

Law 6 - The Assistant Referees

1. May a referee ask a neutral assistant referee to give an opinion as to whether or not the ball crossed the goal line between the posts?

Yes.

2. A player is in an offside position and an assistant referee raises his flag. The referee does not see the signal and a defending player denies an opponent an obvious goal scoring opportunity. The referee stops play and only then sees the signal of the assistant referee. What action does the referee take?
 - a. If he accepts the signal for offside from the assistant referee he does not send off the defender, since no obvious goal-scoring opportunity has occurred. Play is restarted with an indirect free kick for the defending team.
 - b. If he does not accept that an offside offence has occurred the defending player is sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity and play is restarted with a direct free kick for the attacking team.
3. A player is in an offside position and an assistant referee raises his flag. The referee does not see the signal and a defending player punches an opponent. The referee stops the play and only then sees the signal of the assistant referee. What action does the referee take?
 - a. If he accepts the signal for offside from the assistant referee he sends off the defender for violent conduct and restarts play with an indirect free kick for the defending team.
 - b. If he does not accept that an offside offence has occurred, the defending player is sent off for violent conduct and play is restarted with a direct free kick for the attacking team.