

Be The Referee

"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute podcasts designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features insights from MHSAA experts on officiating. These messages can be heard on This Week In High School Sports, which airs on over 100 radio stations and audio web outlets across Michigan.

Oct. 19, 2021 -- A soccer team is racing towards the opponent's goal and after a couple of nice passes, they find the back of the net for a one nothing lead. As soon as the goal celebration starts, the coach of the team that scored, excitedly motions for one of his players to come off the field.

The assistant referee sees and hears this and counts the number of players on the field – and he realizes that the scoring team had 12 players on the field at the time of the goal. What's the call?

The referee should disallow the goal because there were too many players on the field. And re-start the game with a goal kick by the team that was scored on. The extra player on the field receives a yellow card and the score is back to zero zero... or nil nil.