UEFA – 2016-2-Penalty Area Decisions

A/E1. The two defenders hinder the progress of an attacker by illegal means. The penalty kick should be awarded. As there is another defender close-by, disciplinary sanction is not necessary. It is AAR's responsibility to provide precise information to the referee.

A/E2. A defender pushes an attacker away from the ball. The penalty kick should be awarded. Disciplinary sanction is not required.

A/E3. The defender's foot is still on the ground and he does not trip an attacker, who is not guilty of simulation neither. Play should be allowed to continue.

A/E4. A defender makes unfair contact with an attacker after the attacker already played the ball. Nevertheless, the penalty kick should have been awarded. Disciplinary sanction is not necessary.

A/E5. Although there is some hand contact, the contact is slight and an attacker exaggerates. No clear offence has taken place. Play should be allowed to continue. The referee's position - being close and with good angled view - is crucial in similar situations.

A/E6. The AAR correctly advises the referee that a defender makes no offence and play should be allowed to continue. The referee's position is not appropriate as he is runs directly behind the players and has no angled view of the incident.

A/E7. A defender pushes an attacker and prevents him challenging for the ball. The penalty kick should be awarded. As there is another defender close to the ball, disciplinary sanction is not necessary.

A/E8. Goalkeeper plays the ball in a fair manner. Play should be allowed to continue.

A/E9. A defender clearly holds back an attacker to prevent him participating in attacking action. The AAR also informs the referee of an offence. The penalty kick is correctly awarded. However, disciplinary sanction is not necessary.

A/E10. A defender handles the ball with his hand in unnatural position. The referee correctly stops play, but fails to identify that the offence occurred in the penalty area. The penalty kick should have been awarded. Disciplinary sanction is not required (no promising attack, no shot at goal). The referees are also reminded of their duty to take strict disciplinary action in case of clear protest / mobbing by the players.

A/E11. Very difficult situation. The replay highlights the difficulties for the referee to make the correct judgment, when the attacker initiates a contact with an opponent who makes no offence.