

Pre-Match

Assessors are expected to plan their journey in order to arrive in good time to take up their duties **having previously agreed with the referee a mutually convenient time to meet him and the other match officials.**

With the **continuation** of the 'Respect Programme', for the **2009 / 2010** season, it is necessary for the assessor to be present at the exchange of team sheets in the Referee's dressing room one hour before kick off. They are expected to listen to the dialogue between the referee and the team manager (senior coach) and team captain to ascertain that this time has been used efficiently by the Referee in line with the 'Respect Programme'.

While the attitude, authority and presence of the referee before the game can be revealing, the assessor is primarily there to record on-field performance delivery and questions about match instructions to assistants can be explored if necessary post-match.

Half-Time

There should be no contact from the assessor unless exceptional circumstances (i.e. match official injury or major game disruption) prevail. Under no circumstances should match incidents be discussed at half-time with match officials as this potentially could influence second-half performance and the assessor's task is to measure and **not influence** performance.

Post-Match

The following procedures should be followed:

- **Post match contact will take place with the match officials**
- The de-brief is a very sensitive process so soon after a match and it is recommended that only key match incidents and main strengths / areas for **development / improvement** are discussed
- The level of challenge or otherwise of the match might be discussed but the assessor should **never reveal (or be influenced on) the possible mark to be awarded**
- It is recommended that the de-brief takes no longer than ten minutes but it is accepted that some incidents may require more in depth discussion and possible clarification from the assessor
- Assessors should make clear their thoughts on key incidents and should specify when a **DVD / video** will be viewed as per the requirements set down by PGMOL and must **only** consider the actual incident under review
- If a key match incident subsequently comes to light after the assessor has left the ground, **DVD / video** evidence will be taken into consideration even though it is not mentioned in the post match debrief
- It is expected that what is said in the de-brief will be reflected in the main body of an assessor's reports to ensure that there are no surprises for the match officials when they receive their written feedback

Referee coaches and managers will be present at the post-match discussion and it is also vitally important that the assessor and coach / manager do not discuss overall performance or possible marking until reports are submitted.

Assessors will still report on any incidents not witnessed by the match officials and worthy of further investigation by the Football Association. The assessor should include mention of such at the post match discussion.

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