



Experiences on *”loose”* use of rules from EChs & WChs

- **1. Defence inside the goal area**
- Several of the teams did a lot of defence **inside the goal area**, and also used it for illegally changing positions, *without interference from the referees.*



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- **2. Progressive punishment – Use of red card or lack of the same**
- There were a lot more hits directly to the throat and face and dangerous pushes on attackers while in the air—*without the equivalent number of direct red cards.*
- Pushes to hips or legs on a wing breaking through were almost never warned – or punished.
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- 3.
- **Wrong Evaluation and Execution of 7 metre throws**
- The tendency for many attackers to just throw themselves into the defence hoping for a "**cheap**" 7-m, and unfortunately it worked for several to achieve this unfair advantage.
- Frequently there is more than **3 seconds** from the referee's whistle until the throw is completed *due to several tricks before the throw is executed*, (so it is difficult to be a goal keeper).
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- **4. "Hollywood"**
- The tendency for more "Hollywood" actions where the players act on purpose as if they were hit in the face, unfortunately that also works. Also, purposely lifting feet as *soon as the pivot feels the slightest form of holding when the ball is thrown to them*



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- 5. The rule regarding "Foot on Ball"
- It's not fair that the referees give 2 minute suspension when it is *the attacker trying to play a fellow team mate between the legs of the defence player and in the process throws the ball on the defence player's foot*– and by that achieves a suspension of the innocent defender. It has to be **an action** from the defender to stop the pass to get a 2 minute suspension.