

ISSUING SANCTIONS

Annual Pre-Season Seminar 2014



Aims

- ▶ To assist referees in deciding whether sanctions are necessary
- ▶ To clarify the process for issuing sanctions
- ▶ To help referees defuse potentially difficult situations arising from fouls and misconduct



Knowledge

- ▶ Law 12 – please reread before the new season starts
- ▶ In addition, read the section after the Laws on pages 63–69
- ▶ Yellow or Red Card offences

SANCTIONS



CAUTIONS

1. Unsporting behaviour
2. Dissent by word or action
3. Persistent infringements
4. Delaying the restart of play
5. Failure to respect the required distance
6. Entering or re-entering the field of play
7. Deliberately leaving the field of play

SEND OFFS

1. Serious foul play
2. Violent conduct
3. Spitting
4. Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by handball
5. Denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity to an opponent by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
6. Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
7. Second caution

Severity of Fouls



- ▶ Careless = free kick only
- ▶ Reckless = caution
- ▶ Using excessive force = send off



Why give a sanction? Why not a warning?

- ‘Send off’ offences are not up for negotiation
 - use the letter of the law
 - brutality, excessive force, abuse, spitting, etc
- There can be no ‘soft option’



Why give a sanction? Why not a warning?

- Similarly **reckless challenges** and the **breaking up of promising attacks** – no consideration given
- For the other five elements some judgement is required by the referee
 - Persistency
 - Delaying the restart
 - Dissent
 - Entering and leaving the field issues

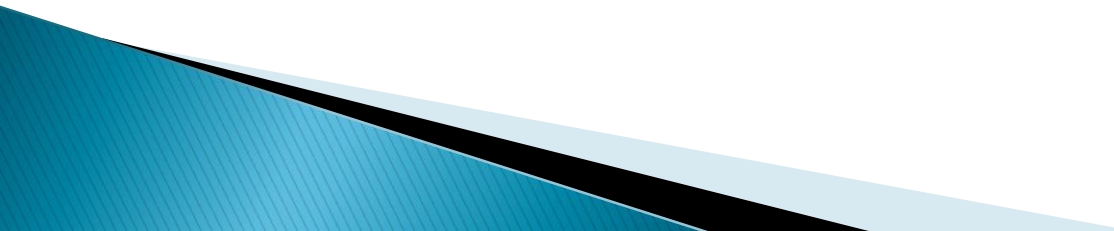
Suggested Process



- ▶ You have decided on a sanction and stopped play (or you are returning to sanction after an advantage).
- ▶ Direct player to a neutral spot (away from other players).
- ▶ **Note:** Do not make demands or point
- ▶ Issue the sanction, directly above your head with a straight arm.
- ▶ For cautions, at the same time use the full palm of the hand to indicate that no similar behaviour will be tolerated.



Sanctions – DOs

- ▶ Get in quickly if conflict looks likely
 - ▶ Isolate the player from others
 - ▶ Be upright
 - ▶ Be firm but not emotional
 - ▶ Plan your speech
 - ▶ Speak slowly and use few words
 - ▶ Be about an arm to two arms length away from the player – no closer, no further
 - ▶ Require players receive sanctions, facing you, not walking away, bending over or lying down.
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Sanctions – DON'Ts

- ▶ Don't blow the whistle more than twice
- ▶ Don't demand players come to you
- ▶ Don't chase after players
- ▶ Don't hunch over – be your full height
- ▶ Don't be angry or emotional
- ▶ Don't rush what you have to say
- ▶ Don't invade the player's personal space
- ▶ Don't intimidate
- ▶ Don't smile or laugh – it isn't funny!

- ▶ DON'T PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER.

QUESTIONS?

