

Summary of Linesman Flag Signals

FLAG:

furled, pointed toward ground
unfurled, pointed toward ground
at 45 degrees
straight up

pointing to a spot
straight up and slight wave
held up at both ends of staff

WHAT IS COMMUNICATED:

not ready
ready
direction (of throw or free kick)
ball out of play
offside
"I need to talk"
look at other linesman
location—offside, goal kick, corner
foul
substitution

Summary of Linesman Movements

POSITION or MOVEMENT:

Staying even with the second to last defender (or the ball) at 45 degrees

Running up touch line after goal is scored

Standing at attention

Walking toward corner flag after having signaled for a foul in the penalty area

LINESMAN COMMUNICATES:

"I am in charge of offside"

valid goal

infraction before goal was scored

penalty kick