience to guide your decisions
- Have faith in your team-mates

Prevent Problems

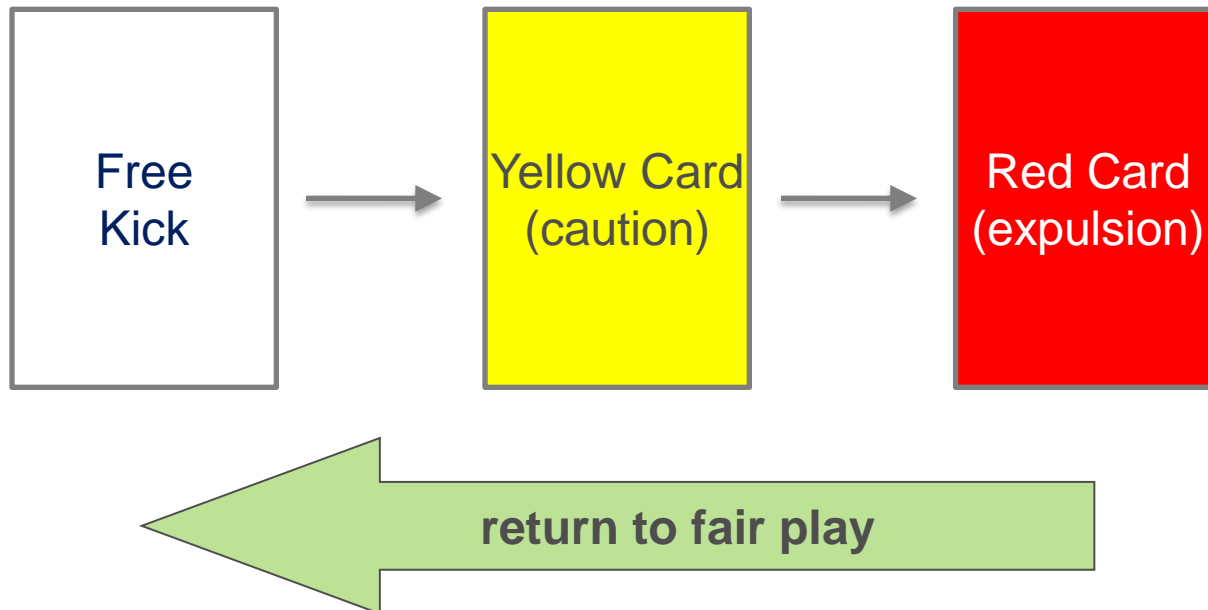


Be Pro-active - not Re-active

- Presence impresses players
- Be there or thereabouts
- Alert to hot-spots
- Modify positioning
- Good viewing angles

Beginning Referees

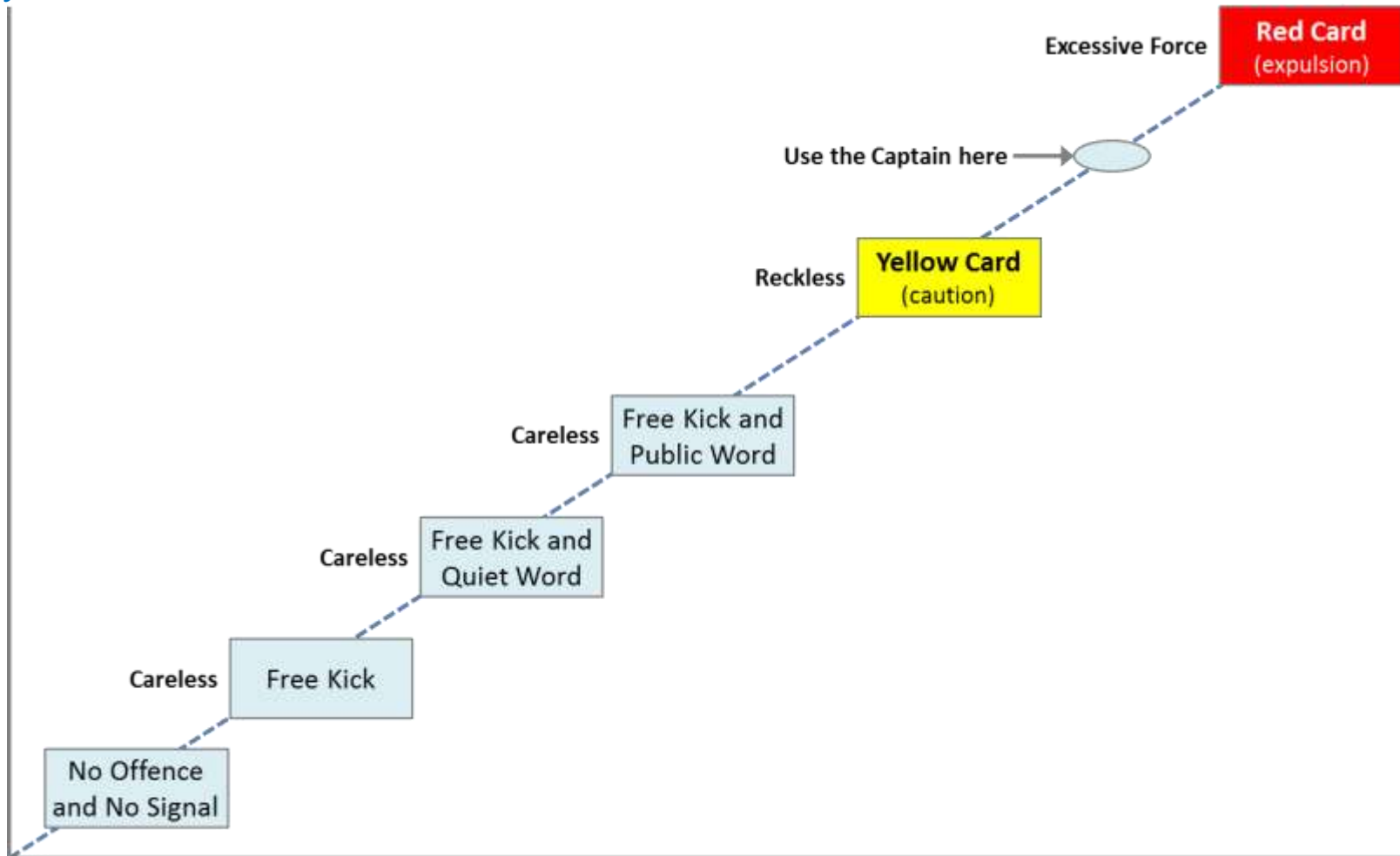
Beginning referees are more likely to use this set of strategies. Obviously, they have less tools and are often less confident in talking to players



Effective Player Management Steps



Remember that Effective Management Steps are a strategy to positively influence players and that they can often reduce the number of cards given in games. Briefly, they are as follows:



Handling Pressure



Where does Pressure come from?

- Players
 - Club Officials
 - Ourselves
 - Players' Parents
 - Spectators
1. Pressure can be dealt with by remaining calm and in control.
 2. Don't add to intense feelings by becoming emotional yourself.
 3. Your job is to be objective and above emotional reactions.

Concentration



Be alert and responsive

- Remember each match is 90-120 minutes work
- All information is valuable
- Be aware of losing concentration:
 - During slow periods of play
 - Immediately after the interval
 - During long stoppages in play
 - One-sided games

Demonstrate Good Teamwork



Be the best team on the field today

- Go on and come off together
- Be aware of each other
- Keep in touch
- Use good non-verbal communication
 - Eye Contact
 - Facial Expressions
 - Gestures
- Take responsibilities seriously



Some Tips to Help 'Positively Influence Players'



1. Respect a player's personal space
2. Get closer to hot-spots
3. Dissent by the players is the first sign of lack of respect for the officials.
4. Being a coach or other team official does not bestow them special privileges to abuse referees - *Ask, Tell, Remove*
5. 'Beware the substitute'

Remember that positively influencing players begins with you ...



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