

Basic Referee and Assistant Referee Signals

Stop Play



Referee:
Blows Whistle.



Assistant Referee:
Raises flag to ask
referee to stop play.

Throw-in



Referee:
Points direction
45 degree angle.



Assistant Referee:
Points direction
with flag at 45 .

Goal Kick



Referee:
Points toward
Goal Area



Assistant Referee:
points flag across
field toward Goal
Area

Corner Kick



Referee:
Points to corner
where corner kick
to be taken.

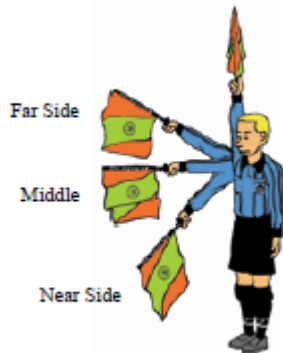


Assistant Referee:
Points down at 45
to near flag (even
if corner kick will
be on far side).

Offside



Referee:
Blows whistle
and raises arm
to show it is an
Indirect free kick.



Assistant Referee:
Raises flag and then
points onto field to
signal far side, near
side, or middle.

Goooooal!!!!



Referee:
Points at center
Circle.



Assistant Referee:
Runs back up field
with flag down to
show referee the
goal is good.

Direct Free Kick Foul



Referee:
blows whistle
and points direction.

Assistant Referee:
raises flag and
wiggles; then points
direction.

Indirect Free Kick Foul



Referee:
blows whistle points
Direction (if needed),
and raises arm to
show it is an IFK.

Assistant Referee:
raises flag and
wiggles; then
points direction.

Penalty Kick



Referee:
Blows whistle and
points at penalty
mark.

Assistant Referee:
hold flag at waist if
necessary to signal
referee that foul
occurred inside
penalty area.

Advantage



Referee:
Swings both arms up
while calling out "play
on" or "advantage."

Assistant Referee:
does not signal
for advantage.

Caution or Send Off



Referee:
holds card straight
up, looking at
player being
cautioned (yellow)
or sent off (red).

Assistant Referee:
Only the referee can
caution or send off
players or substitutes.
While there is no official
signal, ARs typically
signal misconduct to the
referee by tapping
front shirt pocket to
suggest a caution &
back shorts pocket to
suggest a send off.