Movement to get the best
“Angle of View”:
Advice for Referees

Robert (Bob) Evans
National Referee Instructor
Referee

**SITUATION A**

Forward passes to the wing and runs for a return ball.

Defender wants to win the ball

Where can the referee go to get a good view?
THE SITUATION:

In order to see the tackle, the referee must move out of the “Blind zone”. But which way should he go?
The quickest way? 10-yard movement 15 yards from clash

SITUATION ‘A’
To get even closer, (method 1):

- 15-yard run
- < 10 yards from clash

SITUATION ‘A’
SITUATION ‘A’

Disadvantages?:

- Enough time to get there?
- In the way of subsequent action?
Referee

SITUATION 'A'

To get even closer (method 2):

15-18 yard run

10 yards from clash
Principal advantage (method 2):
Out of the way of any subsequent action

SITUATION ‘A’
POINTS TO CONSIDER:

If time is the most important factor, take the shortest route,

but . . .

If you have enough time to get a good angle, take the route that keeps you out of the way of play.
SITUATION ‘B’: Long aerial ball into the heart of the defence.

Referee must get closer and a better angle of view.
Almost anywhere on the left diagonal will give the referee a good angle of view.

*SITUATION ‘C’: High cross into the heart of the defence, from the right.*
SITUATION ‘D’: High cross into the heart of the defence, from the left.
SITUATION ‘D’: High cross into the heart of the defence, from the left.
A quick, ten-yard sprint off a wide, deep diagonal will get the referee a good angle of view.
MODERN REALITY:

Use of the old-fashioned “normal” diagonal may not give the referee the best angle of view in some important situations.

Use of a wider, deeper diagonal allows the referee more flexibility in choosing a good view.
SUMMARY POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Taking the angle of view into account will increase the likelihood of your making the correct call.

In anticipation of any clash you see coming, be ready to move off your diagonal to get the best angle of view.
Movement to get the best “Angle of View”: Advice for Referees

QUESTIONS?

Robert (Bob) Evans
National Referee Instructor