



Umpiring Competencies

Umpire preparation

Arrives in plenty of time to carry out nail check etc.
Wears suitable clothing and footwear.
Pre-match protocols.
Has the right equipment.
Knowledge of area of control and whose whistle should start of play.

Personal skills in controlling the game.

Voice - loud enough to communicate with players and co-umpire.
Whistle – loud enough and used at the right time.
Terminology – 4 W's, what happened (infringement) Who to, what penalty are you awarding and who to.
Indication of where the penalty should be taken.
Positioning – keeps in line or just slightly ahead of play on most occasions.
Fitness. (Can they keep up with or in line with play?)
Concentration. (Needs to be maintained until the final whistle)
Can keep score if necessary or indicate the centre pass.
Should not slow down the flow of the game at the restart.

Rules which should be observed consistently

Start of play.
Scoring a goal.
Out of court.

Rules which should be observed at a consistent level.

Footwork – 3 clear steps or unskilful off balance.
Playing the ball
Obstruction – at a throw in, shooting and free passes.
Contact – push, trips, hold, lean or attempts to remove the ball from an opponent.
Offside.

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