

Ken Aston Referee Society

DUAL SYSTEM CRITERIA

Pre-Game for Soccer Referees in the dual system:

- Referee and alternate Referee 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.
- Referees change sides of field at half-time and lead in the opposite direction

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. 📣