

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?
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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?
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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 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?
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Holding

- Does the player hold an opponent to prevent him gaining possession of the ball?
 - Does the player hold an opponent to prevent him 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?
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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?
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Confrontation

- Were the original or initial offender's 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?
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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?
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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?
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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?
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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?
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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?
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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?
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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?