

“To have Australian referees regarded as world class officials”

IFAB Experimental Trial
Red and yellow cards for team officials
in the Technical Area

IFAB 'play fair' initiative



- The Laws of the Game state that the occupants in the technical area must 'behave in a responsible manner.'
- The use of the RC and YC for team officials who behave irresponsibly will be trialled in the Hyundai A-League, Westfield W-League and Foxtel Y-League under the guidance of The International FA Board.
- This trial is consistent with FFA's existing Ask-Tell-Remove policy for managing the technical area, with the addition of yellow and red cards.
- A team official who accumulates five yellow cards will receive a one match suspension (refer to Disciplinary Regulations for more details)

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Guidelines to match officials

- Referees will use their judgement when deciding whether behaviour by a team official requires a warning (Ask), a caution (Tell) or a dismissal (Remove).
- Yellow card and red card infringements by team officials are specified in the relevant Disciplinary Regulations.
- The following examples are provided as guidelines for match officials.

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Warning offences / “Ask” – unacceptable behavior

Include (but not limited to):

- Minor / low level disagreement (by word or action) with a decision
- Failing to cooperate with a match official e.g. ignoring a 4th Official's instruction / request
- Persistent questioning of refereeing decisions
- Entering the field of play in a respectful / non-confrontational manner (including attempting to assist in a non-confrontational situation)
- Leaving the technical area in a non-confrontational manner (e.g. running down the touchline in excessive goal celebrations)

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Caution (YC) offences / “Tell” – irresponsible behaviour

Include (but not limited to):

- Persistent / repeated unacceptable behaviour (including repeated warning offences)
- Dissent by word or action including:
 - Throwing / kicking drink bottles or other objects to **show dissent** (i.e. non-aggressive manner, not on the field, not at someone)
 - Gestures which show a clear lack of respect for the match official(s) e.g. sarcastic clapping

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Caution (YC) offences / “Tell” – irresponsible behaviour (cont).

- Gesturing or acting in a provocative, derisory or inflammatory way, including gesturing for a RC or YC to be shown
- Clearly / persistently not respecting the confines of their team’s technical area
- Deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (non-confrontational)
- Delaying the restart of play *by their team*
- Showing a lack of respect for the game

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Dismissal (RC) offences / “Remove” – serious irresponsible behaviour

Include (but not limited to):

- Violent conduct (including kicking or throwing a water bottle or other object in a dangerous or aggressive manner)
- Deliberately throwing / kicking an object on to the field of play
- Physical or aggressive behaviour
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- Spitting at any person
- Entering the field of play to interfere with play or an opposing player

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Dismissal (RC) offences / “Remove” – serious irresponsible behaviour

- Deliberately leaving the technical area to:
 - Act in a provocative or inflammatory manner
 - Enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner
- Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding on to the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a player
- Receiving a second YC in the same match