

## SHOTS AT GOAL

The S+CC considers that a brief guidance note/statement about the "Terminology" Section of the Rule Book (Page 9) "Shot at Goal" is appropriate. We consider that the shot terminology in the rule book is very confusing.

So just to confirm;-

### THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO UMPIRING INTERPRETATIONS RELATING TO SHOTS AT GOAL IN THE 2009-10 SEASON

If only for the sake of the newer members to SHUA we will set out what the interpretation criteria is and you may wish to study or refresh any pre match notes you use in this connection.

Our interpretations CONTINUE to be based on these definitions and directives.

We have two different types of "shot at goal" situation.

1. A good shot that is on target and would enter the goal if not intercepted.
2. A poor shot is off target and would pass over the goal line between the goal and the corner flag.

For a well directed shot at goal (i.e. 1 above);-

- A. IN OPEN PLAY the striker has privileges that permit him to raise the ball to any height into the goal. If a defender places himself between the ball and the goal and he stops the ball with any part of his body he will be penalised by the award of a Penalty Corner or Penalty Stroke dependent upon his relative position as the last line of defence or not.
- B. At PENALTY CORNERS YOU ARE REMINDED that the first strike at goal must enter the goal no higher than the top of the backboard etc. The open play privileges have been withdrawn for safety reasons.

For an off target hit (i.e. 2 above) the considerations of dangerous play will ALWAYS apply first;-

- C. If the umpire considers an attempt to be dangerous play then that's the end of the matter and a free-hit should be awarded to the defence. There is no difference in open play situations inside or outside the circle.
- D. If there is no danger and the ball strikes a defender anywhere on his body there are three situations that may arise;-
  - a. IF THE BALL DEFLECTS INTO THE GOAL it makes no difference whether the defender has moved into line with the ball or was stationary when the ball hits him - the decision will be a GOAL.
  - b. IF THE BALL REMAINS IN PLAY again it makes no difference whether the defender has moved into line with the ball or was stationary when the ball hits him - the decision will be a PENALTY CORNER or, of course you may consider THE ADVANTAGE is a better option.
  - c. IF THE BALL GOES OUT OF PLAY there is a difference between the two actions (movements) by the defender;-
    - i. Where the defender moves into the line of the ball and deflects it out of play it is a PENALTY CORNER.
    - ii. Where the defender is stationary when he deflects the ball out of play it is a LONG CORNER.

Finally, if anything is unclear in the above please contact a member of the S+CC