

Fourth Official Duties

The Fourth Official assists the referee at all times to control the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game and serves under the authority of the referee. The Fourth Official shall be prepared to serve as referee or assistant referee if the referee or an assistant referee is unavailable or otherwise incapacitated.

The Fourth Official's duties include the following:

1. Maintain the official record of the match, including the number of the player(s) that scored the goal(s) and time of the event; the # of the player(s) issued a caution/Ejection.
2. Assists with any other administrative duties before during or after the match as instructed by referee including but not limited to:
3. Inspect competition balls
4. Inspect players for proper equipment and uniform.
5. Prior to the start of the match, perform final check of benches and technical areas to ensure the technical area is clear of loose objects, balls, equipment or debris.
6. Ensures any player that is dismissed is managed in accordance with the competition rules once he or she leaves the field.
7. Monitors behavior of bench personnel and substitutes to ensure proper behavior.
8. Manages the technical area which includes monitoring who encroaches the touch lines.
9. Prevents team official or substitute from entering the field without referee permission.
10. Remains standing at score table unless tending to some other specific issue.
11. May enter the field to help control situations such as mass confrontation, fighting or violent conduct.
12. Has authority to inform the referee of irresponsible behavior of any player, substitute or bench personnel in the technical area.
13. Assists in managing ball handlers during match.
14. Manages the substitution procedure and substitutes during the match.
15. Ensures substitutes are properly equipped before allowing them on the field. Has authority to deny the substitute entry on to the field if uniform or equipment do not comply with competition Rules.
16. Ensures any improper equipment or uniform is rectified before allowing substitute or player on to the field.
17. Must indicate to the referee if the wrong player has been cautioned or dismissed because of mistaken identity.
18. After the match, the fourth official confirm with the team managers the details of shots on goal, saves and corner kicks before teams disperse.
19. After the match, the fourth official must submit a game report to competition authorities including score and any report of misconduct of any player, substitute, and bench personnel.