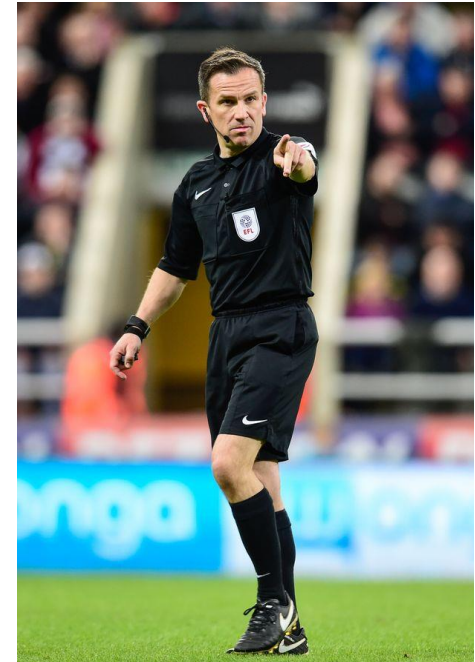


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Tactical Fouls

- To review the considerations for deciding whether an offence has a tactical element to it or not:
 - DOGSO
 - Stopping a Promising Attack (SPA)
 - Tactical Foul

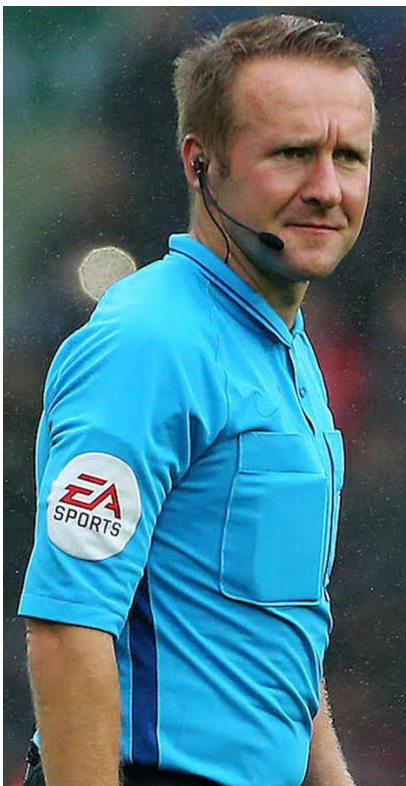


- In your groups, please discuss the criteria you would take into consideration when issuing a caution for:
- DOGSO
- Stopping a Promising Attack
- Fouls committed for tactical reasons



Cautions for Unsporting Behaviour

- commits any other offence which **interferes** with **or stops** a promising attack, except where the referee awards a penalty kick for an offence which was an attempt to play the ball
- **denies** an opponent an **obvious** goal-scoring opportunity by an offence which was an attempt to play the ball and the referee awards a penalty kick
- handles the ball to **interfere** with **or stop** a promising attack



Criteria for determining if the offence committed denied an obvious goalscoring opportunity:

- distance between the offence and the goal
- general direction of the play
- likelihood of keeping or gaining control of the ball
- location and number of defenders



SPEED, SPACE, OPTIONS

- Referees must evaluate the following when assessing whether an attack is to be considered 'promising':
- **Speed** – The player(s) is (are) moving forward with pace in their attack
- **Space** – There should be green space in front of the player with the ball to dribble, pass or shoot and/or green space in front of other attackers would could receive the ball
- **Options** – Either the player with the ball has options to take on a defender or has other teammates to which they could pass the ball
- These considerations relate to a promising attack which has a **possibility** of becoming a goal-scoring opportunity, and not simply every forward movement

Often referred to as blatant or cynical fouls

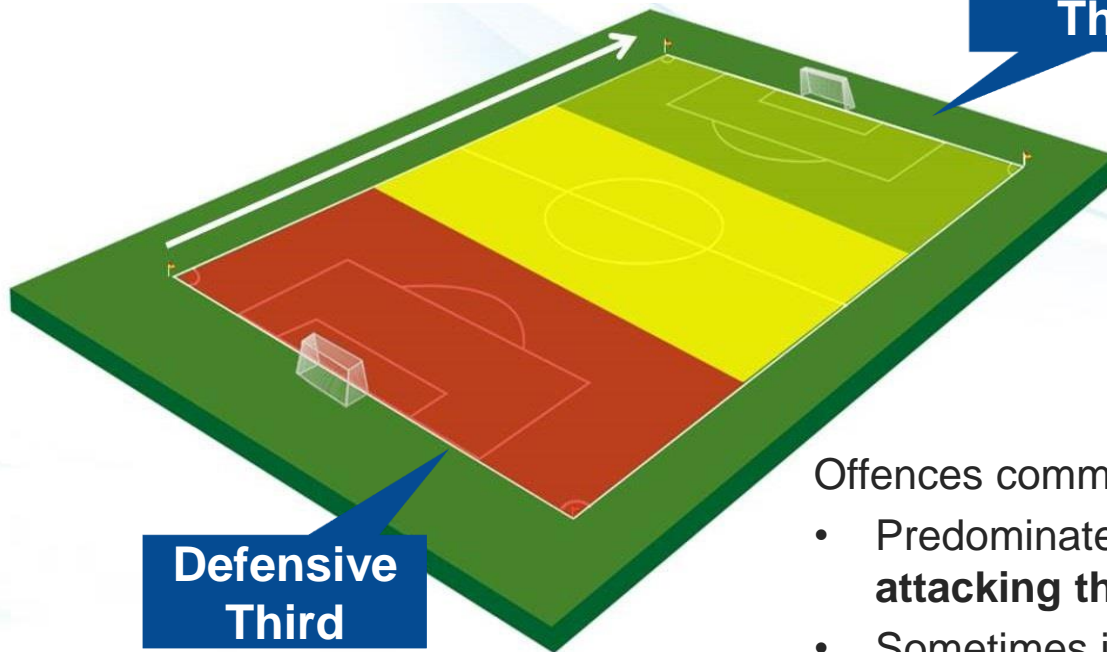
- Tactical fouls are not deserving of a yellow card on its own merit when seen in isolation, but, when taking the match situation into consideration, the foul warrants a caution
- The defender blatantly or cynically holds/fouls the attacker as they are starting, or during, an attack
- A tactical foul is when an offence is committed which stops a promising attack from emerging, or the offence occurs well into the defensive half
- The tactical foul occurs because the defender feels that without this blatant, deliberate offence, the opponents will have an attack for which they will not be able to defend

- **Position** on the Field of Play
- **Numerical advantage**
- Giving away a free kick to allow **time to defend** (taking one for the team)
- **Preventing** player from advancing
- The defender knows they are **beaten**



Position on the Field of Play

Attacking
Third



Defensive
Third

Offences committed:

- Predominately **close to the middle and attacking third of the field of play**
- Sometimes in the **Defensive third**, particularly after a set play or counter attacking situations and defenders out of position to defend

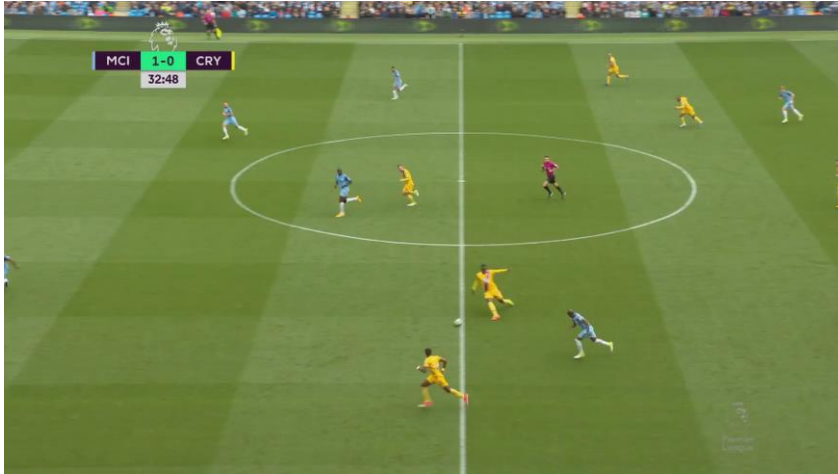
Numerical Advantage



- Tactical fouls are used to gain a numerical advantage for defenders to stop or hinder the attack

Time to Defend

- The defending team is exposed and taking 'one for the team'
- Tactical fouls give defenders time to defend. It gives the defending team time to get goal-side of the ball (also creating a numerical advantage for defenders)



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Prevent the player from advancing



- Tactical fouls prevent the player from advancing with their attacking move (e.g. deliberate handball or blocking or holding attacker)
- The foul is committed off the ball to prevent the attacking player from getting into space behind a defender or behind the defence

Defender is beaten

- The defender knows they are beaten
- The defender may not have the skill and/or the speed to stop the attacker
- Tactical fouls usually occur in one-versus-one situations (Not to be confused with DOGSO)



Minor in Nature



- Tactical fouls are usually minor in nature, i.e. they are more often than not careless in nature as opposed to being reckless

- The key here is that these considerations relate to a promising attack which has a possibility of becoming a goal-scoring opportunity, and not simply every forward movement.

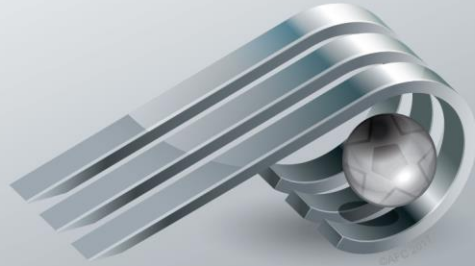
Discussion Clips



Summary



- Understanding the nature of these fouls and what to take into consideration will help us to better identify offences more consistently
- All incidents will have subtle differences which can make a difference to the final outcome
- Stopping a Promising Attack – SPEED, SPACE, OPTIONS
- Tactical Fouls - don't ignore blatant/cynical fouls that may not meet the stopping a promising attack criteria but is clearly a yellow card on its own merit



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Thank you