

School Sport Australia Boys and Girls 18 Years and Under Football Championships Positive Behaviour Rule Summary

The referee must award a corner for the opposing team for any dissent by any coach, player, team manager, teacher, spectator, or other person connected with that team.

For spectator dissent a first warning will be given to the coaches/team managers of both teams simultaneously. The next spectator violation for either team will result in a corner being awarded to the opposing team.

Positive Behaviour Rule

Football (soccer) -

- A1) A corner must be awarded to the opposing team where:
 - i. in the referee's opinion any coach, player, team manager, teacher, spectator, or other person connected with that team fails to adhere to the SSA Codes of Conduct or for any matter relating to dissent as per the IFAB laws of football. Dissent includes any poor behaviour, disrespectfully calling out, or disputing a referee's decision.
 - ii. a yellow or red card is issued to a player or team officials by the referee for dissent.
 - iii. for spectator dissent a first warning will be given to the coaches/team managers of both teams simultaneously. The next spectator violation for either team will result in a corner being awarded to the opposing team.
- A2) Further information where a corner is not awarded
 - iii. In instances where a penalty or free kick is awarded against a team as per item A1) and in the referee's opinion that the penalty or free kick is of equal or greater advantage to the opposing team, than that of a corner, the referee shall award the penalty or free kick as per the laws of football – no corner shall be awarded.
 - iv. In instances where the advantage rule is played no corner shall be awarded.
- A3) Strict enforcement: This rule must be strictly enforced by the referee with zero tolerance for any and all poor behaviour. This rule can be applied by the referee and the event convener or SSA staff member can ask the referee to implement the rule.