



ANALYSIS OF MATCH SITUATIONS – CONSIDERATIONS

Fouls: Careless, Reckless, Using Excessive Force/Violent conduct	
1	Does the player show a lack of attention or consideration when making the 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 the opponent?
5	Does the player act with a complete disregard of the consequences for the 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 their 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 their 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?
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 Goal Scoring Opportunity	
31	What is the distance between the offence and the goal?
32	Does the player have control of the ball?
33	Can the player gain control of the ball?
34	What is the direction of play?
35	How many defenders are involved in the situation?
36	Where are the defenders located?
37	Is the offence a direct free kick or an indirect free kick?
38	If there is no offence, does the player have an obvious opportunity to score a goal?
39	Does the player deliberately handle the ball to deny the opposing TEAM a goal?





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Handling	
41	Is the hand moving towards the ball or is the ball moving towards the hand?
42	Are the player's hands or arms in a "NATURAL POSITION" or an "UNNATURAL POSITION"?
43	Does the player attempt to avoid the ball striking their hand?
44	Does the ball strike their hand from a short or from a long distance?
45	Does the player use their hand or arm to deliberately touch or block the ball?
46	Does the player prevent an opponent gaining possession of the ball by handling it?
47	Does the player attempt to score a goal by deliberately handling the ball?
48	Does the player prevent a goal by deliberately handling the ball?
49	Does the player prevent an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball?
50	Does the player try to deceive the referee by handling the ball?

Holding	
51	Does the player hold an opponent to prevent him gaining possession of the ball?
52	Does the player hold an opponent to prevent him taking up an advantageous position?
53	Does the player deny an obvious goal scoring opportunity by holding an opponent?
54	Does the player hold an opponent with their hands or with their body?
55	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?
62	Does the attacker use the slight contact to deceive the referee?
63	Has the attacker initiated the contact between the opponent and themselves?
64	Is there fair/normal contact between the players, resulting in no offence being committed?
65	Has the attacker anticipated the contact between the opponent and themselves?
66	Who was the initiator of the contact?
67	Has the player 'over' exaggerated the seriousness of the foul committed?

Confrontation	
71	Were the original or initial offender's 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?
78	Does the referee try to separate the first players at the beginning of the confrontation?
79	Does the 4th Official act appropriately?
80	Should any of the match officials make physical contact with players or members of the technical area?
223	Was at least one player from each team involved in the confrontation identified and punished appropriately?



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Management of Restart	
81	Were the referees' management skills effective in controlling the restart of play?
82	Does the referee indicate to the kicker to wait for a signal to restart play?
83	Does the referee succeed in ensuring that the defensive wall retreats 9.15m and remains so?
84	How far away are the defensive players when the free kick is taken?
85	Does the referee take up the most advantageous position for the restart?
86	Is the ball placement acceptable?
87	Did the defender try to impede a quick restart?
88	Did the player provoke a confrontation by deliberately touching the ball after the referee had stopped play?
89	Did the player appear to take a restart but suddenly leave it to one of their teammates to take it?
90	Does the referee indicate or acknowledge the restart of the match after it has been stopped?
224	Were disciplinary sanctions correctly applied?

Advantage	
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?
100	Where on the field of play did the offence occur?
225	Should the tempo/temperature of the match be considered?
226	If the player who committed the first offence had previously been cautioned, would it have been advisable to allow play to continue?
250	Is there a chance of an immediate attack?

Dissent	
101	Does a player show dissent by protesting verbally (by word)?
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?
105	Does the referee support their colleague following a reaction by a player to a decision 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?





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Body Language	
111	Does the referee show signs of uncertainty?
112	Does the referee's body language show confidence or alertness?
113	Is the referee slow to react following an incident?
114	Have the referee's actions inflamed the situation?
115	Has the referee remained calm and in control?
116	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?
119	Does the referee make the signals according to the guidelines for referees?
120	Does the referee make their message clear to the player(s) involved?
227	Does the referee raise their profile appropriately in more demanding situations?
228	Should a referee remain 'neutral' and not make movements as though he is going to issue a disciplinary sanction?

Concentration/Awareness	
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 their focus and concentration throughout the incident?
124	Is the referee in a good position to make the correct decision?
125	Is 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 who break up play or target individual opponents?
130	Does the referee protect a player(s) from potential serious injury?
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?

Teamwork	
131	Is the AR closer to the action than the referee?
132	Does the AR have a better view of the incident than the referee?
133	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?
139	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?
233	Should the referee be aware of 'upper body' or contact with the hand/arms when the Assistant is focused on the ball being in or out of play?
234	Does the Referee or Assistant Referee or AAR have a clear view of the incident?
235	Is the decision given by the Referee or Assistant Referee credible given the distance they are from the incident?





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Offside	
141	Is the assistant referee in a good position to judge offside?
142	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?
144	Is the player in an offside position interfering with the goalkeeper? If so, how?
145	Is the player in an offside position interfering with an opponent? If so, how?
146	Does the player in an offside position gain an advantage?
147	Will the ball go to a player who was previously in an offside position after a rebound from an opponent?
148	Does the assistant referee adopt the "wait and see" technique?
149	Is there any other team-mate in an onside position who has a chance to play the ball?
236	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?

Miscellaneous	
151	Is the foul committed inside or outside the penalty area?
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 their hands?
160	Did the player(s) deliberately delay the re-start unnecessarily?
238	Is this violent conduct or merely unsporting behavior?

Management of Penalty Kicks	
161	Was the goalkeeper of the kicker in the correct position during kicks from the penalty mark?
162	Did any of the attacking players fail to remain 9.15m before the kick was taken?
163	Did any of the defending players fail to remain 9.15m before the kick was taken?
164	Should the referee have had the penalty kick re-taken?
165	Did the goalkeeper gain an unfair advantage by moving before the kick was taken?
166	Did the kicker play the ball a second time before it was played by another player?
167	Did the goalkeeper deliberately attempt to delay the taking of the kick by acting in an unsporting manner?
168	Did the referee ensure the re-taken penalty kick was carried out in accordance with Law?
169	Was the penalty kick taken correctly and in accordance with Law?

Injuries	
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 signaled 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 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?





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Assistant Referees	
181	Does the A/R raise the flag in the correct hand?
182	Does the A/R's flag technique confuse the referee?
183	Does the A/R change hands before the flag is raised?
184	Is the A/R's signal correct given the infringement that has been committed?
185	What else could the A/R have done to get the attention of the referee?
186	Does the AR's intervention change the original decision of the referee?
187	Does the AR make eye contact with the referee before signaling?
188	Does the additional AR make the correct judgement?
189	Is the AR or AAR positioned adequately to decide whether the ball has crossed over the goal line?

Players Equipment	
191	Is it permissible to wear undershorts of a different color to the main shorts?
192	Are players allowed to play without shin guards?
193	Should a goalkeeper wear colors that distinguish him from the other players and match officials?
194	Did the player wait until there is a stoppage in play before returning to the field of play?
195	Is a player allowed to continue playing with blood on the shirt?
196	Do the colors of the basic compulsory equipment distinguish the player from the opponents?
197	Do the colors of the basic equipment distinguish the player from the opponents?
198	Do the stockings entirely cover the shin guards?
199	Do the shin guards provide a reasonable degree of protection?
200	Is a player permitted to wear jewelry?
300	Is a player allowed to wear tape to cover jewelry?

Positioning & Movement	
201	Is the referee too close to the incident?
202	Is the referee too far away to make a credible decision?
203	Is the referees view obscured by a player(s)?
204	Does the referee create a good viewing angle in order to get the correct decision?
205	Is the Assistant Referee better placed than the referee?
206	Are both the referee and the assistant referee in good viewing positions?
207	Does the referees' position give him a good viewing angle?
208	Does the assistant referees' position give him a good viewing angle?
209	Does the referee anticipate play and show good acceleration and speed?
210	Does the referee ensure he keeps play between themselves and the assistant?
239	Is the referee's position close enough for controlling the further development of the situation?
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 positioning to make the correct decision?
251	Does the referee's position interfere with play?
252	Does the referee anticipate play and adjust their position?





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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 their shirt whilst celebrating?
215	Did the player cover their head with their shirt when celebrating?
216	Did the player use a mask to cover their 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?
220	Did the goal scorer display a message on a under shirt or any other part of the equipment?
242	Were the goal scorer's actions excessive and creating safety concerns for the spectators?

Delaying Re-Start of Play	
243	Does the player delay the goalkeeper from distributing the ball into play?
244	Does the player provoke the referee into deliberately receiving a caution?
245	Should the referee consider if the player heard the whistle and clearly tried to delay the restart of play?
246	Did the player delay the restart of play by deliberately kicking the ball away?

OFFSIDE – KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Interfering with Play

- Play
- Touch

Interfering with an Opponent

- Line of vision
- Challenging
 - Clear attempt to play/clear action
 - Impact opponent/impact ability
 - Hindering, delaying, preventing

Gaining an Advantage

- Rebound
- Deflection
- Save
- Interfering with the opponent
- Exception – Deliberate play

DELIBERATE PLAY	DEFLECTION
Player moving towards the ball	Ball moving towards the player
The ball is expected	Finds the ball coming against them
A deliberate act	An instinct reaction attempt to play
Enough time to play	Not enough time to play the ball
Balanced and ready to play	Has to find his balance first
The ball is properly played	The ball deflects from the player

