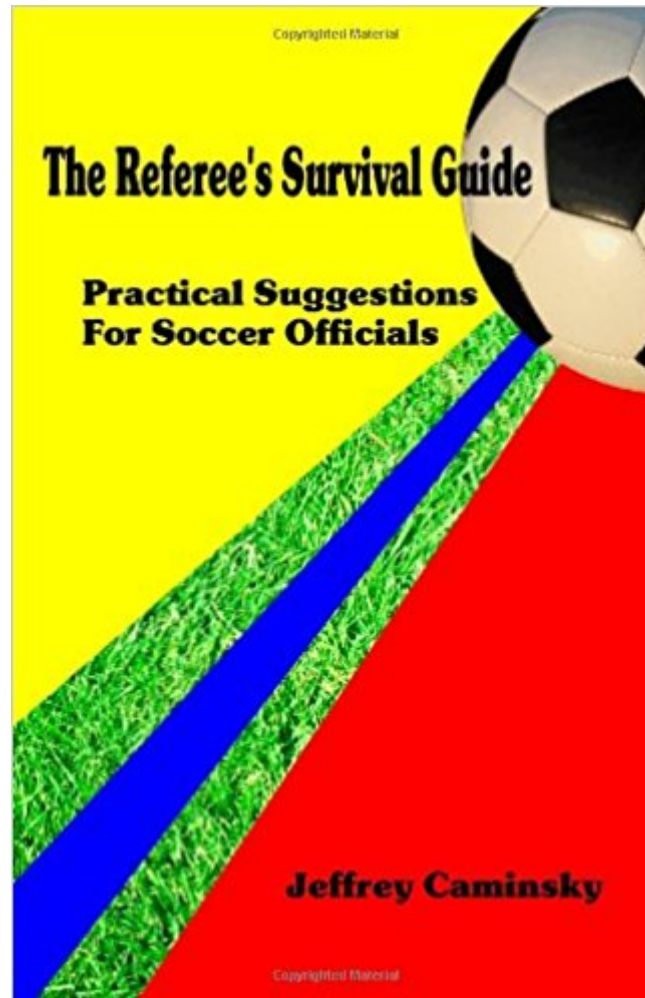




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# The Referee's Survival Guide



## Synopsis

The Referee's Survival Guide, a new book on soccer officiating by veteran soccer referee Jeff Caminsky, has the answers to many of a referee's typical problems on the pitch. Clearly written and easy to understand, The Referee's Survival Guide explains many of the "what's," "how's," "who's," and "why's" of life on the soccer field...as well as many of the things for a soccer official to avoid. Whether you're interested in training or getting better as an official, learning where to be on the field, how to handle crowds and players, or applying the rules in a common-sense manner, The Referee's Survival Guide offers something for every soccer referee.

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"A very comprehensive and thorough piece of work....good sound and practical common sense advice for referees....I am very impressed."---David Ager, author of The Soccer Referee's Manual  
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Downtown Detroit. In addition to his writings on soccer, the Law, and current events, Jeff has written a four-volume series of science fiction adventure novels, of which the first three---The Sirens of Space, The Star Dancers, and Clouds of Darkness---are currently in print.

Absolutely wonderful book. I, like Mr. Caminsky, started this soccer referee thing late in life, and very much wish I had read this before that first year, and maybe I would not have had to learn so many things the hard way. He does an excellent job providing insight into what the beginning referee can expect and the types of problems you are likely to run into. I particularly liked his advice about understanding the history behind the rules, so you are better able to apply them as they were meant to be. He provides practical advice for dealing with various issues that will come up and how to improve as a referee. I very much enjoyed Mr. Caminsky's sense of humor throughout the book as it kept things entertaining. I was chuckling most most of the way through his description of Personalities on the Pitch in particular as I seemed to have met most of these.

I have been refereeing at all levels of local soccer for 3 years and have found this book to be an excellent source of great tips and hints. A brand new referee will not catch all of the great information that the author offers but will be returning to the book often in their first few years to learn how to deal with the numerous issues soccer referees encounter on the pitch. I have gathered great tips on how to deal with the different levels of play and the different type of personalities that referees meet in coaches and fans. Highly recommend the book for anyone looking to gain additional knowledge on be a better official.

3 as a center ref and 5 as an AR.Awesome book! It gave me a lot of insight into how/why I could and should deal with the things I was (and am) seeing on a regular basis.This book is not only great for a rookie ref like me, but I can easily see myself returning to it to review and check back against my work as time goes by.Highly, highly recommend all new refs grab this and read it.

I truly enjoyed this book. While it does have some useful tidbits for the experienced referee, I think that its greatest impact will be for the new or beginning referee.This book will help referees understand the traditions and meaning of the game from the referee standpoint; case in point: Two instances of deliberate handling of the ball. One, the keeper strays outside the penalty area whilst booting the ball downfield. Two, the keeper reaches outside the penalty area to scoop up the ball with his hand and breaks up an attack. Both can be penalized with a direct free kick but, but which

infraction requires that play be stopped?The beginning referee will say "BOTH!", but the author recommends that, since the keeper really gets no significant advantage by using an extra few inches to send the ball downfield a verbal warning may be the best result - while breaking up an attack truly deserves the free kick.It is these insights that I feel are well told. I liked the genial tone and amusing byplay of the book, and truly recommend it!

Good read for any aspiring soccer referee. I felt the book was evenly split between mental fortitude and the practical mechanics for managing games. There were plenty of tips to consume (too many to practice all at once) which makes the book a decent reference to come back to on occasion.

As a first year referee, this book has been invaluable to me. I have been able to apply many of Jeffrey Caminsky's tips. If you are a new referee, or wish to enhance your current skills, read this book!

This is a tremendous book for the beginning soccer referee. Like a mentor, Jeffrey Caminsky does an excellent job of letting the new referee know what to expect, how to be a referee, and all the other things that they don't teach you in class. This book is full of good advice and addresses a lot of the situations that I had been unclear or unsure about during my first twenty-five matches and had to learn the hard way. This book is also very readable; not a dry treatise on Laws of the Game. Caminsky has a sly wit that he reveals on occasion to keep things interesting.For the intermediate referee, there are some "best practices" that can be drawn out; for example, the section on match control or some of the nonverbal communication techniques for use with ARs.Advanced referees would be better suited with Evans & Bellion's "For the Good of the Game", an outstanding book in its own right but one that requires much more experience to fully appreciate. I read Evans & Bellion first, then Caminsky. Having now read both, I wish I had started with Caminsky first, then as I gained game experience, moved up to Evans & Bellion.This book should be part of every new referee's starter kit.

This book is brilliant. It has very useful advice and information for referees across the breadth of experience, from first year novices to 20+ year veterans.

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