

Subject: Offside Duties

Lesson Objective:

At the end of this lesson, the learner will be able to state the critical responsibilities of an assistant referee during offside situations.

Equipment and Materials to Teach the Lesson:

Overhead projector, screen, transparencies, extension cord.

Approximate Time Needed:

1 hour

Set:

Before revealing the objective, the instructor should ask the participants if they have ever played Simon Says. Explain or demonstrate the game to anyone who is unfamiliar with the game. Ask the participants, how does someone get knocked out of the game?

Strategies to Actively Involve the Participants:

Asking questions during the presentation, checking for understanding and summarizing by the participants.

Information: Facts, Concepts, Skills to be Taught:

Elements of Law 11, making judgements about offside and active participation. Techniques for scanning the field while focusing on the prime responsibility of the Assistant Referee, which is offside.

SUMMARY:

Beyond the basic principle of a full, working partnership between referee and assistant referees, in which the referee makes the final decision, we must remember that there can be no offside without active player involvement. If an attacking player is playing a passive role, not attempting to take advantage of his position or to interfere with play or an opponent, then there can be no decision for offside, whether or not the ball was last played by a teammate. The decision must be based on player behavior, not player location.

Closure:

Have the participants state the factors for involvement in active play and give an example of each factor. Ask the participants to state the main duty of the AR and techniques that can aid in accomplishing that duty.