

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 1, 2017

**TO | À:** National Referee Program, Provincial Referee Managers

**FROM | DE:** Isaac Raymond; Manager, Referee Department

**RE:** Advice Regarding Signals for 2017

Dear Colleagues,

As we move into the new outdoor season you are ensuring that referees have the necessary knowledge, especially considering the comprehensive changes to the Laws of The Game. Please communicate some additional information to referees as they continue their preparations:

- **Flag technique while sidestepping**

The flag should always be “field-side”. The practice of changing hands to switch the flag to the right hand when side-stepping across from the penalty ***is no longer in force***. Assistant referees are asked to keep the flag in the left hand at all times when side stepping. This allows the flag to be visible to the referee as much as possible. If the assistant referee’s next action is to make a signal with the right hand, they are reminded to switch hands below the waist before raising the flag.



- **Advantage Signal**

The latest edition to the Laws of The Game (2016/17) advises that the advantage signal may now be shown with one arm or two. Canada Soccer has taken the position that referees should only use the two-armed advantage signal.



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Best Regards,

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