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## Guidelines for Umpires

### Up to the Job

The directive issued to referees is – “The referee is ultimately responsible for the performance of her/his umpires simply because she/he selected them. In a word, referees must see to it that their umpires, individually and collectively, are fully up to the demand of the job. Individual umpires who have failed to deliver on their responsibilities must be replaced. There can be no room for sentiment in this matter”

### Duties of Umpires

A player, often a forward, retaliates after an offence or continuous fouling by her marker off the ball. The referee may not see the infringement and umpires should issue attention to the players involved and inform them should they continue the umpire will be bringing them to the attention of the referee. Umpires should not hesitate to inform the referee when the ball goes out of play of any incidents as early action by the umpires can help the referee to take corrective action early on and so prevent the ultimate sanction. The bottom line is that no player should be allowed to get away with any intimidation or needling of her opponent.

### Teamwork

One Umpire at each goal should keep a check on scores and the second Umpire should keep a check on time in order to advise the Referee if consulted. If you are asked by a player about the time left to play, give only an approximation as the Referee may allow additional time for delays. Act in liaison with each other and consult with each other if there is any doubt about a decision. Do not give conflicting signals. The Referee has the power to overrule Umpires and the Referee's decision shall be accepted without question or debate.

### Positioning

The correct positioning of Umpires is of major importance and the following advice is recommended: Stand about 1 metre away from the upright and about 1 metre behind the endline. When it appears that a ball coming in from the right hand side of the playing pitch may cross the bar for a point, the Umpire on the lefthand side (looking infield) shall move back behind the goal facing the flight of the ball. When it appears that a ball coming in from the lefthand side of the playing pitch may cross the bar for a point, the Umpire on the righthand side (looking infield) shall move back behind the goal facing the flight of the ball.

### Consultation

Umpires shall bring to the notice of the Referee any infringements of the playing rules, governing aggressive fouls or incursions onto the field of play which have not been noticed by the Referee. It is your duty to report any such instances to the Referee. You have an obligation to state the offence(s) and identify the player(s) involved by jersey number and identify official(s) if involved.

If you wish to bring to the notice of the Referee any instance of foul play, move away from the goal along the end line (but not onto the field of play) and raise your hand to attract the Referee's attention. Wait until the Referee comes to you or until you are called on by the Referee. (Be conscious that a Linesperson may be signalling to draw the Referee's attention and alert the Referee accordingly).

The Referee has the power to consult with Umpires concerning infringements of the Playing Rules, in particular rough or dangerous play, striking, hitting or kicking. When consulted by the Referee, you have an obligation to give the factual position regarding any incident.

Report to the Referee any serious or persistent attempts by players or officials to influence your decisions.

When an Umpire is subjected to abusive or threatening language or conduct during a game and this has not been noticed by the Referee, the Umpire shall draw the Referee's attention to the offence at the time of the offence.

**524.** There shall be 2 Goal Umpires at each end of the ground. They may be appointed by, the Referee, County Committee, Provincial or Central Council, or by their Sub Committees.

**525.** The Umpires shall decide, subject to the referee's final decision, whether the ball has crossed the Goal line, Crossbar, or End line, and shall signal whether it is a goal, a point, a wide or a 45m free kick.

**526.** If an Attacking Player is within the Small Rectangle before the ball enters it and a goal is scored, the Umpires shall with the confirmation of the Referee, disallow the score.

**527.** If a point is scored, whereby the ball goes directly off or over the crossbar, out of the reach of **all players**, and the defence **was not interfered with**, the Umpires with the confirmation with the referee shall **allow the score**.

**528.** When a score is disallowed, the umpire shall cross the signal flags (green for a goal, white for a point), in front of the goal.

**529.** Where a team scores a goal, or a point, the Umpire shall raise the appropriate flag over his/her head.

**530.** The Umpires shall have the power to deal with and bring to the referee's attention :

- a) Any Off the Ball incidents
- b) Any incidents that may have gone unnoticed by the referee.
- c) Any incursions onto the Field of Play by a team manager, coach, selector, or any unauthorised person.

**531.** Umpires shall not change ends at Half Time.

**Umpire Attire—White coats and no promotional gear**