



# 7 steps of wall management



# Aims

**Create correct and safe procedures for wall management during free kicks near the penalty area... step by step**



- 1. Go to spot of the free kick**
- 2. Ensure that the ball is at correct spot**
  - Make eye contact with the kicker & communicate (Ask player if he/she is happy with the position of the ball if not allow them to fixed it)
- 3. Ensure that the kicker doesn't kick the ball before your whistle. Show the whistle and say: *“Wait for my whistle, please!”***



#### **4. Measure the steps, counting with a clear voice & being aware of:**

- ball being touched and or moved prior to restart
- do not leave defenders between the ball & wall
- attackers pushing in the wall
- other duels inside the Penalty area
- possible Assistant Referee position & cooperation
- do not walk through the middle of wall, but to the left



## **5. Manage the wall and make eye contact with them**

- Stay close
- if trouble is developing talk to the players
- Stay calm



## **6. Take the best position and consider:**

- Attacker's pass line
- defenders' activity area
- wall movements
- duels inside the Penalty area
- AR possible cooperation
- Counter attack

## **7. Blow the Whistle**



# Summary

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- 4. Measure the steps, counting with a clear voice & being aware**
- 5. Manage the wall and make eye contact**
- 6. Take up the best position**
- 7. Blow the whistle**



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