



OHIO SOUTH STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE
A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION



"RIGHT"

VS

"BEST"

**Ohio South 2014 On-Line
State Referee
Recertification Training**



RIGHT vs. BEST



The Application of Common Sense

LAW 18



RIGHT vs. BEST



Conflicting Concepts Two Arguments:

- 1) What is “*right*” is always best
- 2) What is “*best*” is always right



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Two Arguments:

1) What is “*right*” is always best

(Letter of the Law)

(Literal Definition)



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Two Arguments:

2) What is “*best*” is always right

(Spirit of the Law)

(Common Sense)



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Conflicting Concepts

Where's the true disparity?

The truth is that neither of the two concepts is **“always”** the acceptable outcome / result



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**What's "best" for me isn't
always "best" for you**



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What is "RIGHT"?

Letter of the Law

Literal Definition



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What is "RIGHT"?

***The "Black & White" /
Scripted Interpretations
and Implementation***



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What is "RIGHT"?

Predictable
Unimaginative
Rigid



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What is "RIGHT"?

***Absolute Standard
Singular Result***



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What is "BEST"?

Spirit of the Law

Common Sense



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What is "BEST"?

***Selective / Rational
Implementation &
Interpretation***



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What is "BEST"?

Flexible

Variable

Dependent on situation



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***In the beginning referees
are trained to focus on
being “right”***



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Gradually, over time and with experience, referees are encouraged to understand the difference between “right” and “best”, as competitive level increases.



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It is the **duty** of the referee to penalize only those violations that matter.

It is within the referee's **power** to determine which violations matter.



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SAFETY

Is Never Ignored



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**Is the “Right” decision
always the safest
approach ?**



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FAIRNESS

Must be a
Consideration



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**Is the “Best” decision
always the fairest
approach?**



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**What is the impact of making the
“right” call vs. the “best” call**

significant effect?

impact upon play

on player or team

with regard to game / player

management



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**One team may be physical
and the other team not ...**

**Referee may have to deal with
making a “right” vs. “best”
decision on what may appear
to be a one-sided bias.**



Remember

It is the **DUTY** of the referee to penalize only those violations that matter.

It is within the referee's **POWER** to determine which violations really do matter.

An infraction that has no significant impact upon play may be "best" not whistled.



Remember

An **“unsafe”** act can **never** be ignored whether or not it is considered to be **“RIGHT”** or **“BEST”**.

Blow the whistle ... Stop the game !!



Penalty Kick Video



Right vs. Best Quiz

Answer the following questions on your printed Quiz Answer Sheet.

- 1) In your opinion in the PK Video did the Referee do what was “Right” or did he do what was “Best” or “Neither Right nor Best” or “Both Right and Best”?
- 2) In the PK Video on the taking of the first PK could the Referee have applied “Advantage”?
- 3) Which of the following statements do you agree with the most “Right is Always Best” or “ Best is Always Right”?
- 4) The “Right” vs. “Best” concept is more than just simply being another way of interpreting “trifling offenses”.
- 5) In what game situations must a Referee always do what is “Right” or an “official protest” could be filed?