

ADVANTAGE

Key Elements of Competence

C2 Elements

- Recognized distinctions of advantage for penalty kick infringements versus scrum infringements.
- Did not return play to the original infringement after territorial advantage had been gained.
- Communicated advantage with voice and signal.

C1 Elements

- All elements listed above.
- Played advantage with consideration of players' safety.
- Played advantage in all appropriate situations.
- Communicated the type of infringement and the team that offended while indicating that advantage is being played (e.g., "Blue advantage, penalty" or "Blue advantage, scrum").

B3 Elements

- All elements listed above.
- Did not stop play before the non-offending was afforded the time to establish a tactical advantage from an obvious opportunity.
- Played the advantage gained once the non-offending team had an obvious opportunity to play the ball as they wished.
- Did not bring play back when the non-offending team had gained a tactical advantage but then made an unforced error prior to capitalizing on the opportunity.
- Played advantage based on a clear and real opportunity rather than on a hope for some opportunistic event.
- Played advantage without putting non-offending players under pressure.
- Communicated when advantage was gained.
- Communicated to offender (and usually the captain) about the infringement if an advantage was gained.

B2 Elements

- All elements listed above.
- Played advantage with proper consideration of the temper of the game.
- Recognized subtle tactical opportunity (i.e., when the opportunity for advantage was still in the formative stage) and allowed play to continue.
- Identified the player, team and infringement while communicating that advantage is being played (e.g., "Blue 10 leaving his feet").
- Recognized when infringements were not material and allowed play to continue without playing advantage.
- Communicated to offender (and usually the captain) about the non-material infringement if play had been allowed to continue after the infringement.

B1 Elements

- All elements listed above.
- Played advantage with proper consideration for the preference/temper of each team.
- Played advantage to provide continuity of play with minimal use of whistle.