

# THE REFEREE REPORT

## Questions and Answers on Filling Out Referee Report Forms

### WHAT IS THE REFEREE REPORT?

- An official document summarizing relevant events of the game, including the periods before and after the game.

### WHY IS THE REPORT NECESSARY?

- Allows the competent authority to validate completed games without requiring further information.
- Allows the competent authority to maintain records of winning teams, players, and notable events, and to take any necessary disciplinary action.
- Allows for discharging the Referee's duties, as specified in Law V.

### WHO COMPLETES THE REPORT?

- The Referee (and the Linesmen as well, if appropriate).

### WHEN IS THE REPORT COMPLETED?

- Within 48 hours of the end of the game.

### WHERE IS THE REPORT SENT?

- To the "local" competent authority.

### HOW IS THE REPORT COMPLETED?

- Referee completes report in conscientious, concise, and emotionless manner.
- Only the "facts" (ALL OF THEM) are reported; no opinions, no rash statements, no exaggerations, no omissions. Facts come from the Referee's notes taken during the game and, as appropriate, from the Linesmen.
- If the Report is to be effective, UNIFORMITY is a MUST.

### WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

- Provide enough information about every incident to enable a disciplinary committee to do its work properly, but do not provide more information than necessary.
- Do not include extraneous comments about other aspects of the game in items on discipline; information about the condition of the field or player injuries should be in separate paragraphs.