

VIDEO GOAL REVIEW GUIDELINES IFF Events 2024

The match referees and teams have the possibility to call a review of a situation to check whether the ball has fully crossed the goal line or not, and whether this was during game time. This is the only reason for which a review can be used.

1. REVIEW REQUESTS BY REFEREES

- 1.1. The referees may request to review a goal / no-goal situation at any point in the game, unless game play has resumed as explained in 1.4.
- 1.2. There are no limits to the number of reviews that the referees may request
- 1.3. If the referees decide to perform a video check after they have awarded a goal, they must order and carry out the check before play is resumed with the face-off. Once a face-off confirms the goal they lose the possibility to review the situation
- 1.4. If the referees decide to perform a video check in a situation where they had not immediately awarded a goal and play continued, they must stop the game and carry out the check as soon as possible. This stoppage can be made immediately or, if they are of the opinion that stopping the game immediately would disadvantage a team, the stoppage can be called at the next break in play. Once the game has resumed after the next break in play, they lose the possibility to review the situation

2. REVIEW REQUESTS BY TEAMS

- 2.1. If teams want to request a video review **after a goal has been awarded**, the request must be made to the referees **before play is resumed**. After play has resumed there is no possibility for teams to request a review at a later time
- 2.2. If teams want to request a video review **in a situation where a goal has not been awarded** and play continued, the team captain or team staff must request this from the referees **no later than at the next stoppage in play**
- 2.3. If there are simultaneous review requests from both teams, then each review is looked at in order of the situation occurring in the game

3. REVIEW CONDITIONS

- 3.1. **REGULAR TIME:** Each team is permitted one (1) review per regular time. At the end of regular time this review expires
- 3.2. **EXTRA TIME:** If the match goes to extra time, each team will receive one (1) new review possibility. At the end of extra time the possibility to use this review expires
- 3.3. **PENALTY SHOTS:** If the match goes to penalty shots, each team will receive one (1) new review possibility

4. REVIEW PROTOCOLS

- 4.1. The video check may only be used to assess whether the ball has fully crossed the goal line or not, and whether this was during game time. ***The video material must not be considered to assess any potential offence which might lead to the disallowance of a goal***
- 4.2. Only the official IFF video stream will be used for immediate goal review
- 4.3. Only the referees of the match and other IFF Officials are permitted to review the video material at the time of the decision-making. No members of either team may view the video at the time of the decision-making
- 4.4. It is the decision of the referees themselves as to whether one, or both, of them review the video
- 4.5. Referees will use a specially designated computer, located at/near the match secretariat, which will display the match video
- 4.6. Referees may receive technical assistance from match secretariat staff &/or IFF officials to review the video, however the final decision to whether allow or disallow the goal always remain with the referees
- 4.7. Referees may receive technical assistance from the video production team to review the video. This may include voice communication.

5. REVIEW OUTCOMES

- 5.1. If a team's request, to review a goal, results in a change of referee decision from that which was originally given, then the team will keep their review possibility
- 5.2. If a team's request, to review a goal, results in no change in referee decision, they forfeit their review possibility for that period of the match (ie. Regular time, extra time, or penalty shots), except in the situations below:
 - a) If, at the time of the video review request, the video is unavailable due to technical issues then the original decision of the referees remains valid. In this situation, if the video check was as a result of a team request, then the team does NOT lose their review possibility
 - b) If the video footage does not provide sufficient images (eg. no video of the situation or a blocked camera view) on which to base the goal review decision, the original decision of the referees remains valid. In this situation, if the video check was as a result of a team request, then the team does NOT lose their review possibility
- 5.3. In all situations, the decision of the referees is final.

6. MISUSE OF THE REVIEW SYSTEM

- 6.1. Teams who are found to have misused the video goal review for tactical purposes can be penalised by the Event Disciplinary Function and sanctioned with fines &/or suspension