

DUAL SYSTEM CRITERIA

Pre-game for soccer referees in the dual system:

- Referees and alternate official work together as a team.
- Head referee outlines the lead and trail directions (left or right).
- Head referee designates touch line and end line responsibilities for the officiating team.
- Review proper mechanics and techniques.
- If unsure of a call, establish eye contact with each other.
- If both referees whistle simultaneously, defer to head referee for call / indication.
- Referees stress eye contact between officials whenever possible.
- Recording / time keeping duties and procedures are reviewed.
- Questions / uncertainties are discussed and cleared up.
- Decide touch line / end line responsibilities.

Match Situations:

PATTERNS OF MOVEMENT:

- During the match, each referee has responsibility for one end line and one touch line.
- As lead referee, move even with the last defender, parallel with the touch line.
- Pinch in toward the goal as you near the end line.
- As trail referee, move with play behind the attack.
- Watch for any fouls on or around the ball.
- Both referees should try to "box in" players at all times.
- Pinch center when and where possible to gain a better view of play.

KICK-OFF:

- Lead referee stands near to even with the second to last defender.
- Make eye contact with the trail referee.
- Trail referee should be in position to judge encroachment and proper kick-off.
- Trail referee (behind the ball) blows the whistle to start. 📣

SUBSTITUTION:

- Raise hand (open palm) overhead.
- Sound the whistle and establish eye contact with your partner. 📣
- Release substitutes according to pre-game agreement.
- Whistle on restart to be discussed during the pre-game conference (usually referee on the touch line of the team substituting). 📣

THROW-IN:

- Indicate direction by raising arm up (with open palm) at 45-degree angle.
- [Optional] Indicate spot for throw-in.
- [Optional] Whistle 📖

GOAL KICK:

- Signal with arm extended parallel to the ground and pointing to the goal area.
- Look for the proper placement of ball in the goal area.
- Then move to the top of the penalty area or even with the second to last defender. Use judgement based on the players' positions.
- Trail referee watches for encroachment, and kick leaving penalty area.

CORNER KICK:

- Lead referee signal with arm extended to nearest corner flag.
- Lead referee takes a position on the end line but off the field at a point in-between the goal post and the outer edge of the penalty area.
- Lead referee watches for ball placement, encroachment, and kick leaving play.
- Hold position for possible goal judgement.
- The trail referee takes a position near the top of the penalty area.
- The trail referee watches activity in and around the goal mouth and off the ball.
- Prepare to make judgement on deflections, fouls and unusual situations.

PENALTY KICK:

- Lead referee takes a position on the goal line, at least six yards from goal.
- Lead referee serves as goal judge, rules on keeper movement, and taking of the kick.
- Trail referee takes a position at the top corner of the penalty area.
- Trail referee focuses on the kicker and possible encroachment prior to the kick.
- Trail referee (behind the ball) blows the whistle for the kick. 📖

AFTER A "GOOD" GOAL:

- Lead referee signals properly and moves back towards the halfway line while observing player behavior and establishing eye contact with the trail referee.

AFTER A "PROBLEM" GOAL:

- (Either or both referees) sound the whistle. 📖
- Move to the position to indicate and implement the proper restart.

SHOTS:

- Lead referee moves with the ball as quickly as possible to the goal line.
- Anticipate play near the end line (rebounds, off side, fouls, etc.)

FREE KICK DURING PLAY:

- After the whistle is sounded to stop play. 🚫
- Lead referee takes a position even with the second to last defender.
- Trail referee deals with possible encroachment and the restart.
- Trail referee (behind the ball) blows the whistle for the restart. 🚫

*FREE KICK NEAR GOAL that is **not** a quick restart by the kicking team:*

- Lead referee sets the defensive wall, then takes a position even with the second to last defender, ready for possible end line responsibilities (on a shot or rebound).
- Trail referee deals with possible encroachment and the restart.
- Trail referee (behind the ball) blows the whistle for the restart. 🚫