

GUIDELINES FOR THE 2-REF SYSTEM

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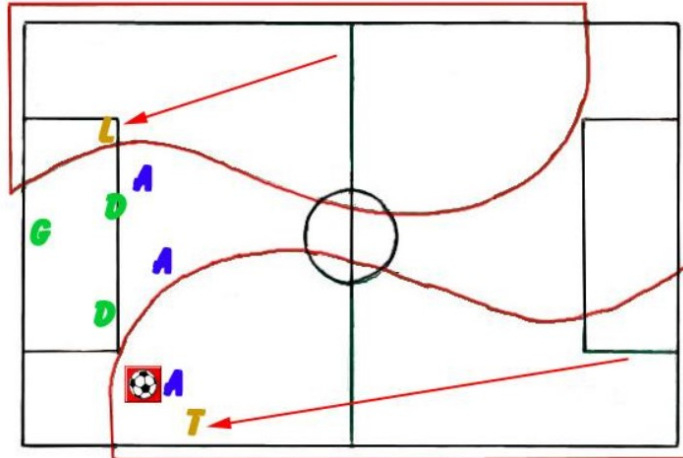
1. Pre-game

- 1.1. Between refs:** the two referees should discuss the following before each game:
- i) Positions – identify touchline responsibilities;
 - ii) Positions – identify end line responsibilities;
 - iii) General approach to the game (critical field locations, issues concern, etc.); and
 - iv) Head referee – nominate the head referee.
- 1.2. With Captains:** in addition to the existing topics, the referees should discuss the following items with captains before the match:
- i) Where the referees will generally be positioned;
 - ii) Issues of concern (play, field locations, etc.); and
 - iii) Identify the head referee.

2. In-game

- 2.1. Timing, Start & End of Halfs, Logs :** head referee (although both refs should keep log).
- Temporary expulsions (Blue Card / Red Card): the referee closest to the player's bench communicates when the period of expulsion is over.
- 2.2. Guidelines:**
- 2.2.1. When to make a call: when a ref sees something, make the call.
- Middle of the field is difficult but be confident and make the call if you see it.
- 2.2.2. Lead referee: the Lead ref is generally responsible for:
- i) Offsides;
 - ii) Goal decisions;
 - iii) Fouls in the 16-yard box; and
 - iv) Corner kicks.
- 2.2.3. Trail referee: the Trail ref is generally responsible for:
- i) Drop balls, free kicks, and other restarts.
- 2.3. Communication:** referees must clearly communicate (yell, gesture) their decision to ensure the other referee is aware. This is particularly important for the following events:
- i) Yellow or Blue cards (indicate player's number to the other ref);
 - ii) Advantage is being played;
 - iii) Direction of free kick or throw-in;
 - iv) Indirect or direct free-kick; and
 - v) When play must wait for the whistle to resume.
- 2.4. Conferencing:** where there is uncertainty, conference with the other referee.
- It is encouraged to use a conference for game-changing decisions (penalties, red cards, etc.)

- 2.5. **Disagreement/Uncertainty:** where the referees are uncertain, disagree or have made simultaneous calls, the Head referee makes the final decision.
- 2.6. **General movement:** there is always a **TRAIL** ref (behind the attacking team) and a **LEAD** ref (covering the last defender) that try to keep the between them.
- Referees should try to pinch the center to get a better view of the play.



3. Post-game

- 3.1. **Referee report:** the Head referee is responsible for submitting the referee report. In addition to existing requirements, the referee report must also include:
- i) The ID of both referees.