



2004 LCSRA Spring Training

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Coaches/Officials Survey Results

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The Five Critical Decisions

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- **Was it a goal?**
- **Was it a penalty kick?**
- **Was the player offside?**
- **The first card: Who, when and why?**
- **Was it a red card offense?**

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2002 Coaches Survey

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Problem Areas

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| 1. Foul Tackles | 55% |
| 2. Tactical Disruption | 70% |
| 3. Referee Team
Communication | 80% |

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1. Foul Tackles (55%)

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Five year injury trend:

“Leg injuries increasing in Youth and Adult soccer...”

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Survey Question #1:

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“Have you observed less tackling from behind?”

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<i>Coaches</i>	46%	54%
<i>Referees</i>	85%	15%

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Clear Message

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“Protect my players from injury.”

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The Slide Tackle

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“What is the difference between a sliding tackle and tripping?”

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Elements of a Legal Tackle

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Ruling: “For a sliding tackle to be permissible, the foot or feet shall be at or near the ground, the tackle shall be for the ball and not the opponent, the ball shall be played first and it shall be judged as not dangerous or violent.”

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Additional Visual Clues

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- **Distance Traveled by offender**
- **Verticality**
- **Visual Field of Offended Player**
- **Straight leg**
- **Studs up**
- **Over ball**
- **Trail leg or foot**
- **Excessive force**

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2. Tactical Disruption

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- **Shirt Pulling**
- **Repetitive Fouling**
Same Player
Targeted Opponent
- **Interfering with restart**
Delaying
Encroachment

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Survey Question #2:

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“Have you observed a decrease in shirt pulling?”

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<i>NCAA Coaches</i>	21%	79%
<i>NISOA Referees</i>	63%	37%

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Dealing with Tactical Disruption

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- **Visual**
 - **Eye contact with the offender.**
 - **Body language or gesture.**
- **Verbal**
 - Admonition**
 - **Private**
 - **Public**
 - **Caution**
 - **Eject**

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Conclusion

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Referee must **DISPLAY**
recognition of tactical
disruption, and...

ACT.

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Survey Question #3:

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“State the three most significant mistakes you have made on the field as a Referee.”

No. 2: Not communicating with an Assistant Referee ... 66% ←

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Survey Question #4:

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“Discuss in rank order the three most difficult game situations for you as an Assistant Referee.”

No. 4: No Support from the Referee..... 37%



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Survey Question #6:

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“Is the coordination between the Referee and Assistant Referees satisfactory?”

YES.... 20%

NO..... 80%



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Referee-Assistant Referee Coordination – Solutions

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**Pre-game conference defines
roles of the Referee team.**

Referee Responsibility:

Fouls and Misconduct

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Referee-Assistant Referee Coordination – Solutions

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Assistant Referee Responsibilities:

- Offside
- Ball in and out of play
- Assist “when asked” on fouls

Why, when and where?

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Referee-Assistant Referee Communication

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Communication with Whom?

Multi-tiered:

- Referee Team
- Players
- Coaches
- Spectators

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Referee Coordination and Communication - Solution

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Refereeing is a team sport.

Communicate it.

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Next Time:

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The Intangibles of:

“COMMUNICATION”