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Subject: Instructions for Assistant Referees - The Use of Hands

Over the past two years we have allowed for a staged re-introduction of this technique.

As the new winter season looms it is appropriate that this instruction be made a permanent part of Australian Officiating.

The National Policy for Assistant Referees is shown in the FFA publication of the Laws of the Game. The instruction that assistant referees should use their left hands to indicate free kicks to the defending team (including offside's and goal kicks) and right hands for the attacks is no longer an option. It is part of the National Policy Statement and is applicable at all levels of football in this country.

The use of both hands is a more effective method of communication and immediately conveys the direction that play should take and allows the referee to quickly determine whether advantage can be applied or not.

A DVD *Instructions for Assistant Referees* has been produced and distributed to each State Coach.

Kind regards,



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