

Fouls: careless, reckless, using excessive force/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?
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Handball

- 41 Is the hand moving towards the ball or is the ball moving towards the hand?
- 42 Are the players 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

- 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?
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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 defender 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 offender's 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 a least one player from each team involved in the confrontation identified and punished appropriately?

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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'?
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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 who break up play or target 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 hand/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?

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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?
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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?
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Assistant Referees

- 181 Does the A/R raise the flag in the correct hand?
- 182 Does the A/R's flag technique confuse the referee?
- 183 Does the A/R change hands before the flag is raised?
- 184 Is the A/R's signal correct given the infringement that has been committed?
- 185 What else could the A/R 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 referees 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 referees' position give him a good viewing angle?
- 208 Does the assistant referees' 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 positioning to make the correct decision?
- 251 Does the referees 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?