



Soccer Association for Youth, USA

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

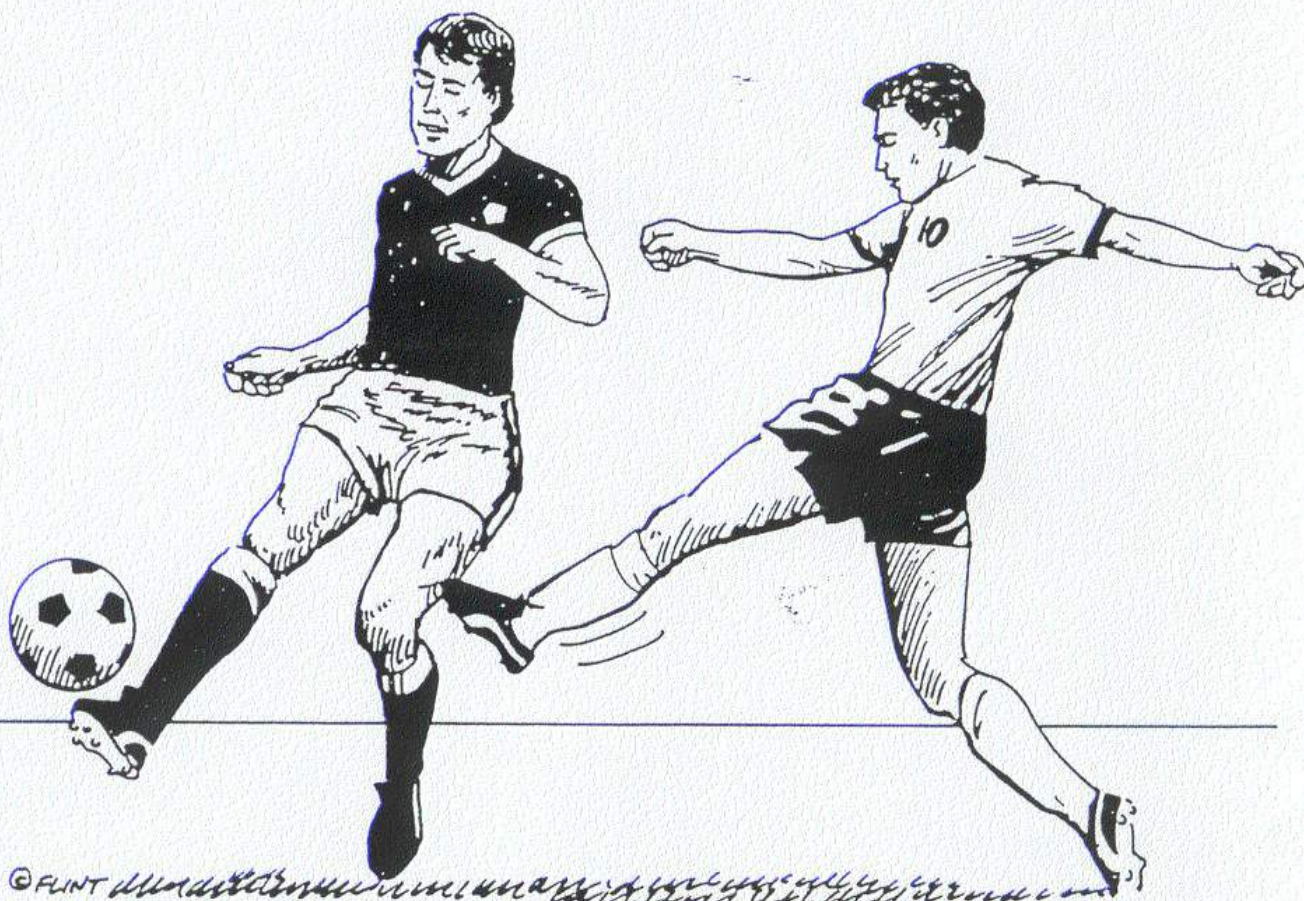
2) SPITTING AT

**3) TACKLING OPPONENT
(BEFORE THE BALL)**

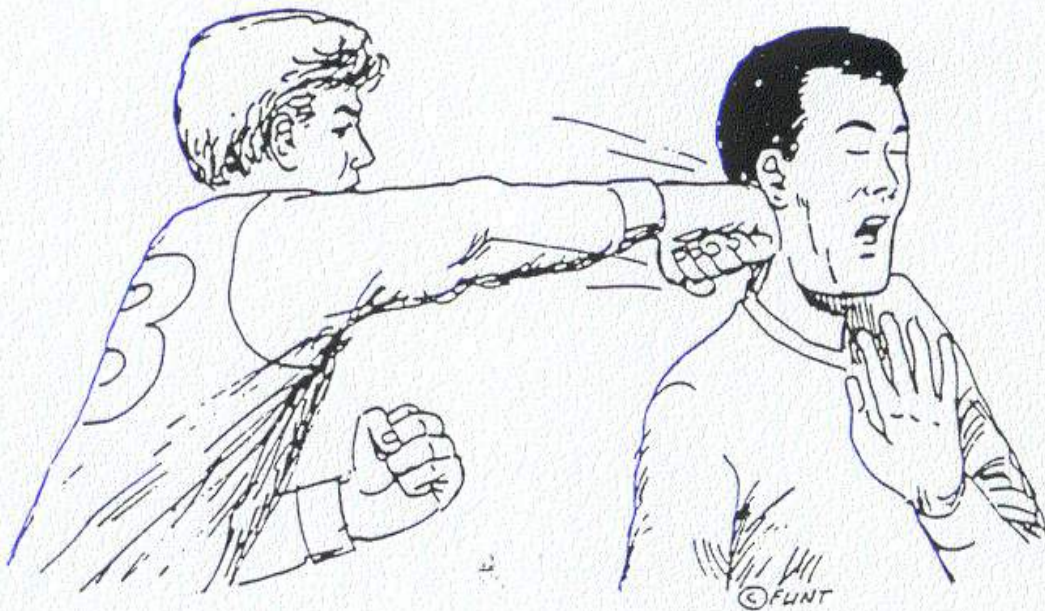
**SLIDE TACKLE FROM
BEHIND (CONTACT WITH
BALL OR PLAYER)**

**4) HANDLING THE BALL
(DELIBERATELY)**

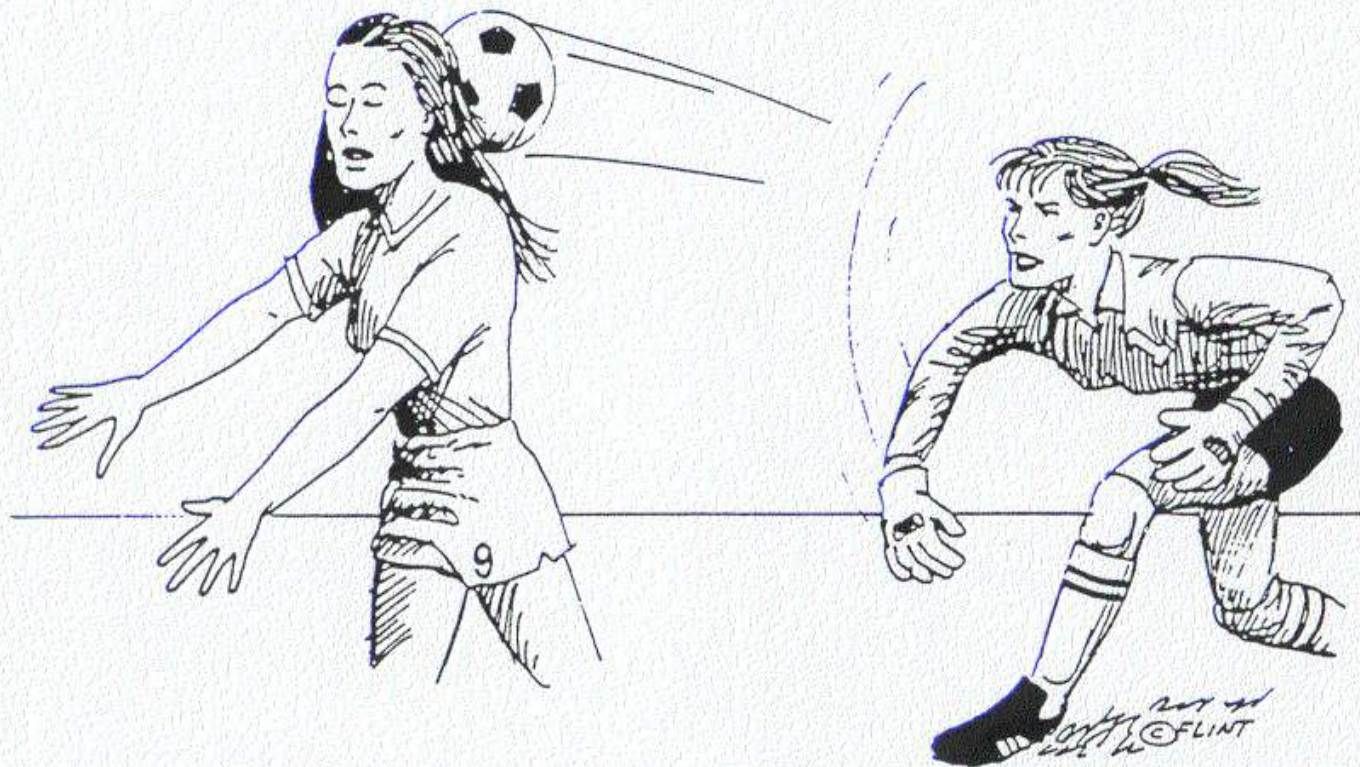
KICKING OR ATTEMPTING TO KICK



STRIKING OR ATTEMPTING TO STRIKE



STRIKING OR ATTEMPTING TO STRIKE



TRIPPING OR ATTEMPTING TO TRIP



TRIPPING OR ATTEMPTING TO TRIP



TRIPPING OR ATTEMPTING TO TRIP



NOT A FOUL

PUSHING



PUSHING



JUMPING AT (INTO) AN OPPONENT



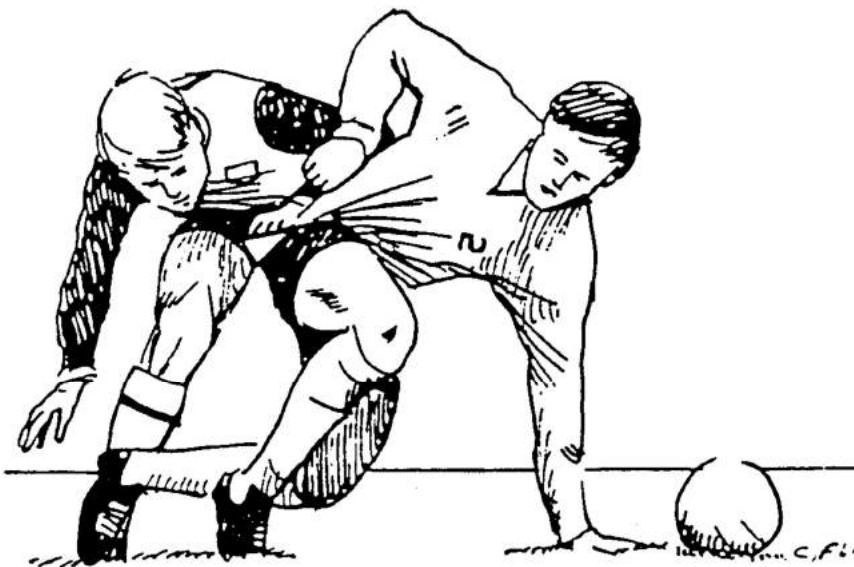
CHARGING FROM BEHIND



HOLDING

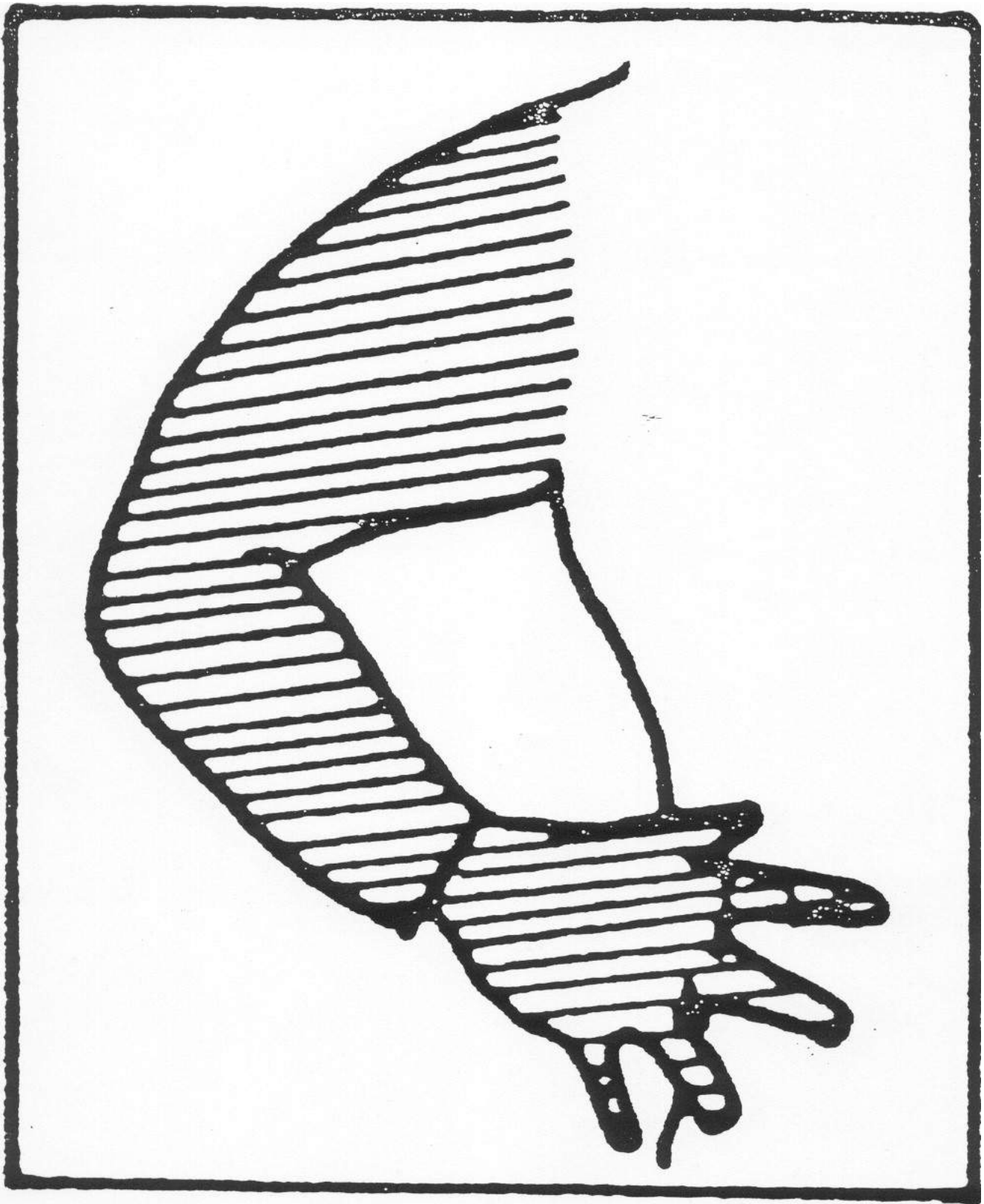


HOLDING



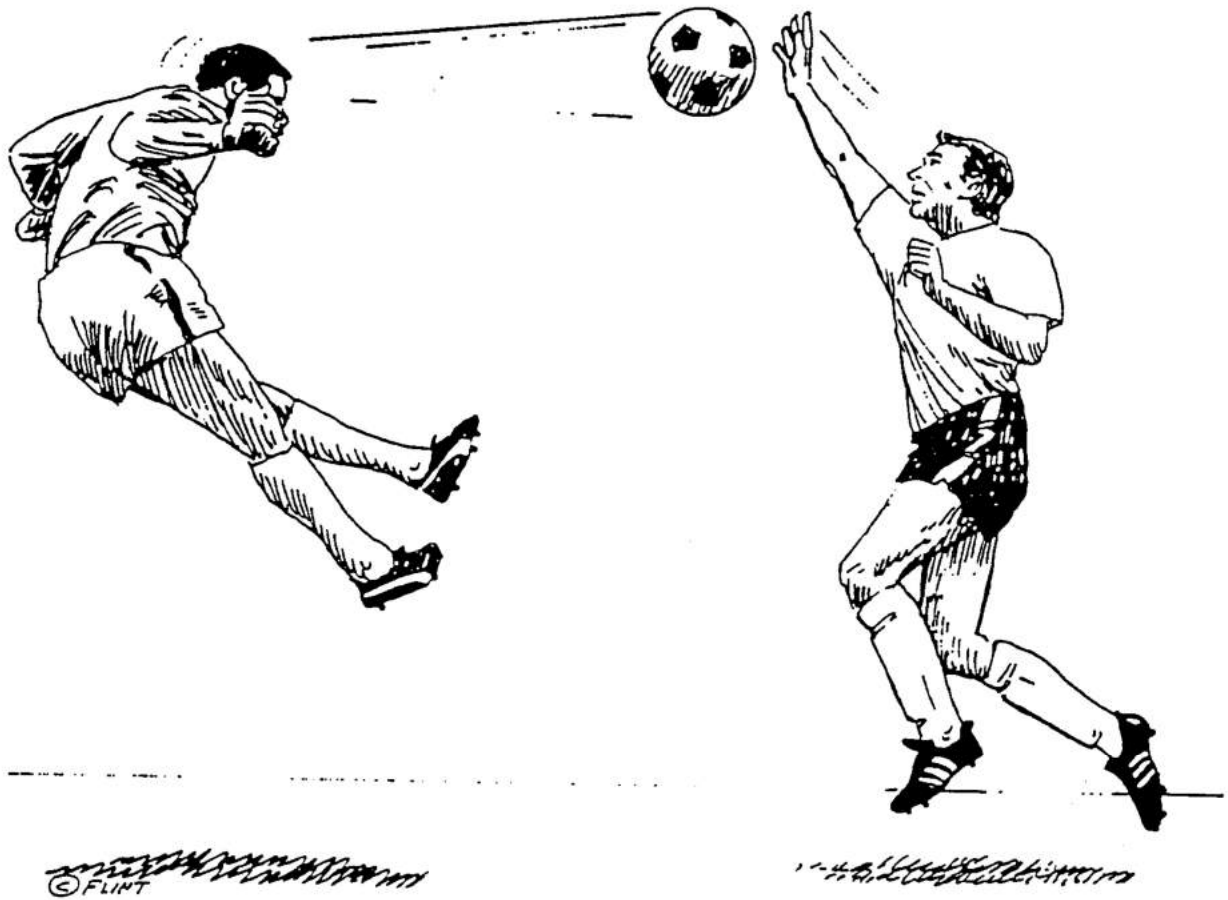


FOUL TACKLE FROM BEHIND



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**

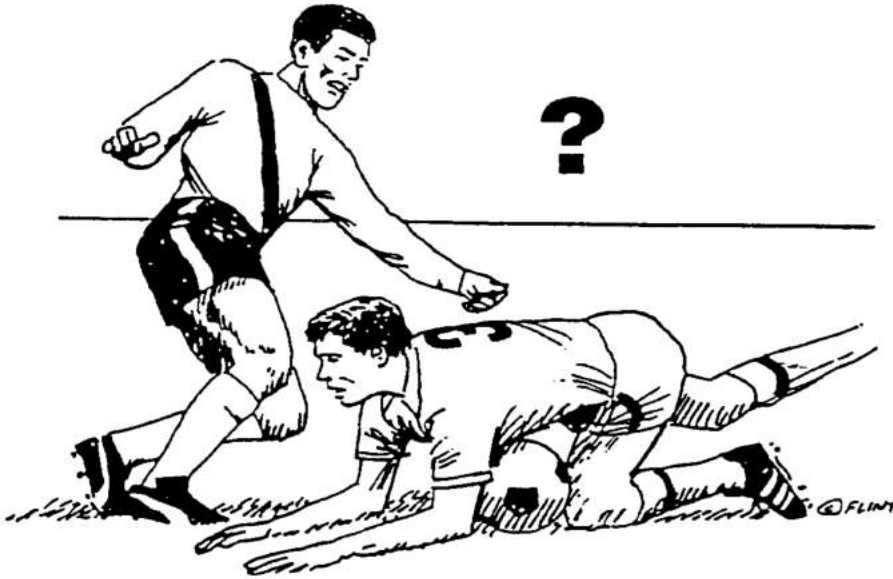
**IMPROPER CLEARING OF THE
BALL BY THE GOALKEEPER**

**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