

Top 10 Referee Mind Games

(a.k.a “How to stay focused and sane”)

10. **“1 player offside, 2 off, now 1 off, now nobody off”.**
9. **“In the next 5 minutes, the most critical play of the game will happen. Will I be prepared?”**
8. **“I only get paid while I’m within 1 yard from the offside line and square to the field.”**
7. **“Sometime in this game, a defender’s going to ask me which of his teammates kept the attacker onside. I will answer immediately with the right player number.”**
6. **“Who’s most likely to get the next caution?”**
5. **“Who’s going to score the next goal?”**
4. **“I’m being videotaped now and the tape will be shown at the next SJSRA meeting.”**
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<p>Remember, Ken Aston said “Refereeing is Thinking”. If you’re not thinking, you’re not doing your job.</p>
