

Chapter Clinic Presentation  
*Conflicts of Interest*  
or  
*Should I accept this match?*

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***Conflict of Interest?***

When it comes to deciding whether to accept a game, some decisions are “clear-cut” and others are truly in the “grey area”. In the following situations, ask yourself “*Should I work this game?*”.

**1. A game involving your alma mater.**

YES    NO    MAYBE

This can be a tough situation, because it depends on how close your ties have remained with the school. For some, 5 years away may be enough. For others, it may never be possible to work there.

***How would you answer if someone finds out you graduated from one of the competing schools?***

***Conflict of Interest?***

**2. A family member is on the team.**

- YES    NO    MAYBE

Whether it's your child or other relative it's a situation that can't produce anything other than a negative outcome.

***Avoid this situation at all costs.***

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**3. The school's AD (or Coach) is a fishing buddy.**

- YES    NO    MAYBE

You have an established, ongoing relationship with someone from that school.

***While it may not be considered a direct conflict, it's probably a situation you want to avoid.***

***Conflict of Interest?***

**4. A Coach is an ex-teammate.**

- YES    NO    MAYBE

A majority of officials are ex-players, as are a majority of coaches. You are bound to be friends with some of them through your past lives as athletes.

***If you remain close friends, then avoid working those games. If you see each other rarely, then it MAY be OK.***

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**5. The neighbor kid is the star striker.**

- YES    NO    MAYBE

How close are your ties to the neighbor's family?

***If your families are best friends, then it's a conflict that should be avoided. If you just have similar addresses, then it's not.***

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**6. You used to coach player(s) involved in the match.**

YES    NO    MAYBE

If there is controversy of any kind, especially issue(s) that impact the outcome of the match, it will be impossible to sell that you are impartial, especially when players refer to you as “Coach” during the match.

***This a conflict that should be avoided at all costs.***

***Conflict of Interest?***

**7. You live in the same town as the school.**

YES    NO    MAYBE

Realistically, how can someone ever work a game if they couldn't work where they live?

***You shouldn't work every game at a single school, hometown or not ... but working a single game there should not be a conflict.***

***Concussion Mechanics, Do's and Don'ts*****Injury Mechanics**

- Beckon Coach/medical personnel.
- Observe player and look for concussion behaviors.
- When directing the removal of the student-athlete, use the language of the Rule.
- Do NOT discuss cause of injury.
- Do NOT converse with spectators, parents, or players.

***Concussion Mechanics, Do's and Don'ts*****Injury Mechanics**

- Partner should observe process while continuing to supervise the field and players.
- Record removal of the player, noting time of injury.
- Note if the athlete is injured or ill, but NOT removed under the "Concussion Rule".
- Player may NOT return without written authorization from physician per NJ modification consistent with NJ state law.

### ***Concussion Mechanics, Do's and Don'ts***

#### **Words to NEVER Use:**

- “He may have had a concussion.”
- “It looks like a concussion to me.”
- “I am removing her because I suspect a concussion.”
- “I don't think she should return to the match today.”

### ***Concussion Mechanics, Do's and Don'ts***

#### **After the Match**

- No public statements.
- No social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)
- Complete a game report (if required).

## True or False?

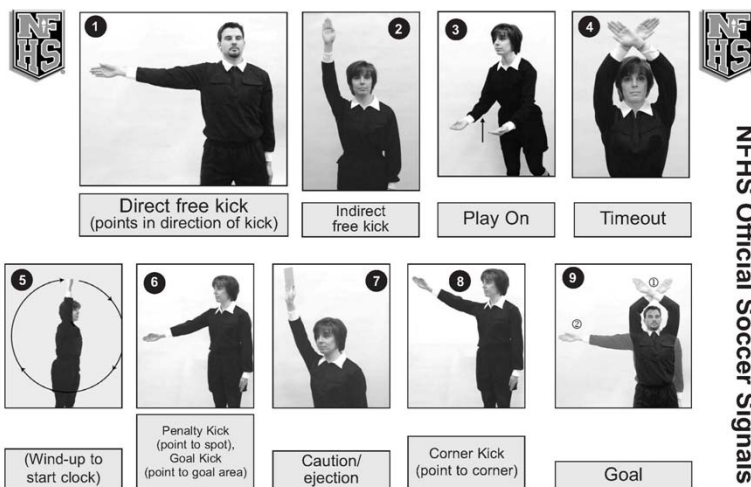
- The proper restart for a ball hitting the crossbar is a goal kick, because the goal is out of bounds.

## What/Where's the restart?

- A goalkeeper holds the ball for more than 6 seconds.

By rule, restart is an IFK at the spot of the infraction (except in the goal area); in practice DO NOT call this violation – use preventative officiating unless this becomes USC.

## Proper Signal Mechanics



## 2011 Refresher Test

- Q7 (25%) - In the pregame inspection, the referee finds the game balls to be soft or under-inflated. The home team will be required to rectify the problem. **True.**
- Q13 (39%) - After a goal is scored, substitutes from either team must report to the scorer or nearest official before they are permitted to enter the game. **False – players can come “off the bench” and need NOT be at the scorers table to enter after a goal is scored.**

## 2011 Refresher Test

- Q14 (75%) - In the first game of a tournament, the referee determines that a player was apparently unconscious. That player may participate in a second game later that day without written authorization from a physician. **True for NFHS; False per NJ modification.**

## 2011 Refresher Test

- Q25 (39%) - Player A has a broken cheek bone and is wearing a protective face mask made of hard material molded to the face. The player presents the referee a medical release from his MD/DO. The referee may allow Player A to play with the face mask. **False per NJ modification – requires letter from NJSIAA (Alan Brown) and mask to be initialed by Alan Brown.**

## 2011 Refresher Test

- Q29 (33%) - Beginning with the 2013 fall season, the home team must wear white stockings. **True.**
- Q36 (33%) - When wearing a cast, a medical release is required to play. **False.**
- Q51 (30%) - Prior to the start of the game, the referee informs both coaches that she will keep the official time on the field. This is the referee's prerogative, and the coaches will accept her decision. **False.**

## 2011 Refresher Test

- Q69 (45%) - Goalkeeper A makes a diving stop of a shot and holds the ball. The referee should immediately begin the six-second count for the keeper to release the ball even though the keeper is still lying prone on the ground. **False.**
- Q72 (25%) - Only players on the field can be shown a yellow/red card for misconduct. **False per NJ modification.**

## 2011 Refresher Test

- Q77 (25%) - A player shall be disqualified (yellow/red card) for any delayed, excessive or prolonged act(s) by which a player(s) attempts to focus attention upon himself/herself and/or prohibits a timely restart of the game. **False per NJ modification – caution/yellow card.**
- Q87 (34%) - Players opposing the kicker shall always be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked. **False – IFK for attackers outside the goal area defenders in box on goal line.**

## 2011 Refresher Test

- Q96 (36%) - While sitting on the bench, a substitute spits on an opponent. This is an example of a foul. **False – this is misconduct.**

## SJSOA Meeting Schedule

- 20 September 2011 – 7 PM, Eastern HS
- 3 October 2011 – 7 PM, Eastern HS
- 20 October 2011 – 7 PM Eastern HS
- Year End Banquet – November 10 – 6 PM at Gloucester County Tech