# ANALYSIS OF MATCH SITUATIONS <br> Considerations 

Reason for Sanctions
Report Writing Guidelines


## INTRODUCTION

This booklet will consist of considerations for analysis of match situations, reasons for cautionable offences, sending off offences and report writing guidelines.

The considerations will assist you to decide decisions for match situations based on the principle of The Laws of the Game.

Furthermore, for consistency and uniformity in preparing match reports / incident / supplementary reports, it also will assist to identify the appropriate reasons as stated in the Laws of the Game for Cautionable and Sending off offences.

It is very important that the reason for showing a yellow/red card is described as per the Laws of the Game in the relevant reports.

A complete report will cover the; who, what, where, when, how and why. The report writing guidelines will assist you to look into this matter in details.

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| Fouls \& Misconduct: Careless, Reckless, Using Excessive Force and Violent Conduct |  |
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| 1 | Does the player show a lack of attention or consideration when making his challenge? |
| 2 | Does the player act without precaution when making the challenge? |
| 3 | Does the player make fair or unfair contact with the opponent after touching the ball? |
| 4 | Does the player act with complete disregard of the danger to his opponent? |
| 5 | Does the player act with a complete disregard of the consequences for his opponent? |
| 6 | Does the player have a chance of playing the ball in a fair manner? |
| 7 | Is the challenge putting an opponent in a dangerous situation? |
| 8 | Does the player touch the ball after making contact with the opponent? |
| 9 | Does the player far exceed the necessary use of force when making the challenge? |
| 10 | Does the player use brutality against an opponent when challenging? |
| 11 | Is the challenge clearly endangering the safety of the opponent? |
| 12 | What degree of speed and/or intensity is the player using when making the challenge? |
| 13 | Does the player show clear malice when making the challenge? |
| 14 | Does the player lunge at an opponent from the front, from the side or from behind? |
| 15 | Which part of the body has the player used to make contact? |
| 16 | Does the player use his studs when making a tackle? |
| 17 | On which part of the opponent's body is contact made? |
| 18 | In what direction are the tackler's feet pointing? |
| 19 | Is the player challenging for the ball at the moment the contact is made? |
| 20 | Does the player(s) charge the opponent in a fair manner? |
| 221 | Do you consider the foul an act of violent conduct or a serious foul play? |
| 222 | Has the challenge been committed in a fair manner or a careless manner? |
| 248 | Does the player use his arm as a 'tool' or a 'weapon'? |
| 249 | Does the player challenge for the ball in a fair manner? |

## Breaking up a Promising Attack

| 21 | What is the distance between the offence and the goal? |
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| 22 | Does the player have control of the ball? |
| 23 | Can the player gain control of the ball? |
| 24 | What is the direction of play? |
| 25 | How many defenders are involved in the situation? |
| 26 | Where are the defenders located? |
| 27 | How many attackers are involved in the situation? |
| 28 | Where are the attackers located? |
| 29 | How many options to pass the ball did the player have when he was fouled? |
| 30 | Does the challenge break up a promising attack? |

## Denying a Goal or a Goalscoring Opportunity

What is the distance between the offence 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 offence a direct free kick or an indirect free kick? If there is no offence, does the player have an obvious opportunity to score a goal? Does the player deliberately handle the ball to deny the opposing TEAM a goal?

## Handling the Ball

41 Is the hand moving towards the ball or is the ball moving towards the hand? Are the player's hand's or arms in a "NATURAL POSITION" or an "UNNATURAL POSITION"?
43 Does the player attempt to avoid the ball striking his hand?
44 Does the ball strike his hand from a short or from a long distance?
45 Does the player use his hand or arm to deliberately touch or block the ball?

Is the ball moving in the direction of the goal?

## Holding an Opponent

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 goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball?
Does the player try to deceive the referee by handling the ball?

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 goalscoring opportunity by holding an opponent?
Does the player hold an opponent with his hands or with his body?
Does the player hold an opponent for tactical purpose of pulling the player away from the ball?

## Simulation

| 61 | Is there contact between the players involved? |
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| 62 | Does the attacker use the slight contact to deceive the referee? |
| 63 | Has the attacker initiated the contact between his opponent and himself? |
| 64 | Is sere fair/normal contact between the players, resulting in no offence being <br> committed? |
| 65 | Has the attacker anticipated the contact between his opponent and himself? |
| 66 | Who was the initiator of the contact? |
| 67 | Has the player 'over' exaggerated the seriousness of the foul committed? |
| 68 | Does the player simulate a foul to win a free kick? |
| 69 | Does the player attempt to deceive the referee? |

## Confrontation

71 Were the original or initial offenders punished appropriately?
72 Were the actions of the players involved excessive with regard to physical contact?
73 Did the player(s) become involved unnecessarily by running from some distance?
74 Are the ARs effective in helping to prevent further confrontation between players?
75 Does the referee get "too close" to the incident and become caught up in the confrontation?
76 Does the referee remain calm when dealing with confrontation?
77 Does the referee touch or push the players?
Does the referee try to separate the first players at the beginning of the confrontation?
79 Does the 4th Official act appropriately?
Should any of the match officials make physical contact with players or members of the technical area?
Was at least one player from each team involved in the confrontation identified and punished appropriately?

## 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 9.15 m and remains so?
How far away are the defensive players when the free kick is taken?

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Is the ball placement acceptable?
Did the defender try to impede a quick restart? referee had stopped play? to take it? stopped?
Were disciplinary sanctions correctly applied?

Does the referee take up the most advantageous position for the restart?

Did the player provoke a confrontation by deliberately touching the ball after the
Did the player appear to take a restart but suddenly leave it to one of his team-mates
Does the referee indicate or acknowledge the restart of the match after it has been

| Advantage |  |
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| 91 | Is there a team benefit if the referee applies the advantage? |
| 92 | Did the fouled player still have possession of the ball after the foul was committed? |
| 93 | is there more of a benefit in applying advantage or awarding a free kick? |
| 94 | Does the foul committed deserve a yellow card? |
| 95 | Does the foul committed deserve a red card? |
| 96 | Is the foul committed near the penalty area? |
| 97 | Does the fouled player have space to progress? |
| 98 | Are there team-mates in a good position to pass the ball to? |
| 99 | After advantage has been applied, should the referee return to administer a |
| disciplinary sanction? |  |


| 101 | Does a player show dissent by protesting verbally (by word)? |  |
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| 102 | Does a player show dissent by protesting non-verbally (by action)? |  |
| 103 | Does a player act in a manner that shows a lack of respect for the game? |  |
| 104 | Could dissent have been avoided if the referee or AR had intervened quicker? <br> 105 | Does the referee support his colleague following a reaction by a player to a decision <br> made by an AR? |
| 106 | Is the correct disciplinary sanction (yellow or red card) applied? |  |
| 107 | Does the referee correctly differentiate between frustration and dissent? |  |
| 108 | Does the captain of the team show dissent by protesting? |  |
| 109 | Does a player attempt to get an opposing player cautioned by waving an 'imaginary <br> card'? |  |
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## Body Language

111 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?
114 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?
117 Does the referee use the whistle appropriately?
118 Does the referee use the cards appropriately?

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Does the referee make the signals according to the guidelines for referees?
Does the referee make his message clear to the player(s) involved?
Does the referee raise his profile appropriately in more demanding situations?
Should a referee remain 'neutral' and not make movements as though he is going to issue a disciplinary sanction?

|  | Concentration / Awareness |  |
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| 121 | Is the referee aware of a possible conflict in allowing the game to continue? |  |
| 122 | Is there immediate communication between the match officials to avoid unnecessary |  |
| protests or appeals? |  |  |
| 123 | Does the referee keep his focus and concentration throughout the incident? |  |
| 124 | Is the referee in a good position to make the correct decision? |  |
| 125 | ss the communication process appropriate in deciding who the offending player is? |  |
| 126 | Why is the disciplinary sanction shown to the wrong player? |  |
| 127 | Is the referee aware of what the law allows in certain situations? |  |
| 128 | Is the player guilty of persistently infringing the Laws of the Game? |  |
| 129 | Is the referee aware of the tactical play of a team that breaks up play or targets <br> individual opponents? |  |
| 130 | Does the referee protect a player(s) from potential serious injury? |  |

## 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?
134 Is the signal from the AR to the referee clear?
135 Did the referee make a decision before the signal by the AR?
136 Does the incident happen out of the view of the referee?
137 Does the AR inform the referee about any misconduct?
138 Should one of the match officials have seen the incident?
Should the fourth official intervene if none of the other officials saw the incident?
140 Has teamwork broken down because of a lack of concentration ?
229 Is the AR or AAR closer to the action than the referee?
230 Does the AR or AAR have a better view of the incident than the referee?
231 Does the AR or AAR inform the referee about any misconduct?
232 Should the AAR intervene if none of the other officials had seen the incident?

Should the referee be aware of 'upper body' or contact with the hands/arms when the Assistant is focused on the ball being in or out of play?
Does the Referee or Assistant Referee or AAR have a clear view of the incident? Is the decision given by the Referee or Assistant Referee credible given the distance they are from the incident?

## 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?
143 Is the player in an offside position interfering with play by touching the ball?

148 Does the assistant referee adopt the "wait and see" technique? ball?
Does the player in an offside position challenge his opponent for the ball? Does the Assistant referee give the benefit to the attacking player when the defender and attacker are in line?
237 Could the field markings help the AR to make a correct decision?

| 151 | Is the foul committed inside or outside the penalty area? |
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| 152 | Is the foul committed inside or outside the field of play? |
| 153 | Was the ball in play when the offence was committed? |
| 154 | Does the player enter or re-enter the field of play without permission? |
| 155 | Does the ball enter the goal? |
| 156 | Was the ball deliberately kicked to the goalkeeper by a team-mate? |
| 157 | Does the goalkeeper deliberately handle the ball? |
| 158 | Did the referee need to stop play in this situation? |
| 159 | Does the player prevent the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands? |
| 160 | Did the player(s) deliberately delay the re-start unnecessarily? |
| 238 | Is this violent conduct or merely unsporting behaviour? |

## 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 9.15 m before the kick was taken?
Did any of the defending players fail to remain 9.15 m 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?

| Injuries |  |
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| 171 | Should the referee have stopped the game earlier? |
| 172 | Was the law correctly applied to the injured players before play was re-started? |
| 173 | Should the stretcher have been signalled for earlier? |
| 174 | Did the treatment of the injured player(s) take too long? |
| 175 | Did the player exaggerate the injury to try and get an opponent cautioned or to <br> deceive the referee? |
| 176 | Did the fourth official check the player before allowing him to continue? |
| 177 | Did the referee play the correct 'additional time' ? |
| 178 | Was the injury assessed before calling for the stretcher? |
| 179 | Did the player avoid possible contact to prevent injury to himself? |
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## 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?
Does the AR's intervention change the original decision of the referee?
Does the AR make eye contact with the referee before signalling?
Does the additional AR make the correct judgement?
Is the AR or AAR positioned adequately to decide whether the ball has crossed over the goal line?
Is the AAR correctly positioned during the incident?

## Players Equipment

Is it permissible to wear undershorts of a different colour to the main shorts?
Are players allowed to play without shin guards?
Should a goalkeeper wear colours 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?
Do the colours of the basic compulsory equipment distinguish the player from his opponents?
Do the colours of the basic equipment distinguish the player from his opponents?
Do the stockings entirely cover the shin guards?
Do the shin guards provide a reasonable degree of protection?
Is a player permitted to wear jewellery?
Is a player allowed to wear tape to cover jewellery?

## Positioning \& Movement

Is the referee too close to the incident? Is the referee too far away to make a credible decision? Is the referee's view obscured by a player(s)?
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240 Is the lead AR within the referee's field of vision?
241 Does the referee have a good angle of vision?
247 Was the referee in a good position to make the correct decision?
251 Does the referee's position interfere with play?
252 Does the referee anticipate play and adjust his position?

## Celebration of a goal

211 Did the celebration result in excessive time wasting?
212 Did the player make a gesture which was provocative?
213 Did the goal scorer climb onto the perimeter fencing to celebrate?
214 Did the player remove his shirt whilst celebrating?
215 Did the player cover his head with his shirt when celebrating?
216 Did the player use a mask to cover his head or face?
217 Did the player leave the field of play to celebrate?
218 Did the referee act in a preventative manner and exercise common sense?
219 Did the player jump into or go amongst the spectators to celebrate?
Did the goalscorer display a message on a under shirt or any other part of his equipment?
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Were the goalscorer's actions excessive and creating safety concerns for the spectators?

## Delaying Re-start of Play

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Does the player delay the goalkeeper from distributing the ball into play?
244 Does the player provoke the referee into deliberately receiving a caution?

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246 Did the player delay the restart of play by deliberately kicking the ball away?
Should the referee consider if the player heard the whistle and clearly tried to delay the restart of play?

Does the goalkeeper delay the re-start of play, if so how?

## Reason to Show a Yellow Card

| 1. Unsporting Behaviour |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1.1 | Kicks an opponent in a reckless manner |
| 1.2 | Trips an opponent in a reckless manner |
| 1.3 | Jumps at an opponent in a reckless manner |
| 1.4 | Charges an opponent in a reckless manner |
| 1.5 | Strikes an opponent in a reckless manner |
| 1.6 | Pushes an opponent in a reckless manner |
| 1.7 | Tackles an opponent in a reckless manner |
| 1.8 | Deliberately handles the ball to prevent an opponent gaining possession |
| 1.9 | Deliberately handles the ball to prevent an opponent developing an attack |
| 1.10 | Deliberately handles the ball in an attempt to deceive the referee |
| 1.11 | Deliberately handles the ball which is moving in the direction of the goal |
| 1.12 | Attempts to score a goal by deliberately handling the ball |
| 1.13 | Attempts to deceive the referee by feigning injury (simulation) |
| 1.14 | Attempts to deceive the referee by pretending to have been fouled (simulation) |
| 1.15 | Commits a foul for the tactical purpose of interfering with a promising attack |
| 1.16 | Commits a foul for the tactical purpose of breaking up a promising attack |
| 1.17 | Despite receiving a warning, continuously holding an opponent before the ball is in play |
| 1.18 | Despite receiving a warning, continuously holding an opponent after the ball is in play |
| 1.19 | Holds an opponent for the tactical purpose of pulling the opponent away from the ball |
| 1.20 | Holds an opponent to prevent him gaining possession of the ball |
| 1.21 | Holds an opponent for the tactical purpose of preventing the opponent from getting to the ball |
| 1.22 | Holds an opponent to prevent him taking up an advantageous position |
| 1.23 | Plays the ball when he is walking off the field of play after being granted permission to leave the field of play |
| 1.24 | Verbally distracts an opponent during play |
| 1.25 | Verbally distracts an opponent at a restart |
| 1.26 | Unfairly distracts or impedes the thrower |
| 1.27 | Makes unauthorised marks on the field of play with his foot |
| 1.28 | Uses a deliberate trick while the ball is in play to pass the ball to his own goalkeeper in order to circumvent the Law |
| 1.29 | Uses a deliberate trick while he is taking a free kick to pass the ball to his own goalkeeper to circumvent the Law |
| 1.30 | Makes gestures which are provocative, derisory or inflammatory |
| 1.31 | Climbs on to a perimeter fence to celebrate a goal being scored |
| 1.32 | Removes his shirt to celebrate a goal being scored |


| 1.33 | Covers his head with his shirt to celebrate a goal being scored |
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| 1.34 | Covers his head or face with a mask or other similar item to celebrate a goal being |
| scored | An act of unsporting behaviour for feinting to take a free kick to confuse opponents. |
| 1.35 | An act of unsporting behaviour for feinting to kick the ball once the player has |
| completed his run-up to take a penalty kick |  |

2. Dissent by word or action
2.1 Shows dissent by protesting verbally against a referee's decision
2.2 Shows dissent by protesting non-verbally (gesture) against a referee's decision
2.3 Shows dissent by protesting verbally against an assistant referee's decision
2.4 Shows dissent by protesting non-verbally (gesture) against an assistant referee's decision
2.5 Shows dissent by hitting the ball on the ground
2.6 Shows dissent by clapping the hands after a referee's decision

## 3. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game

| 4. Delaying the restart of play |  |
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| 4.1 | Taking a free kick from the wrong position with the sole intention of forcing the |
| referee to order a retake |  |

4.10 Excessively celebrating a goal resulted in excessive time-wasting
5. Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
5.1 Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick
5.2 Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a free kick
5.3 Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a throw-in
6. Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
6.1 Entering the field of play without the referee's permission
6.2 Re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
7. Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission
7.1 Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission
7.2 A player deliberately leaves the field of play to put an opponent in an offside position unfairly

## Reason to Show a Red Card

| 1. Serious Foul Play |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1.1 | Kicks an opponent using excessive force or brutality when challenging for the ball |
| 1.2 | Trips an opponent using excessive force or brutality when challenging for the ball |
| 1.3 | Jumps at an opponent using excessive force or brutality when challenging for the ball |
| 1.4 | Charges an opponent using excessive force or brutality when challenging for the ball |
| 1.5 | Strikes an opponent using excessive force or brutality when challenging for the ball |
| 1.6 | Pushes an opponent using excessive force or brutality when challenging for the ball |
| 1.7 | Tackles an opponent using excessive force and endangering the safety of an <br> opponent |
| 1.8 | Lunges at an opponent in challenging for the ball with excessive force and <br> endangering the safety of an opponent |


| 2. Violent Conduct |  |
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| 2.1 | Uses excessive force or brutality against an opponent when not challenging for the |
| ball |  |
| 2.2 | Uses excessive force or brutality against a team-mate |
| 2.4 | Uses excessive force or brutality against a spectator |
| 2.5 | Uses excessive force or brutality against a match official |
| 2.6 | Throws an object at an opponent or other person using excessive force |

3. Spitting at an opponent or any other person
4. Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball
5. Denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
6. Denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity by playing in a dangerous manner
7. Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
8. Receiving a second caution in the same match
9. Sending off for an offence not previously mentioned in Law 12

## 10. Reason to send off a Team Official

| 9.1 | Kicking a water bottle inside the field of play |
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| 9.2 | Throwing a water bottle inside the field of play |
| 9.3 | Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against a match <br> official |
| 9.4 | Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against opposing <br> team official |
| 9.5 | Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against opposing <br> player |
| 9.6 | Using offersive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against other person |
| 9.7 | Pushes, kicks, strikes and/or charges an opposing player after entering the filed of <br> play for assessment of an injured player |
| 9.8 | Pushes, kicks, strikes and/or charges a match official after entering the filed of play <br> for assessment of an injured player |
| 9.9 | Pushes, kicks, strikes and/or charges an opposing player while leaving the field of <br> play |
| 9.10 | Pushes, kicks, strikes and/or charges a match official while leaving the field of play |
| 9.11 | Pushes, kicks, strikes and/or charges a match official by entering the field of play <br> during the match |
| 9.12 | Pushes, kicks, strikes and/or charges a match official by entering the field of play <br> after the match |

## REPORT WRITING GUIDELINES

## Law 5 States:

"Provides the appropriate authorities with a match report, which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against the players and/or team officials and any other incidents that occurred before, during or after the match"

Referees report will be viewed by appropriate authorities for any disciplinary action/sanction to be taken against:
a) Players / Substitutes
b) Team officials

The report will be used as reference to further sanctions, where necessary, based on:

* The Laws of the Game
* AFC Disciplinary Code

Disciplinary offences committed must be reported according to the Laws of the Game.

- Actual Incident / Accuracy (player's number / team etc.)
- Know what had happened
- Follow actual details as in Law 12 (Refer Reason for Yellow/Red Card)

When required MUST write details in section of 'Supplementary Report'

## - Remember AFC Rule

- A - Accurate \& true information
- F - Facts \& direct to the point
- C - concise \& brief

Supplementary report must be submitted without delay. For sent off, the report must be submitted immediately after the match.

## Law 5 States:

"Takes action against team officials who fail to conduct themselves in responsible manner and may, at his discretion expel them from field of play and its immediate surrounds"

## - Further sanction subject to the AFC Disciplinary Code

A team official is sent off if he/she commits any of the following three offences

## Unsporting Conduct

Throwing of tantrums, water bottles 'on or off' the field, kicking of properties, utter vulgarities and profanities to the match officials, opponents etc..

## Violent Conduct

Rush to the match officials, opponents 'on or off' the field of play, of play kicking, holding, pushing etc.. in an aggressive manner

## Spitting

Spitting at the match officials, opponents etc. Or on the ground to display anger and disagree on decisions by the match officials etc.

## Further details to be included in an Incident Report are:

- Reports on commotion, brawl, players/spectators behaviour etc.
- Delay of match kick off time, match restart etc. due to weather, floodlight or any other reasons. If necessary, please include the condition of field
- Must state the reasons and circumstances of any incidents connected or not connected with the match even it took place before or after the match and during half time


## - Remember to include time of incident and how long the delay was

## Details to be included in Supplementary Report are:

- ONLY send off offences (Players/Substitutes and Team Officials) must be written in the Supplementary Report
- Must state the reasons and circumstances of any incidents connected or not connected with the match even it took place before or after the match and during half time
- Ensure the date, time and content is specific.
- Remember to include time of incident, name of offender(s) and if there was a long delay, please indicate how long the delay was.


## Elements of a good incident report

A good incident report will ensure questions relevant to who, what, when, where, how and why are completed. The emphasis placed on each of these questions will vary based on the type and complexity of the incident.

| Who | Who is reporting the incident? |
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| Who was affected? |  |
| What | What happened? (Include incident type and de-identified details) |
| What are the characteristics of the incident? |  |
| What initial actions did you take? |  |
| Where | What is the incident severity rating (ISR) at the time of the incident |
| When | Where did the incident occur? |
| Why | Why and how did the incident occur? |

It may seem contradictory to say that a report should be both complete and concise. However, concise means ensuring all the important details are included. Omit words that do not add value and interfere with readability.

Well written reports are factual, fair and impartial. A fact is something real that can be either proved or disproved. Opinions and inferences should be avoided.


