Objective

At the end of this lesson the learner will be able to state the 7 duties of the assistant referee and list examples of how each is communicated to the referee during the match.
Duties of the Assistant Referee

- when ball passes out of the field of play
- which side entitled to that restart
- when a player may be penalized for being in an offside position
- when substitution is requested
- when misconduct occurs out of the view of the referee
Duties of the Assistant Referee

- when offenses have been committed whenever the assistants are closer to the action than the referee (this includes, in particular circumstances, offenses committed in the penalty area)
- whether, at penalty kicks, the goalkeeper has moved forward before the ball has been kicked and if the ball has crossed the line
How does the Assistant Referee communicate with the Referee?
Elements of AR Communication

Assistant Referees must communicate with the Referee using primarily

FLAG SIGNALS and

MOVEMENT
Summary of AR Flag Signals

FLAG:
- furled, pointed toward ground
- unfurled, pointed toward ground
- at 45 degrees
- straight up
- pointing to a spot
- straight up and slight wave
- held up at both ends of staff

WHAT IS COMMUNICATED:
- not ready
- ready
- direction (of throw or free kick)
- ball out of play
- offside
- "I need to talk"
- look at other linesman
- location—offside, goal kick, corner
- foul
- substitution
# Summary of AR Movements

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A.R. SIGNALS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS

Ball over touch line
Ball over goal line
Offside
Other (substitution, foul, timing)

This sequence is best used as part of pre-game instruction of the assistant referee by the referee
BALL OVER TOUCH LINE

Asst. Referee's side

Referee's side

BALL OUT AND BACK IN:
Flag straight up
BALL OVER GOAL LINE
(BALL ENTERS GOAL)

◆ Legal Goal

◆ Goal scored, but ball rebounds into play

◆ To cancel an apparent goal
Legal Goal:
1. Eye contact
2. Linesman sprints 15 yards toward halfway line
3. Referee returns to center, keeping players under observation
4. Other linesman records, then observes as others record
Goal scored, but ball rebounds into play:

1. Flag straight up

2. When referee stops play, linesman sprints 15 yards towards halfway line
To cancel an apparent goal:
If the scorer was offside:
• Flag for offside

If another player was in an offside position:
• No flag—stand at attention

If there was a foul by an attacker:
• No flag—stand at attention
BALL OVER GOAL LINE
(BALL PASSES OUTSIDE GOAL)

Linesman side:
Goal Kick: Flag pointed to goal area
Corner Kick: Flag pointed to near corner
Ball out and back in: Flag straight up, then indicate restart

Referee side:
No signal (unless requested by referee)

BALL OUT AND BACK IN: Flag straight up
OFFSIDE

- Linesman indicates only if, in his opinion, the player gains an advantage or is interfering with play or an opponent.

- Sequence:

  Flag up — referee whistles — flag points to location.
OTHER LINESMAN SIGNALS

- Substitution
- Foul
- Timing
Substitution:
Both linesmen: Hold flag until recognized by referee
Where there is a fourth official: Linesman has no further duties
Where there is no fourth official: Linesman supervises substitution at halfway line
To avoid confusion, the signal for a FOUL should be different:

FLAG STRAIGHT UP,
WAVED ONCE IN A SMALL ARC
Foul by defender in penalty-area:
(Referee does not see incident)
1. Standard signal for foul
2. Referee stops play
3. Linesman moves quickly to corner flag
Timing:
_LAST 5 MINUTES:_ Fingers on shorts

_TIME EXPIRED:_ Closed fist on shorts
( across chest if needed)
FURTHER RELATED ISSUES

- Ref/Linesman opposing signals
- Ref misses linesman signal
- Ref waves down linesman