

## Assistant Referee Guide

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### Referee's Standard Instructions for Certified Assistant Referees

(The referee may amend these during the pregame discussion or at any time during the match.)

#### General:

1. Carry your flag on the field side.
2. Look at me when you signal.
3. Give unambiguous, precise signals.
4. Always follow the ball to the goal line; run if there is a shot on goal; try to anticipate deep play
5. Avoid ball watching. Watch your "3 lines": touch line, goal line and "offside line"; notice what happens when my back is turned.
6. Do not flag offside position; do flag offside infraction

#### Signals:

1. Throw in: 45° up in direction of throw, except in referee's half, hold flag straight up (if I look)
2. Goal kick: 90° pointing straight onto the field.
3. Corner kick: 45° down toward corner on your side.
4. Offside: Hold flag straight up. Give near, center, far signal after I whistle.
5. Goal: Good goal, jog toward halfway line; bad goal, stand and watch me, if I allow the goal, move toward halfway line.
6. To alert me: Reflect other assistant referee's flag if I don't see it.
7. Ball not properly put in play: Hold flag straight up; jiggle it; put it down.

#### Positioning:

1. Stay even with next-to-last defender or follow the ball if it goes past the next-to-last defender (this is "offside line", except in the following circumstances:
2. Goal kick: check ball placement in goal area then move to edge of penalty area ("18-yard line") to monitor clearance.
3. Corner kick: stand behind flag, looking down goal line.
4. Penalty kick: stand on goal line to judge goal as directed by me.
5. Offside infraction: stay put at point of infraction if I don't see your signal. Keep flag up until I acknowledge it or the defense clears the ball.
6. Ball improperly put into play: stay put if I miss your signal, especially if a score is an immediate result. Pull your flag down and move to your assigned position if I give you thumbs up.