



CONTACT

RULE REFERENCE

7, 12

RELATED SANCTION AND ACTION

Penalty Pass

ACTIVITY OBJECTIVE

To provide umpires with the basic knowledge of the **Contact** rule through action photos shots.

AREA REQUIRED

Your choice of indoor or outdoor playing area.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1 x Rule Book per umpire

1 x Contact photo card per umpire

10-15 MINUTES DURATION

WHAT TO DO

- Divide the group into smaller groups of 3-4 (depending on numbers).
- Provide each group with one of the **Contact** photo cards.
- Ask groups to look at the photo and discuss the questions.
- After about five minutes, ask groups to share their thoughts on the photo and explain their answers to the question.
- Use the **Ask the Umpires** questions to promote further discussions around the rule and reinforce the most important aspects of the learning by referencing the **Umpire Coaching Tips**.
- Always finish each training session with the **Quick Quiz** section.

UMPIRE COACHING TIPS

- The Sanction for Contact is a Penalty Pass.
- The Sanction is taken where the infringer was standing, unless this places the non-offending team at a disadvantage.
- The infringer must move quickly to the position indicated.
- The infringer must stand beside but away from the player taking the sanction so as not to impede that player.
- The infringer must remain in this position and not move or take any part in play (including verbal comments) until the ball has been released.
- Whenever Contact of two opposing players occurs, an umpire must ask themselves:
 - What happened?
 - Why did it happen?
 - Who caused it to happen?
- To be in the best position to see and recognise Contact, be at least level with, if not a little ahead of, where the ball is.
- Be aware of the first movement of two players contesting a ball.
- For Contact to occur, it must involve interference.

ASK THE UMPIRES

- To penalise a player for Contact, what needs to have happened?
- What is the Sanction for Contact?
- Where is the Sanction taken?
- Does anyone stand out of play?
- What is the hand signal for Contact?

CONTACT PHOTO ACTIVITY

Use your rule book to complete the following.

Would you call contact?

If so, on which player?

Why?

What Sanction would you award if it occurred in the Goal Third and where would the Sanction be awarded?

Would any players need to stand out of play?



RULES IN ACTION

Would you call contact?

If so, on which player?

Why?

What Sanction would you award if it occurred in the Centre Third and where would the Sanction be awarded?

Would any players need to stand out of play?



PHOTO ACTIVITY ANSWERS

PHOTO 1

Would you call Contact? If so which player?

Yes, on the defender.

Why?

Placing a hand on the ball held by an opponent is interference.

What is the Sanction and where would it be awarded?

Penalty Pass where the infringer was standing.

Would any players stand out of play?

Yes, the defending player would need to stand out of play.

PHOTO 2

Would you call Contact? If so which player?

Yes, on the blue Centre.

Why?

Knocking or hitting a player is interference. In this case the blue Centre hit her arm.

What is the Sanction and where would it be awarded?

Penalty Pass where the infringer was standing.

Would any players stand out of play?

Yes, the offending Centre would need to stand out of play.



Refer to the instructions within
the Starter Guide

1. May a player while holding the ball, touch or push an opposing player with it, in such a manner as to interfere with the opponent's play?
A. No
2. What would the umpire's ruling be if a defending player placed a hand on the ball held by the opposing Goal Shooter during a shot for goal?
A. Penalty Pass
3. Is a sanction awarded against a player who accidentally knocks the ball from an opponent's hands?
A. Yes