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# **SAY Referee Training Syllabus**

## **LAW: 12**



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# **LAW 12: Fouls & Misconduct**



# FOULS

**DIRECT FREE KICK - DFK  
(MAJOR FOULS)**

**INDIRECT FREE KICK - IFK  
(MINOR FOULS)**

# MISCONDUCT

**CAUTION                      YELLOW CARD**

**EJECTION                     RED CARD**

# **DIRECT KICK FOULS (DFK) MUST BE:**

**COMMITTED BY A PLAYER**

**WHILE BALL IS IN PLAY**

**ON THE FIELD OF PLAY**

**AGAINST AN OPPONENT  
(EXCEPT HANDLING THE BALL)**

**WHO IS ALSO A PLAYER**

# **PUNISHMENT**

**DIRECT FREE KICK**

**AT SPOT OF FOUL**

**(EXCEPT PENALTY KICK)**

**EXCEPTION:**

**PASSERS - INDIRECT  
FREE KICK**

# **TEN (10) DFK FOULS**

**SIX (6) - CONSIDERED TO BE:**

**CARELESS**

**-OR-**

**RECKLESS**

**-OR-**

**INVOLVING EXCESSIVE FORCE**

# TEN (10) DFK FOULS

## **SIX (6) FOULS - CARELESS .... RECKLESS .... EXCESSIVE FORCE**

- 1) KICKING  
(ATTEMPTING TO KICK)**
- 2) STRIKING  
(ATTEMPTING TO STRIKE)**
- 3) TRIPPING  
(ATTEMPTING TO TRIP)**
- 4) PUSHING**
- 5) JUMPING AT**
- 6) CHARGING**

# **TEN (10) DFK FOULS**

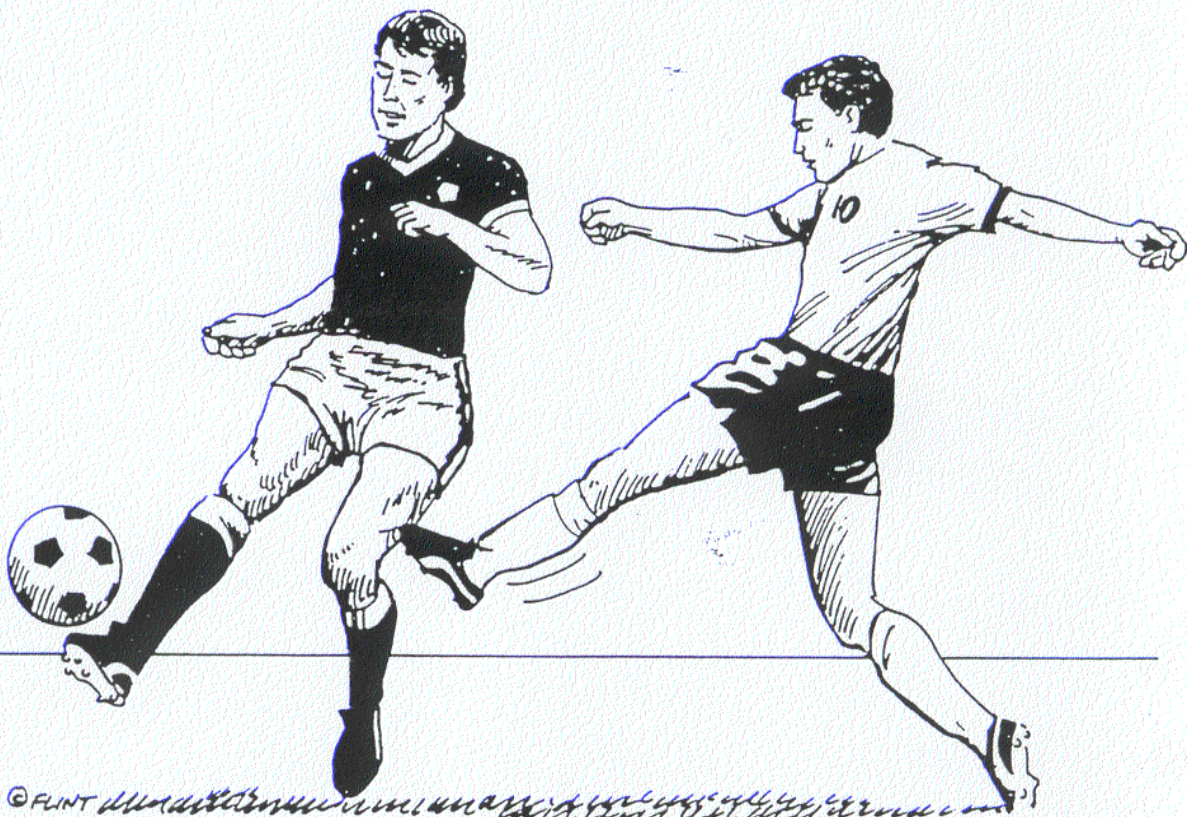
## **FOUR (4) OTHER OFFENSES**

**CARELESS .... RECKLESS ....  
EXCESSIVE FORCE CRITERIA  
NOT REQUIRED**

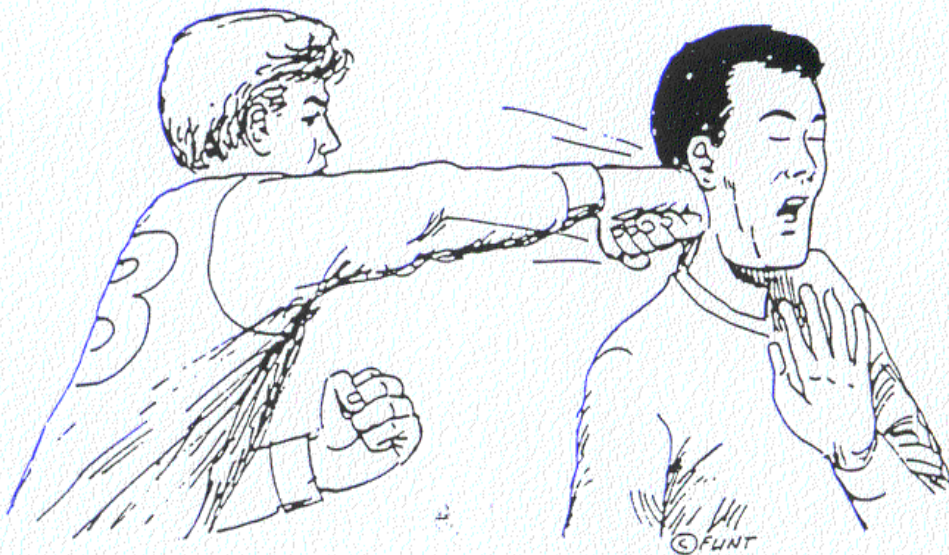
- 1) HOLDING**
- 2) SPITTING AT**
- 3) TACKLING OPPONENT  
(BEFORE THE BALL)  
  
SLIDE TACKLE FROM  
BEHIND (CONTACT WITH  
BALL OR PLAYER)**
- 4) HANDLING THE BALL  
(DELIBERATELY)**



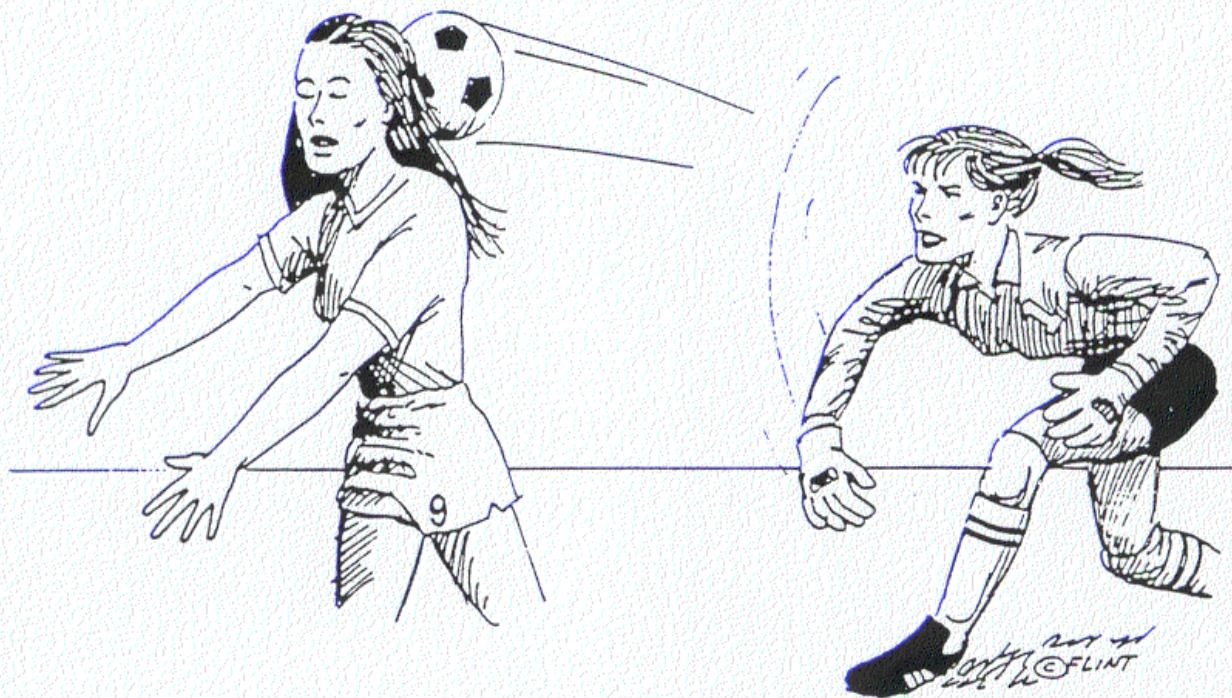
# KICKING OR ATTEMPTING TO KICK



# STRIKING OR ATTEMPTING TO STRIKE



# STRIKING OR ATTEMPTING TO STRIKE



# TRIPPING OR ATTEMPTING TO TRIP



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# TRIPPING OR ATTEMPTING TO TRIP



NOT A FOUL

# PUSHING



# PUSHING





# JUMPING AT (INTO) AN OPPONENT



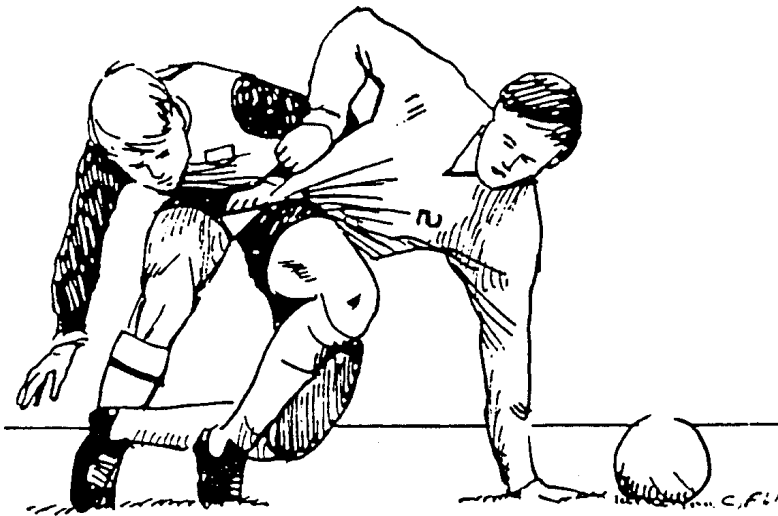
# CHARGING FROM BEHIND



# HOLDING

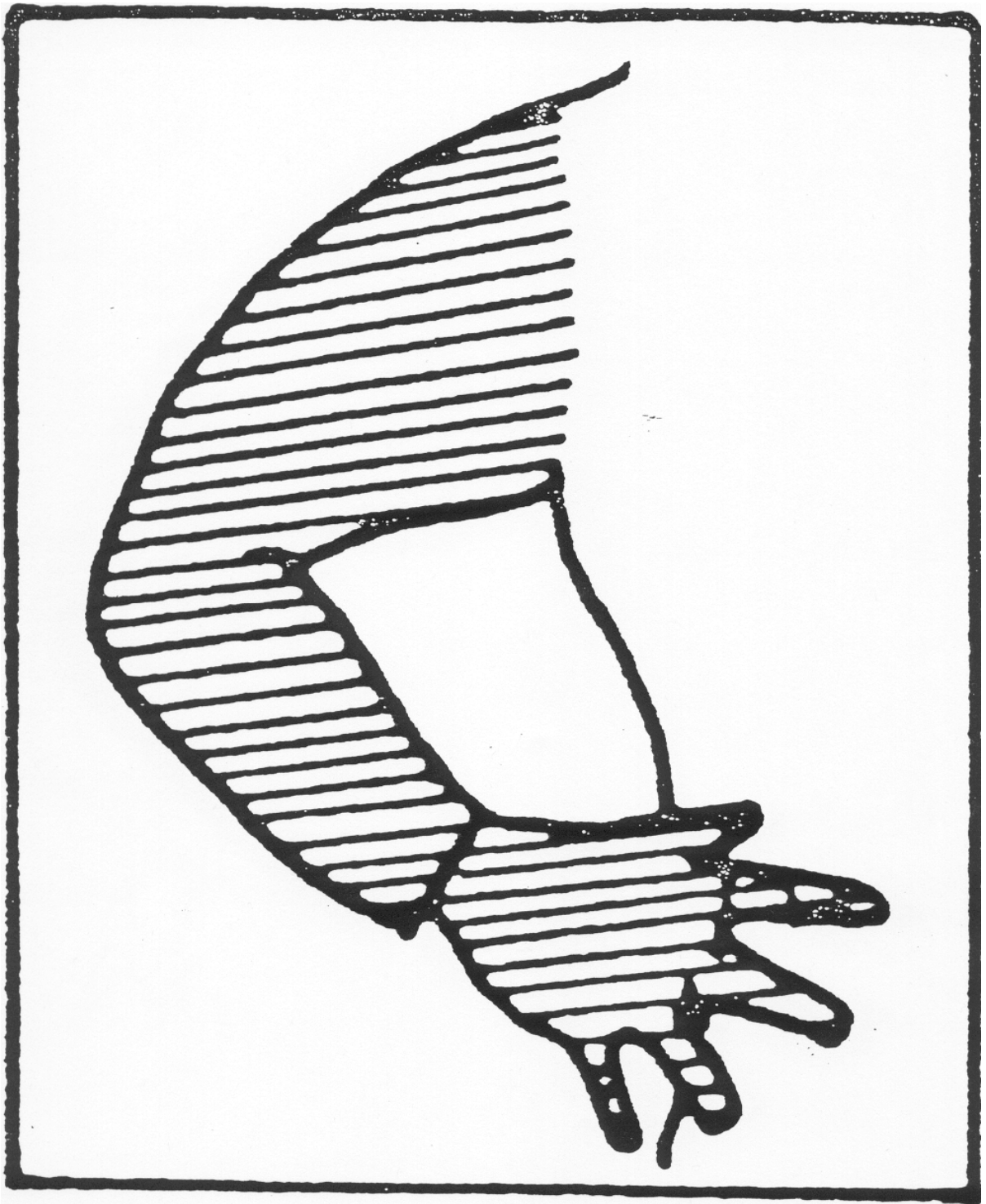


# HOLDING



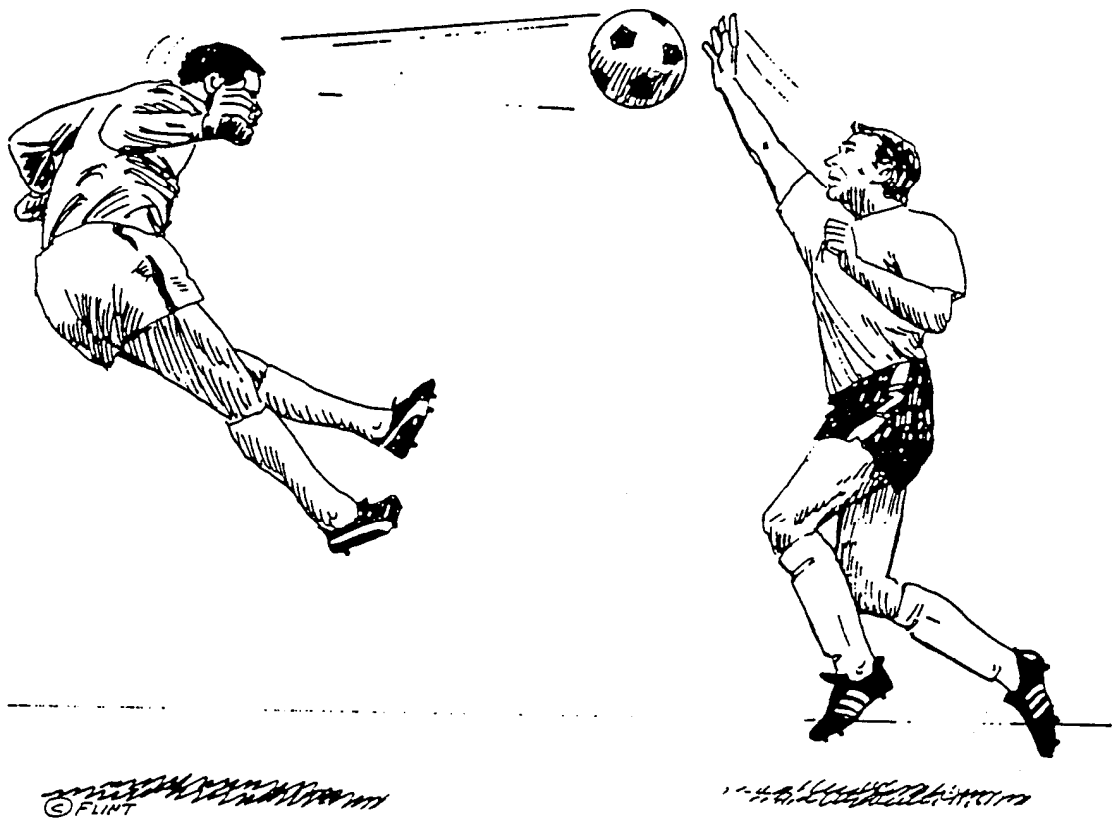


# FOUL TACKLE FROM BEHIND



## HANDLING .... HAND OR ARM

# HANDLING THE BALL





**NOT A FOUL!**



# **INDIRECT FREE KICK FOULS MUST BE:**

**COMMITTED BY A PLAYER**

**WHILE BALL IS IN PLAY**

**ON THE FIELD OF PLAY**

## **PUNISHMENT**

**INDIRECT FREE KICK**

**AT SPOT OF OFFENSE**

# SIX (6) IFK FOULS

**DANGEROUS PLAY**

**CHARGING FAIRLY WHEN BALL IS NOT WITHIN PLAYING DISTANCE**

**CHARGING THE GOALKEEPER**

**OBSTRUCTING AN OPPONENT (INTENTIONALLY)**

**SLIDE TACKLING FROM THE REAR WITH NO CONTACT**

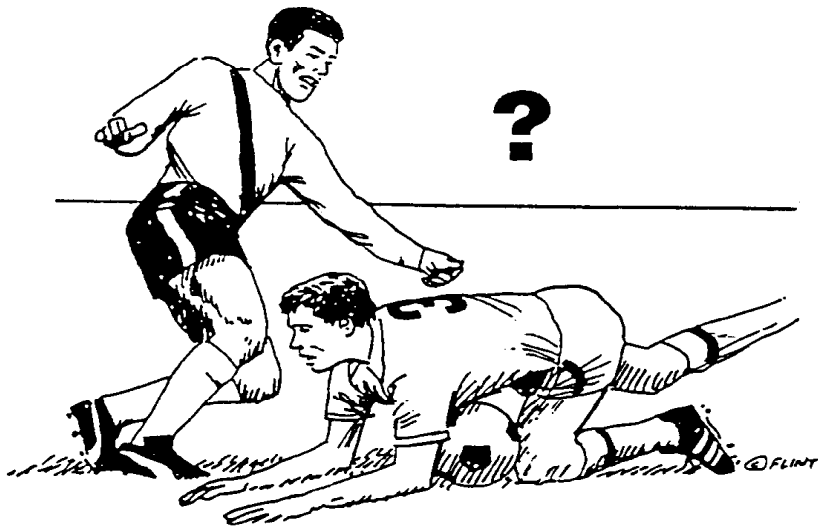
**IMPROPER CLEARING OF THE BALL BY THE GOALKEEPER**

**EXCEPTION:  
PASSERS AND WINGS**

# PLAYING IN A DANGEROUS MANNER



# PLAYING IN A DANGEROUS MANNER





## OBSTRUCTION

# **MISCONDUCT - CAUTION (YELLOW CARD)**

**ENTERING OR LEAVING FIELD  
WITHOUT PERMISSION**

**PERSISTENT VIOLATION OF  
LAWS OF GAME**

**DISSENT**

**UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR**

**DELAYING RESTART OF GAME**

## **RESTART**

**INDIRECT FREE KICK**

**AT SPOT OF OFFENSE .... OR  
WHERE BALL WAS LOCATED**

# **MISCONDUCT - EJECTION (RED CARD)**

**VIOLENT CONDUCT**

**SERIOUS FOUL PLAY**

**OFFENSIVE, INSULTING OR  
ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**

**SECOND CAUTIONABLE  
OFFENSE**

**DENYING OBVIOUS GOAL  
SCORING OPPORTUNITY**

**EXCEPTIONS:  
PASSERS AND WINGS**

# **MISCONDUCT - EJECTION (RED CARD)**

**RESTART**

**INDIRECT FREE KICK**

**AT SPOT OF OFFENSE**