

PERSISTENT INFRINGEMENT

What is Persistent Infringement?

- Multiple fouls committed against the same opponent
- Multiple fouls committed by the same player
- Same foul committed against an opponent

If Persistent Infringement is not called, what is the effect?

- Game control can be lost
- Players are unfairly fouled repeatedly even though they play through it. Their effectiveness is diminished. In other words, team and player skills may not determine outcome.
- Intimidation can set in
- Retaliation is often the result and guess who gets the card?
- It can disrupt the flow of the game

If called, what is the effect?

- It allows players to play to their potential without unfair fouling
- It allows a sense of trust that the refs will take care of the players

How do you recognize Persistent Infringement?

- Be aware of who is being fouled
 - same player or same situation
- Be aware of who is fouling
- Look for patterns in the fouling
- Keep a mental count of fouls by players, discuss with partner at halftime

How do you deal with it?

- Once you recognize it, inform the captain or other leader
- Warn the player(s) involved
- **Don't box yourself in with the threat of card if done again**
- Issue the card if it continues

This definition is consistent with the FIFA definition of Persistent Infringement.