



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**.

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 Centre 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 Goal 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 Goal Keeper.

Why?

The Goal Keeper is knocking or hitting his opponent causing 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 infringing player would need to stand out of play.

PHOTO 2

Would you call Contact? If so which player?

No.

Why?

The players are not using their bodies to gain an unfair advantage.

What is the Sanction and where would it be awarded?

No Sanction.

Would any players stand out of play?

No Sanction.