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Referee Signals Chart

The common referee signals every coach and player should know.

Knowing the referee's signals helps players react quickly and helps you and your parents understand decisions on match day. These are the signals you will see most often at grassroots level. Teach the main ones to your players so they respond to the whistle and the arm.



Direct free-kick

One arm out, pointing the way the kick is taken.



Indirect free-kick

One arm straight up until the ball is next touched.



Penalty kick

Points firmly to the penalty spot.



Advantage

Both arms swept forward - play on.



Goal kick

Arm points towards the goal area.



Corner kick

Arm points to the corner arc.



Caution (yellow)

Holds a yellow card above the head.



Sending off (red)

Holds a red card above the head.

Two flags, one whistle

An assistant referee (or club linesperson) raises a flag for offside, throw-ins and balls out of play. The referee's whistle and signal is the decision that counts - teach players to play to the whistle.