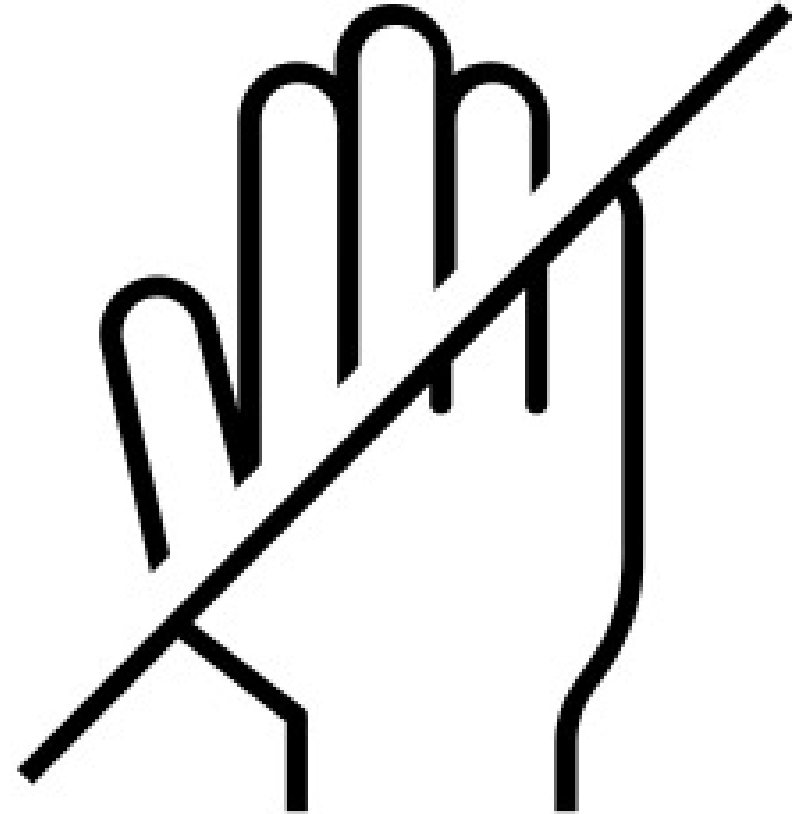




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CHALLENGES



CARELESS OR RECKLESS?

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Defining Careless and Reckless – what does the referee look for?

Criteria for decisions – moving a challenge from careless to reckless?

Management of borderline/reckless/grey area – body language, tone of whistle, etc.



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Foul or Not?



Biggest responsibility for referees is to recognize when a challenge is a foul or not

1. Recognizing a “foul”
2. Recognizing the correct action after the foul has been identified (Direct Free Kick, Indirect Free Kick, Misconduct?)

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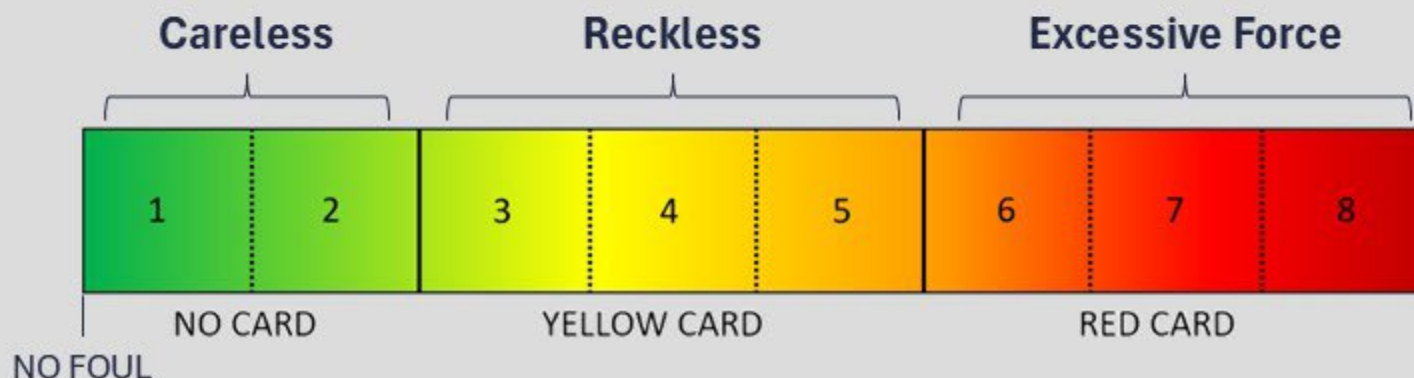


Foul or Not?

Laws of the Game – Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct



*“A direct free kick is awarded if a player commits any of the following offences against an opponent in a manner considered by the referee to be **careless**, **reckless** or using excessive force: **charges**, **jumps at**, **kicks** or attempts to kick, **pushes**, **strikes** or attempts to strike (including head-butt), **tackles** or **challenges**, **trips** or attempts to trip.”*



DEFINITIONS



Normal

You pay attention and enjoy what you are doing



Careless

You do not pay attention to what you are doing, and you make mistakes, or cause harm



Reckless

You are doing something **dangerous and not worrying about the risks and the possible results**



Excessive Force

You are **using more force that is reasonably necessary** for the situation



CHALLENGES



Careless or Reckless?

Laws of the Game – Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct





“Careless is when a player shows a lack of attention or consideration when making a challenge or acts without precaution.”

“Reckless is when a player acts with disregard to the danger to, or consequences for, an opponent and **must be cautioned**”

When determining careless or reckless, we are really deciding if contact was **lack of attention or disregard to the danger.**

DECISION


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DIRECT FREE KICK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NO CARD		YELLOW CARD			RED CARD		



Careless

 Decision 

DIRECT FREE KICK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NO CARD		YELLOW CARD			RED CARD		



Reckless

FIFA CONSIDERATIONS – LOWER BODY CONTACT

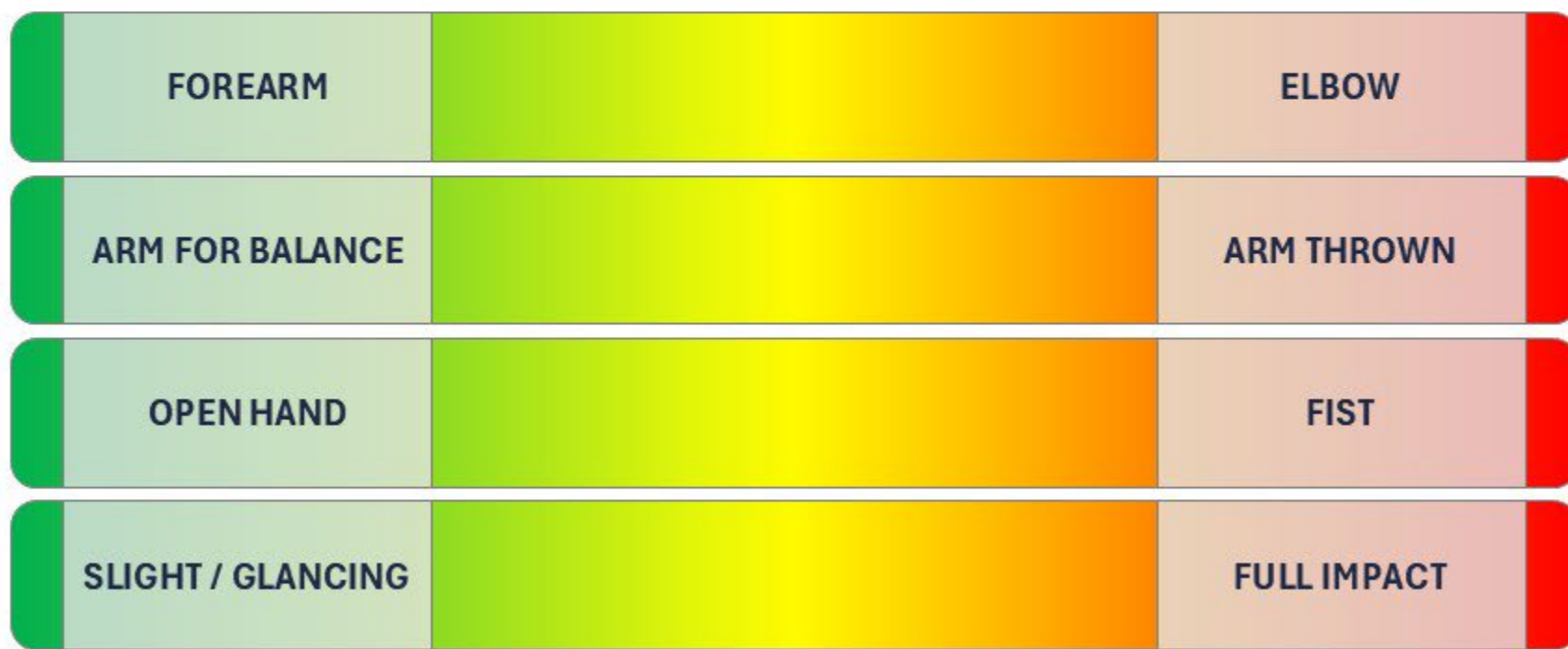
1. Point of contact on the body of the players (**lower body**)
2. Who is responsible for the contact / How and where



FORCE = SPEED + INTENSITY

FIFA CONSIDERATIONS – UPPER BODY CONTACT

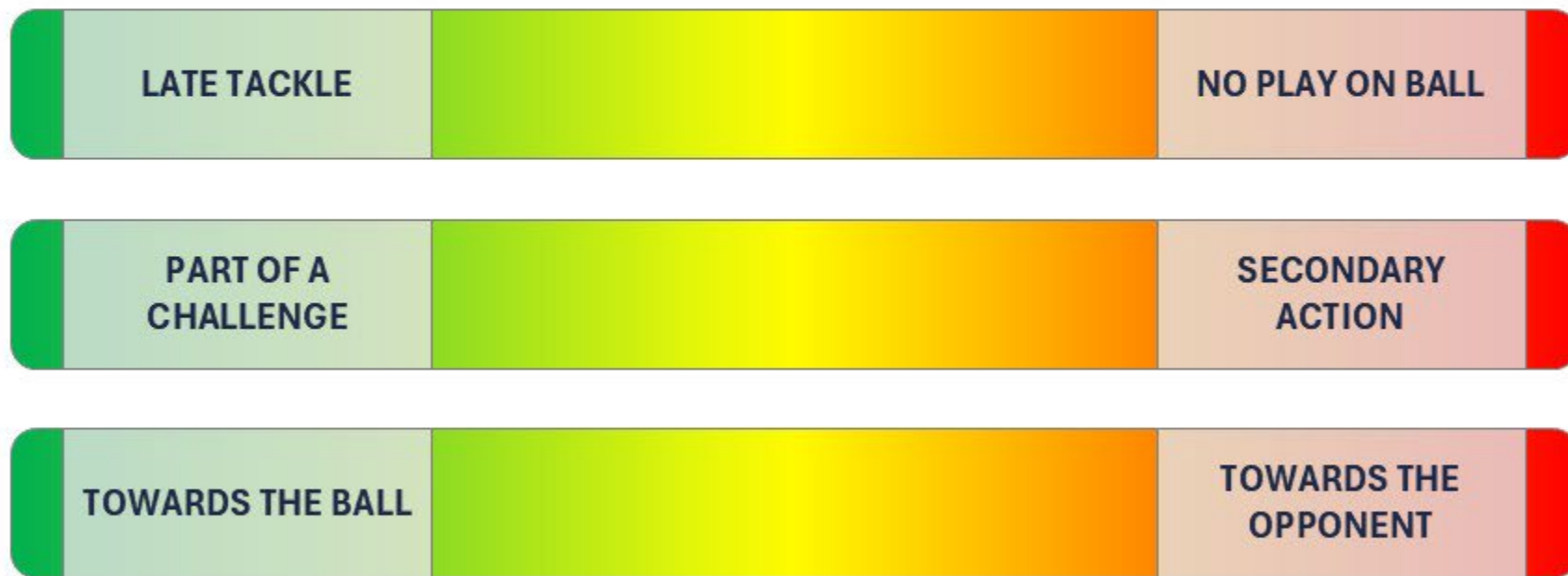
1. Point of contact on the body of the players (**upper body**)
2. Mode of contact



FORCE = SPEED + INTENSITY

FIFA CONSIDERATIONS – POSSIBILITY OF PLAYING THE BALL

1. Impact on ball
2. Mode of contact



FORCE = SPEED + INTENSITY



CARELESS VS RECKLESS



Lower Body Challenges





CARELESS VS RECKLESS



Upper Body Challenge –
Illegal Use of Arm (IUA)





VIDEO ANALYSIS





INCIDENT NO. 1



Note:

- Attacking team in red/black
- Defending team in yellow



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Incident No. 1



YOUR DECISION:

- ☐ No foul (Normal contact)
- ☐ Careless Foul
- ☐ Reckless Foul with Caution (Yellow Card)

INCIDENT NO. 1 DECISION

Decision:

Careless foul

Explanation:

While challenging for the ball,
Yellow #5 tripped Red/Black #22

Practical Concepts:

Standing position, minimal
contact, & force





INCIDENT NO. 2



Note:

- Attacking team in white
- Defending team in green



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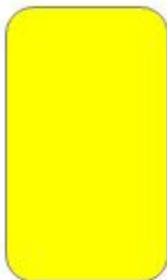
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INCIDENT NO. 2 DECISION

Decision:

DFK + Caution



Explanation:

Green #4 made an upper body contact with White #7 in a reckless manner

Practical Concepts:

Defender in green, is trying to block the path to the space, use of arm

Point of contact - force – fist (open/closed)





INCIDENT NO. 3



Note:

- Attacking team in red/black
- Defending team in yellow





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Incident No. 3



YOUR DECISION:

- ☐ No foul (Normal contact)
- ☐ Careless Foul
- ☐ Reckless Foul with Caution (Yellow Card)

INCIDENT NO. 3 DECISION

Decision:

DFK + Caution



Explanation:

Yellow #24 made contact on Red #15 foot in a reckless manner

Practical Concepts:

Where & how the contact is applied

Force = Speed + Intensity





INCIDENT NO. 4



Note:

- Attacking team in blue
- Defending team in white



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Incident No. 4



YOUR DECISION:

- ☐ No foul (Normal contact)
- ☐ Careless Foul
- ☐ Reckless Foul with Caution (Yellow Card)

INCIDENT NO. 4 DECISION

Decision:

Careless tripping foul

Explanation:

White #15 challenged Blue #8 for ball
Extending the right leg, the player was late challenging and tripped the opponent

Practical Concepts:

Point and mode of contact

Force = Speed + Intensity





INCIDENT NO. 5



Note:

- Attacking team in blue
- Defending team in red



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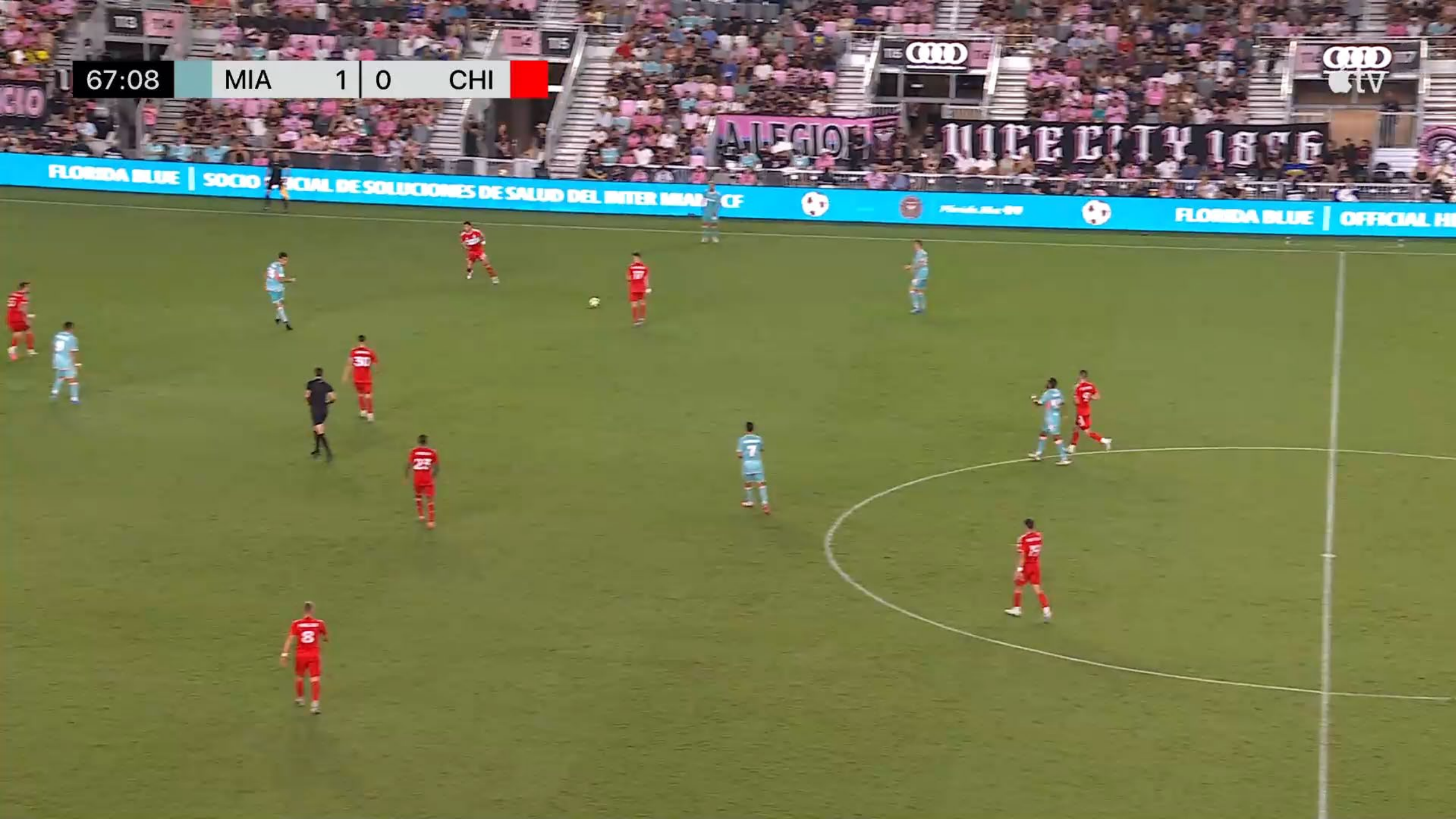


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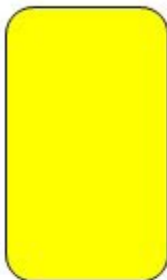
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INCIDENT NO. 5 DECISION

Decision:

DFK + Caution



Explanation:

Blue #55 recklessly challenged Red #5 in an unfair attempt for the ball

Practical Concepts:

No possibility to play the ball, challenge toward the opponent, standing position, consequences of the challenge (push Red #5 onto GK)



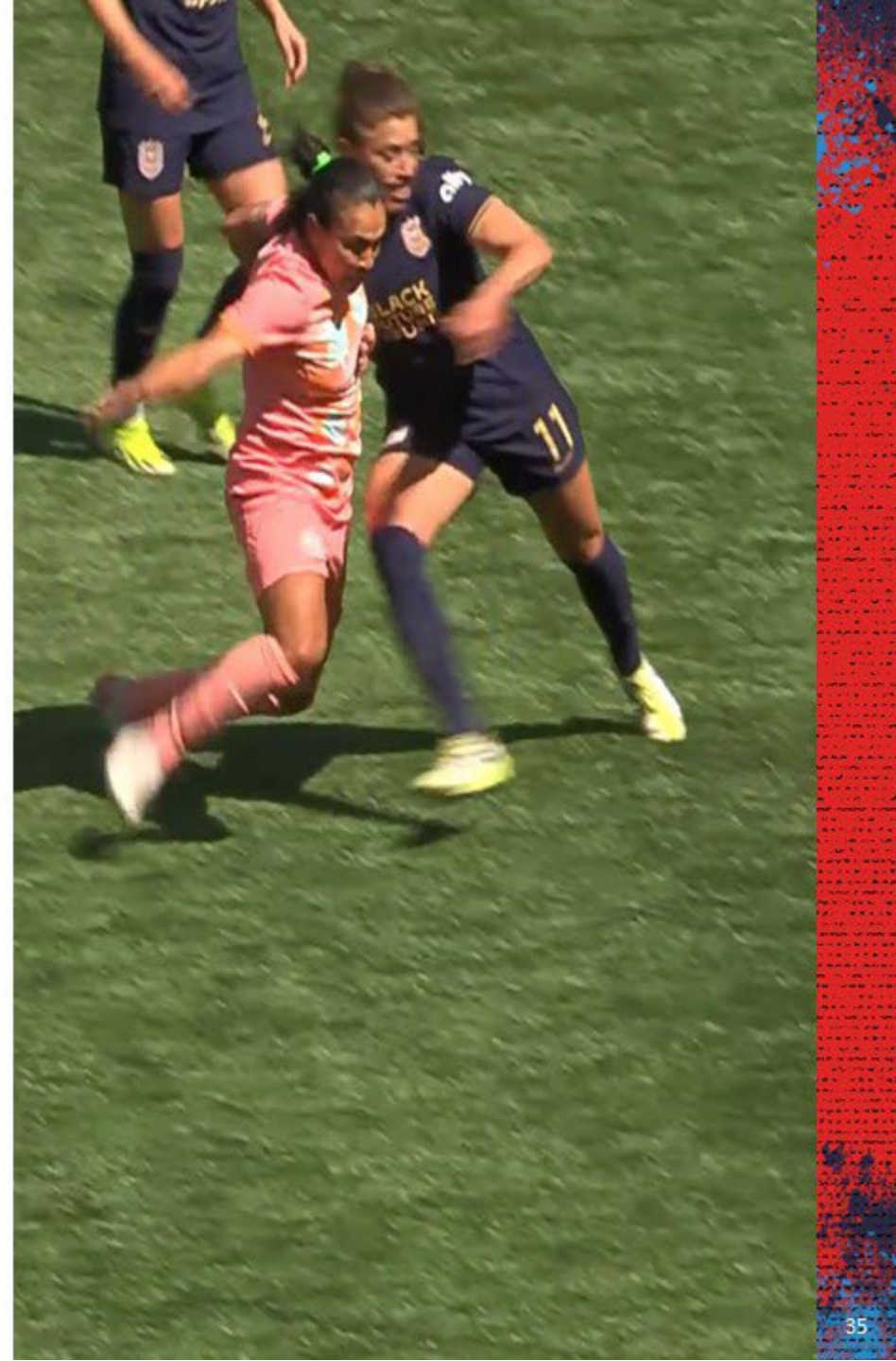


INCIDENT NO. 6



Note:

- Attacking team in pink
- Defending team in Blue





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Incident No. 6



YOUR DECISION:

- ☐ No foul (Normal contact)
- ☐ Careless Foul
- ☐ Reckless Foul with Caution (Yellow Card)

INCIDENT NO. 6 DECISION

Decision:

Careless tripping foul

Explanation:

Pink #10 and Blue #11 challenged each other for control of the ball. Blue #11 extended the right leg, tripping Pink #10

Practical Concepts:

Not getting distracted by the upper body contact

Low intensity – simple trip





INCIDENT NO. 7



Note:

- Attacking team in blue
- Defending team in white



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Incident No. 7



YOUR DECISION:

- ☐ No foul (Normal contact)
- ☐ Careless Foul
- ☐ Reckless Foul with Caution (Yellow Card)

INCIDENT NO. 7 DECISION

Decision:

DFK + Caution



Explanation:

Even though Blue played the ball, the trailing leg made contact with the standing foot of the opponent

Practical Concepts:

Not getting distracted by the fact that Blue got the ball first (see the full action), speed and intensity, contact with the opponent standing leg (exposed position)





INCIDENT NO. 8



Note:

- Attacking team in black
- Defending team in green



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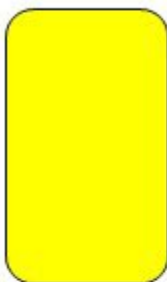
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INCIDENT NO. 8 DECISION

Decision:

DFK + Caution



Explanation:

Green #27 charged Black #19 with no attempt to play the ball

Practical Concepts:

No attempt to play the ball – Force – Speed

Look at the score/time



FOOTBALL UNDERSTANDING



Who is Responsible for the Contact and who initiates



How & Where is the Contact and Full / Glancing / Slight

Normal Soccer Contact / Fair vs Careless Challenges

Force / Intensity / Speed

Contact + Consequences / Impact

Ball first vs risk / Not Challenging for the Ball



THANK YOU!

