

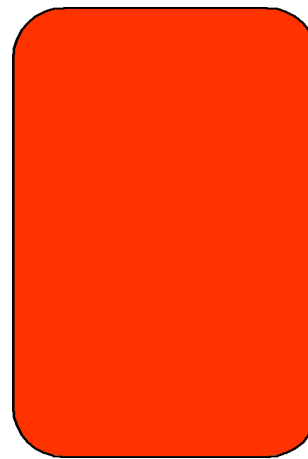
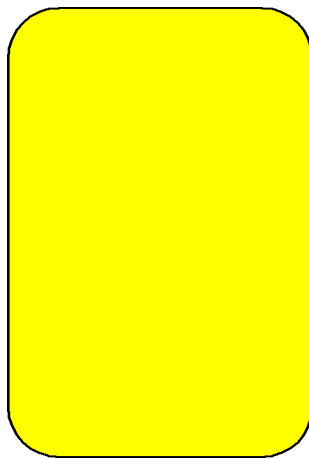
# Identifying and Dealing with Foul Challenges



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# Objective

At the end of this lesson the student will be able to identify a foul tackle and display the appropriate card if it involves misconduct.



# Law 12

- kicks or attempts to kick an opponent \*
- trips or attempts to trip an opponent \*
- jumps at an opponent \*
- charges an opponent \*
- tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball

\* In a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force.

# What elevates a foul to misconduct?

- point of contact
  - ankle
  - knee
  - thigh
  - on the body
- direction of contact
  - from the side
  - from the front
  - from behind


# What elevates a foul to misconduct?

- time of contact
  - before ball arrives
  - as the ball arrives
  - after ball is gone
  - during a “break away”
- severity of contact
  - reckless
  - excessive force

# What elevates a foul to misconduct?

- intent of contact
  - intimidate
  - retaliate
  - injure
  - stop the play
- result of the contact
  - triggers retaliation
  - loss of referee control
  - stops a goal scoring opportunity

# Law 12 - IBD 5

A tackle **from behind**, which endangers the safety of an opponent, must be sanctioned as serious foul play. 

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A late tackle from the side, where the opponent is hit in the thigh.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A send-off for serious foul play.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



Stopping in front of an opponent causing him to run into their back.

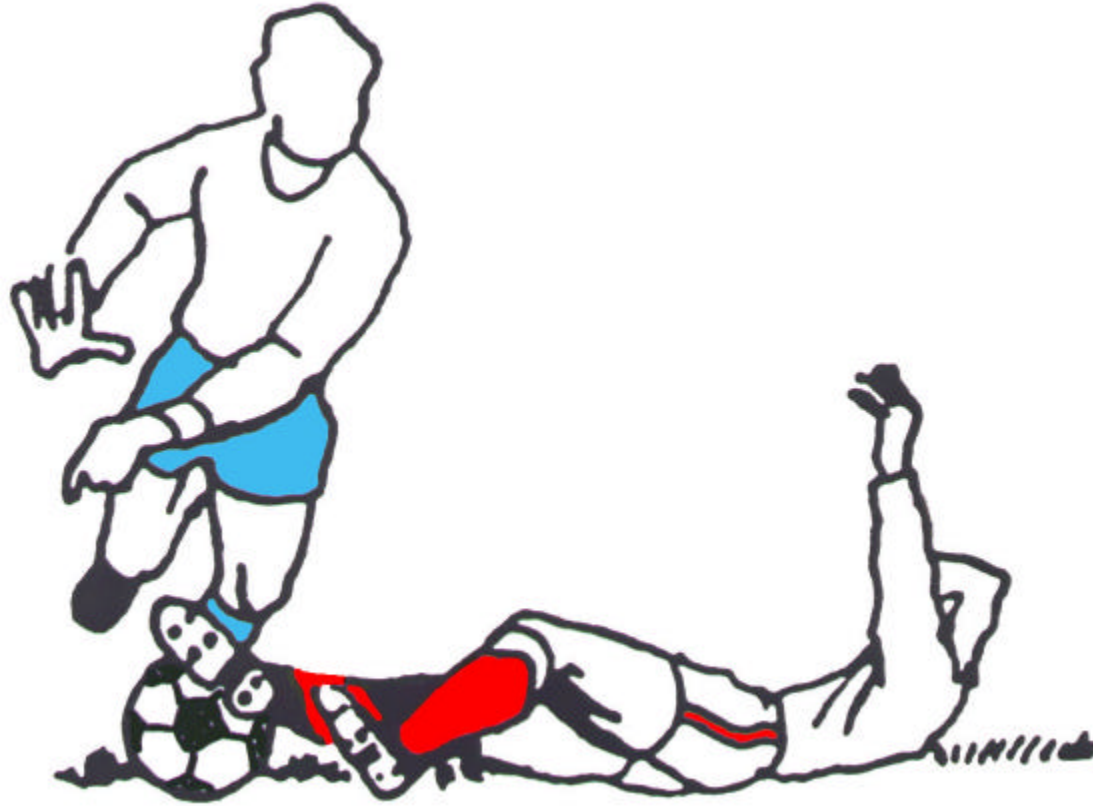
# Foul and/or misconduct?



Foul for charging, but no misconduct.

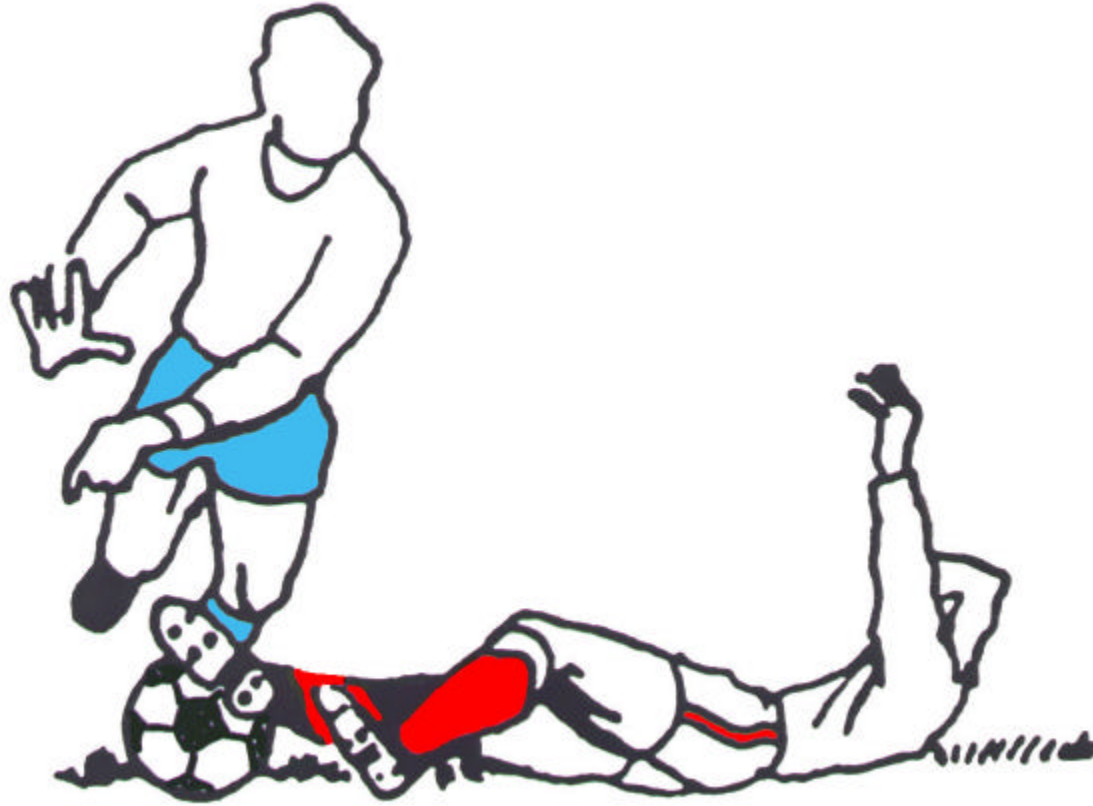
*Variation:* player in front moves backward making contact.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A sliding tackle which misses the ball and catches the opponent in the lower leg.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



Foul for kicking/tripping, but no misconduct.

*Variation:* contact is made at the knee.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A tackle from the side, with the leg crossing over the opponent's (scissors tackle)

# Foul and/or misconduct?



Send-off for serious foul play.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



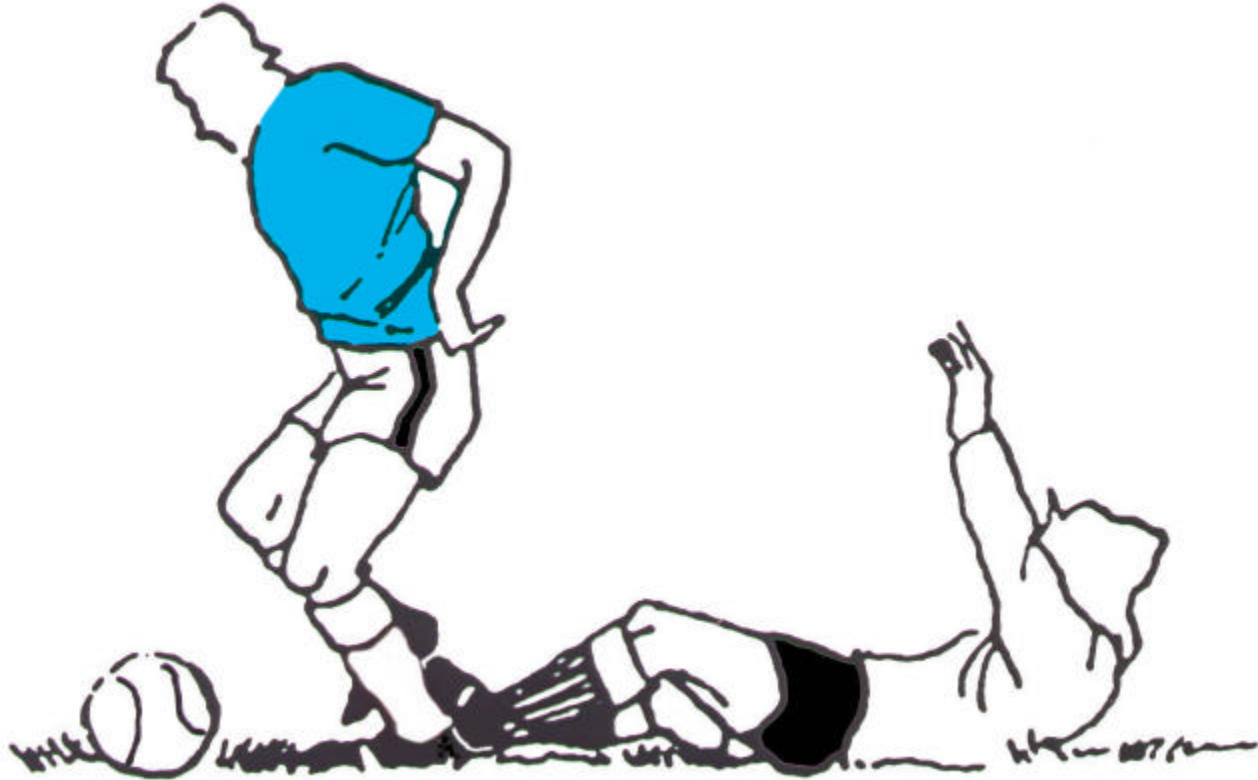
A tackle from behind, where the foot hits the opponent in the Achilles area.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



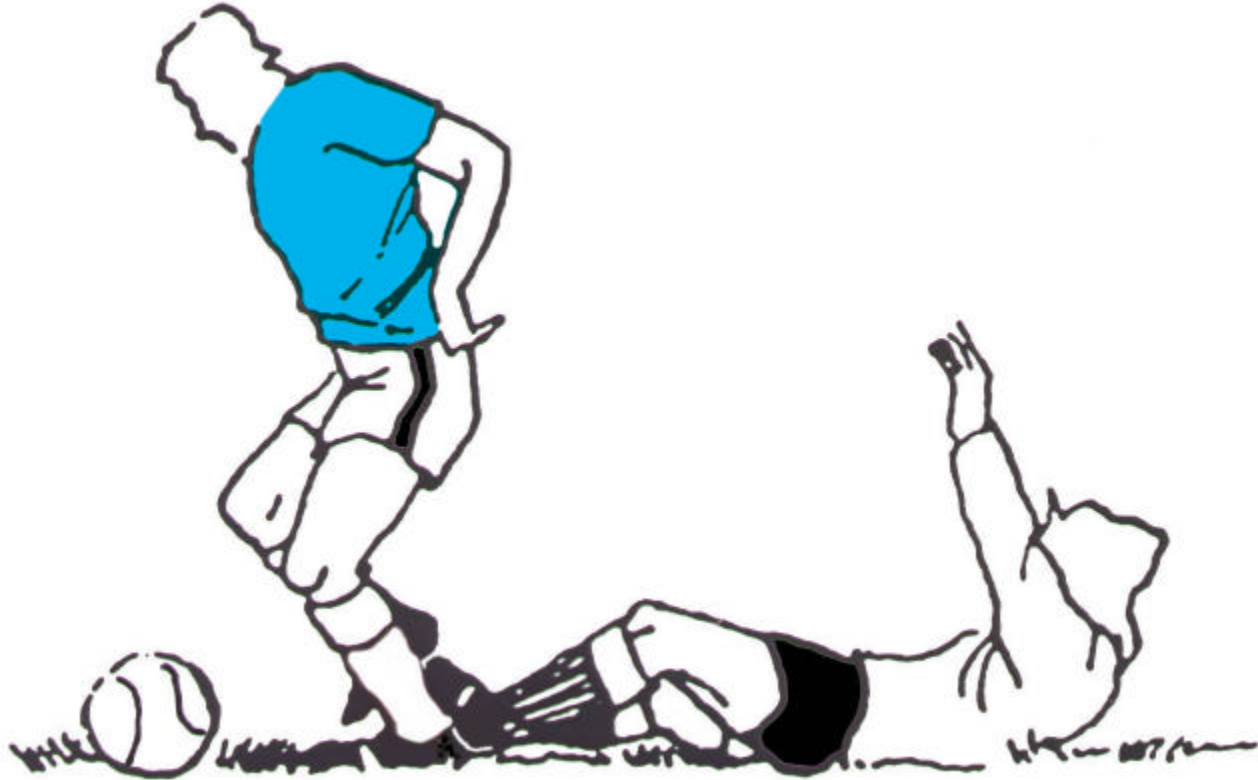
Send-off for serious foul play.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A sliding tackle from behind, usually causing damage to the opponent's ankle, and sometimes to oneself.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



Send-off for serious foul play.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A goalkeeper jumping in at an opponent, presumably to protect himself as he makes the save

# Foul and/or misconduct?



**Caution** or **send-off** depending on amount of force used.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A two-footed tackle, where the player “jumps in” to get the ball.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



Send-off for serious foul play.

*Variation:* no contact because opponent is able to avoid it.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A foot kicking “over the ball,” onto an opponent’s shin

# Foul and/or misconduct?



Send-off for serious foul play.

*Variation:* player exaggerates follow through after kicking ball.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



A knee in the thigh from behind, in a feigned attempt to play the ball.

# Foul and/or misconduct?



**Caution for unsporting behavior.**

# What elevates a foul to misconduct?

- point of contact
- direction of contact
- time of contact
- severity of contact
- intent of contact
- result of contact