

# Match Decision Making Considerations – Part 3

## Offside

- 1 Is the assistant referee in a good position to judge offside?
- 2 Is the player in an offside position? If so, which part of the body?
- 3 Is the player in an offside position interfering with play by touching the ball?
- 4 Is the player in an offside position interfering with the goalkeeper? If so, how?
- 5 Is the player in an offside position interfering with an opponent? If so, how?
- 6 Does the player in an offside position gain an advantage?
- 7 Will the ball go to a player who was previously in an offside position after a rebound from an opponent?
- 8 Does the assistant referee adopt the "wait and see" technique?
- 9 Is there any other team-mate in an onside position who has a chance to play the ball?
- 10 Does the player in an offside position challenge his opponent for the ball?
- 11 Does the Assistant referee give the benefit to the attacking player when the defender and attacker are in line?
- 12 Could the field markings help the AR to make a correct decision?

## Miscellaneous

- 1 Is the foul committed inside or outside the penalty area?
- 2 Is the foul committed inside or outside the field of play?
- 3 Was the ball in play when the offence was committed?
- 4 Does the player enter or re-enter the field of play without permission?
- 5 Does the ball enter the goal?
- 6 Was the ball deliberately kicked to the goalkeeper by a team-mate?
- 7 Does the goalkeeper deliberately handle the ball?
- 8 Did the referee need to stop play in this situation?
- 9 Does the player prevent the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands?
- 10 Did the player(s) deliberately delay the re-start unnecessarily?
- 11 Is this violent conduct or merely unsporting behaviour?

## Management of Penalty kicks

- 1 Was the goalkeeper of the kicker in the correct position during kicks from the penalty mark?
- 2 Did any of the attacking players fail to remain 9.15m before the kick was taken?
- 3 Did any of the defending players fail to remain 9.15m before the kick was taken?
- 4 Should the referee have had the penalty kick re-taken?
- 5 Did the goalkeeper gain an unfair advantage by moving before the kick was taken?
- 6 Did the kicker play the ball a second time before it was played by another player?
- 7 Did the goalkeeper deliberately attempt to delay the taking of the kick by acting in an unsporting manner?
- 8 Did the referee ensure the re-taken penalty kick was carried out in accordance with Law?
- 9 Was the penalty kick taken correctly and in accordance with Law?

## Injuries

- 1 Should the referee have stopped the game earlier?
- 2 Was the law correctly applied to the injured players before play was re-started?
- 3 Should the stretcher have been signalled for earlier?
- 4 Did the treatment of the injured player(s) take too long?
- 5 Did the player exaggerate the injury to try and get an opponent cautioned or to deceive the referee?
- 6 Did the fourth official check the player before allowing him to continue?
- 7 Did the referee play the correct 'additional time'?
- 8 Was the injury assessed before calling for the stretcher?
- 9 Did the player avoid possible contact to prevent injury to himself?

### **Assistant Referees**

- 1 Does the A/R raise the flag in the correct hand?
- 2 Does the A/R's flag technique confuse the referee?
- 3 Does the A/R change hands before the flag is raised?
- 4 Is the A/R's signal correct given the infringement that has been committed?
- 5 What else could the A/R have done to get the attention of the referee?
- 6 Does the AR's intervention change the original decision of the referee?
- 7 Does the AR make eye contact with the referee before signalling?
- 8 Does the additional AR make the correct judgement?
- 9 Is the AR or AAR positioned adequately to decide whether the ball has crossed over the goal line?
- 10 Is the AAR correctly positioned during the incident?

### **Players Equipment**

- 1 Is it permissible to wear undershorts of a different colour to the main shorts?
- 2 Are players allowed to play without shin guards?
- 3 Should a goalkeeper wear colours that distinguish him from the other players and match officials?
- 4 Did the player wait until there is a stoppage in play before returning to the field of play?
- 5 Is a player allowed to continue playing with blood on his shirt?
- 6 Do the colours of the basic compulsory equipment distinguish the player from his opponents?
- 7 Do the colours of the basic equipment distinguish the player from his opponents?
- 8 Do the stockings entirely cover the shin guards?
- 9 Do the shin guards provide a reasonable degree of protection?
- 10 Is a player permitted to wear jewellery?
- 11 Is a player allowed to wear tape to cover jewellery?

### **Positioning & Movement**

- 1 Is the referee too close to the incident?
- 2 Is the referee too far away to make a credible decision?
- 3 Is the referees view obscured by a player(s)?
- 4 Does the referee create a good viewing angle in order to get the correct decision?
- 5 Is the Assistant Referee better placed than the referee?
- 6 Are both the referee and the assistant referee in good viewing positions?
- 7 Does the referees' position give him a good viewing angle?
- 8 Does the assistant referees' position give him a good viewing angle?
- 9 Does the referee anticipate play and show good acceleration and speed?
- 10 Does the referee ensure he keeps play between himself and his assistant?
- 11 Is the referee's position close enough for controlling the further development of the situation?
- 12 Is the lead AR within the referee's field of vision?
- 13 Does the referee have a good angle of vision?
- 14 Was the referee in a good positioning to make the correct decision?
- 15 Does the referee's position interfere with play?
- 16 Does the referee anticipate play and adjust his position?

### **Celebration of a goal**

- 1 Did the celebration result in excessive time wasting?
- 2 Did the player make a gesture which was provocative?
- 3 Did the goal scorer climb onto the perimeter fencing to celebrate?
- 4 Did the player remove his shirt whilst celebrating?
- 5 Did the player cover his head with his shirt when celebrating?
- 6 Did the player use a mask to cover his head or face?
- 7 Did the player leave the field of play to celebrate?
- 8 Did the referee act in a preventative manner and exercise common sense?
- 9 Did the player jump into or go amongst the spectators to celebrate?
- 10 Did the goalscorer display a message on a under shirt or any other part of his equipment?
- 11 Were the goalscorer's actions excessive and creating safety concerns for the spectators?