

# LAW 12 - Fouls and Misconduct



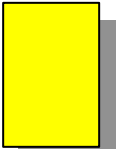

**“Misconduct”**

# Objectives

At the end of this session, you will be able to:

- List the seven reasons for issuing a caution
- List the seven reasons for sending off a player
- Identify situations illustrating serious foul play and violent conduct

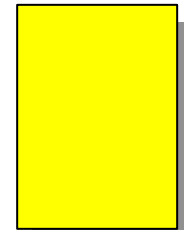
# TOPICS

- **Seven (7) Cautionable Offenses:** 
- **Seven (7) Send-off Offenses:** 
- **Procedures for issuing cards**
- **Restarts involving Misconduct**

# 7 CAUTIONABLE OFFENSES

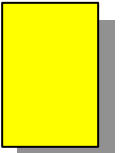
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**A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he/she commits any of the following seven offenses. . .**



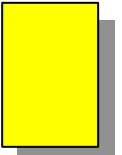
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- ① Is guilty of unsporting behavior (UB)
- ② Shows dissent by word or action (DT)
- ③ Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game (PI)
- ④ Delays the restart of play (DR)
- ⑤ Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick (FRD)
- ⑥ Enters or re-enters the field without the referee's permission (E)
- ⑦ Deliberately leaves the field without the referee's permission (L)

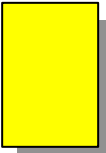
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## • “Unsporting behavior” (UB) examples

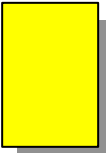
- Commits a penal foul in a reckless manner
- Commits a penal foul while tackling for the ball from behind
- Commits a tactical foul designed to interfere with or impede an opposing team’s attacking play
- Commits an act deemed by the referee as bringing the game into disrepute (e.g. aggressive attitude, inflammatory behavior, or taunting)
- Pushes or holds (including holding the opponent’s uniform) to interfere with that opponent’s attacking play

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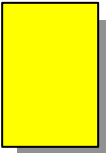
- “Unsporting behavior” examples (cont.’d)
  - Handles the ball deliberately to interfere with an opponent’s attacking play
  - Handles the ball deliberately to score a goal
  - Fakes an injury or exaggerates the seriousness of an injury
  - Fakes a foul (dives) or exaggerates the severity of the foul
  - Interferes with or prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands into play
  - Unfairly distracts or impedes an opponent performing a throw-in; this is a **mandatory caution**

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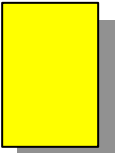
- “Unsporting behavior” examples (cont.’d)
  - Verbally distracts an opponent during play or at a restart
  - If identified as the kicker, engages in unfair deception while taking a penalty kick
  - Changes jerseys with the goalkeeper during play or without the referee’s permission; this is a **mandatory caution** for **both players**

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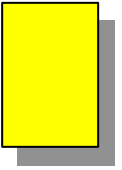
- “Unsporting behavior” examples (cont.’d)
  - Engages in trickery to circumvent the goalkeeper’s limitation on handling a ball played from a teammate’s foot (the defender who initiates the “trickery” is cautioned and the decision does not require that the goalkeeper actually handles the ball); this is a **mandatory caution** whether it occurs during dynamic play or at a restart

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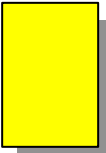
- **“Show dissent by word or action” (DT)**
  - Verbally or through action disputes or shows contempt for an official’s decision
  - If playing as the goalkeeper, leaves the penalty area (not beckoned by the referee) to engage an official in debate regarding a decision

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- **“Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game” (PI)**
  - Repeatedly commits fouls or participates in a pattern of fouls directed at an opponent
  - Violates Law 14 again, having previously been warned
  - Fails to start or restart play properly or promptly, having previously been warned
  - If playing as goalkeeper, wastes time, having previously been warned or penalized for this behavior

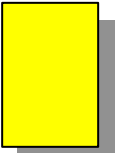
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- **“Delays the restart of play” (DR)**

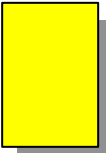
- Kicks or throws the ball away or holds the ball to prevent a free kick restart by an opponent
- Kicks or throws the ball away or holds the ball to prevent a throw-in or corner kick by an opponent
- Fails to restart play after being so instructed by the referee
- Excessively celebrates a goal
- Fails to return to the field upon conclusion of the mid-game break, fails to perform a kick-off when signaled by the referee, or fails to be in a correct position for a kick-off

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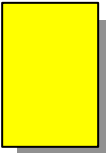
- **“Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick” (FRD)**
- Does not retire at least ten yards away from an opponent’s free kick
- Does not retire at least ten yards away from an opponent’s corner kick

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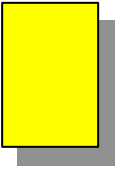
- “Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee’s permission” (E)
- Illegally returning to the field having previously been substituted; this is a **mandatory caution**
- After a player at fault is instructed to leave the field to correct his/her equipment; this is a **mandatory caution**
- After a player leaves the field for an injury

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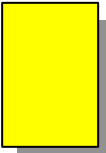
- “Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee’s permission” (cont.’d)
  - After player leaves the field for bleeding or blood on the uniform
  - Illegally entering the field as a substitute without having received a signal to do so from the referee; this is a **mandatory caution**

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- **“Deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee’s permission” (L)**
- Leaves the field to place an opponent in offside position
- Leaves the field other than through the normal course of play

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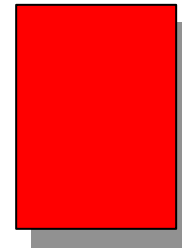
- **F**ails to respect required distance...
- **P**ersistently infringes...
- **U**nsporting behavior
- **D**issent...
- **D**elays the restart...
- **L**eaves the field...
- **E**nters the field...

**Handy Hint...**

# 7 SEND-OFF OFFENSES

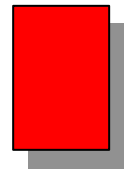
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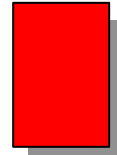
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- Is guilty of serious foul play (**SFP**)
- Is guilty of violent conduct (**VC**)
- Spits at an opponent or any other person (**S**)
- Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball...this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area (**DGH**)
- Denies obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick (**DGF**)
- Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language (**AL**)
- Receives a second caution in the same match (**2CT**)

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## Send-off Examples:

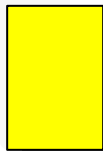
- **Striking an opponent (SFP or VC)**
- **Striking a teammate (VC)**
- **Violently kicking an opponent (SFP or VC)**
- **Foul tackle from behind with hard contact (SFP)**
- **Spitting at another person (SFP or VC)**
- **Tackle from behind on breakaway (DGF)**
- **Any act intended to injure another (VC)**

# MISCONDUCT PROCEDURE

Procedure used to issue cards:

## For a Caution:

- Isolate Offender
- Book (Name, number, time, offense)
- Display card

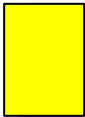
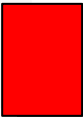


## For a Send-Off:

- Isolate Offender (if necessary)
- Display card
- Book... After player leaves



# MISCONDUCT REVIEW:

- Unlike fouls, misconduct can be against anyone, at anytime, anywhere including team areas, stands or parking lot
- Physical contact that looks the same as a major foul against anyone including teammates, spectators or officials at any time (or opponents, if the ball is out of play) is Unsporting Behavior  or Violent Conduct   
...depending on the severity of the action

# MISCONDUCT REVIEW:

- A foul may or may not also be misconduct
- Misconduct does not require a foul to have been committed
- Misconduct causing a stoppage of play without a DFK foul will warrant restarting with a IFK
- If you don't stop play for a misconduct, it must be dealt with at the next stoppage or not at all

# MISCONDUCT REVIEW:

## Procedure to Discipline:

**If clear to all why and no imminent disaster:**

- **Isolate**
- **Book**
- **Display card**

# MISCONDUCT REVIEW:

## Procedure to Discipline:

**If tempers hot and retaliation imminent:**

- **Display card**
- **Isolate**
- **Book**

# MISCONDUCT REVIEW:

## Procedure to Discipline:

If **sending-off** a player:

- Keep your eyes on field and players
- *Do not record info until player is absolutely gone*

# MISCONDUCT RESTARTS – 3 KEY QUESTIONS:

## 1<sup>st</sup> Question:

Did you stop play for the misconduct?

If NO...



**Normal  
Restart**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Question:

Was the misconduct committed by a player on the field?

If NO...



**Dropped  
Ball**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Question:

Was a major foul committed?

If NO...



**Indirect  
Free Kick**

## MISCONDUCT RESTARTS – 3 KEY QUESTIONS:

If the answer to All Three Questions... **Is YES**:

1. Did you stop play for the misconduct?

**YES...**

2. Was the misconduct committed by a player on the field?

**YES...**

3. Was a major foul committed?

**YES...**

**Direct Free Kick...or...Penalty Kick**