



FIELD UMPIRE COACHING NOTES – ADVANTAGE RULE

When a player has been awarded a free kick and a teammate elects to take possession to the team's advantage, and has been called to do so by the umpire, play shall continue.

Key points to remember:

- The player elects to take the advantage by showing intent to continue play
- The player taking the advantage must do so in one continuous motion
- Umpires should hold the advantage call until the player's intention is clear
- If a player takes possession of the ball but immediately stops or raises his arm advantage should not be paid
- Umpires cannot cancel an advantage call once paid
- You cannot pay advantage after a mark
- In a 2 or 3 umpire system you should always keep control after paying advantage
- The advantage call should be loud with a strong signal to indicate to all players that play will continue.

Q1) If a player elects to take advantage and scores a behind can the play be brought back to where the free kick was awarded?

Q2) In a 2 umpire system game the non-controlling umpire pays a free kick for holding the man at a field ball-up. Can advantage be paid? Why / Why not?

Q3) A boundary pays a free kick for a centre-square infringement. Can advantage be paid? Why / Why not?
