

RECOMMENDATION TO REFEREES RELATING TO CONDUCT & BEHAVIOUR OF COACHES, OFFICIALS & PLAYERS

1. The coach can speak & pass information to his team, but cannot shout continuously as if he is a radio commentator.
2. The coach cannot move further than the 5 metre line closest to his team bench when his team are in possession of the ball.
3. The coach is responsible for the behaviour of all officials & players on the bench.
4. The coach cannot comment or make gesticulations on the refereeing during the game.
5. It is forbidden for the coaches, official & players to go on the referee's platform.
6. It is forbidden for the coach to move behind the referee & the referee's platform.
7. The coach & the whole team must move in front of the referee through the corridor reserved for them.
8. In any case all the persons who are authorised to sit on the bench, are obliged to stay sitting down & not intervene verbally:
 - In the case where the coach is sanctioned by the issuing of a yellow card it does not result in a loss of privileges.
 - In all these cases the referee must sanction all other persons that do not respect these rules by issuing with a red card; that it is not possible that a breach of these rules can be sanctioned by issuing of a yellow card.
9. **In International competition the referee may issue a red card to a player(s) on the bench for misconduct; that in this situation the player must vacate the bench and will automatically be excluded from participating in the next match in that competition.

** As far as GBR domestic operation is concerned regarding note 9. Red and yellow cards continue to be used ONLY for officials on the team bench and if the referee needs to remove a player he already has the requisite signals at his command, whether the player is guilty of a fresh case of misconduct and is punished accordingly or whether he has merely stayed on the bench when he should have left it.