

(TSS – Team Support System (Football))

Roles & Responsibilities of Backup Lines People

Guidelines for Assistant Referees When Assigned a Flag

Overview

The backup lines people, also known as assistant referees, play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth conduct of a football match, especially when a designated FV referee is absent from a "Home" game. In such cases, it becomes the responsibility of the home team to provide a qualified replacement referee, and each club must appoint an assistant referee (lines person) to assist with match officiating duties.

Pre-Match Duties

- Each club must appoint a lines person for every match.
- Assistant referees are required to identify themselves to the appointed match official before the game, preferably at least 10 minutes prior to kickoff.

Primary Responsibilities During the Match

- Ball Out of Play: Indicate when the entire ball has crossed the boundaries of the field, whether on the ground or in the air.
- Restarts: Signal which team is entitled to a corner kick, goal kick, or throw-in when the ball leaves the field of play.
- Offside: Indicate when a player may be penalized for being in an offside position, in accordance with the rules of the game.
- Substitutions: Assist the head referee by signaling when a substitution is requested by either team.

Other Key Duties

- Inform the head referee if an accident or incident occurs behind play that may require attention or intervention.

Professional Conduct

- Assistant referees should remain neutral, attentive, and communicate clearly through flag signals.
- Maintain close cooperation with the head referee and other match officials to uphold the integrity of the game.

By following these guidelines, backup lines people help ensure fair play, safety, and an efficient match experience for all participants.