

## Clarification Guidelines

As per Code 16.1 (s) of the Official Guide a Defending Party may submit a written Request for Clarification of the Referee's Report when requesting a hearing, **subject to the following guidelines issued by Central Council.**

- A. The purpose of a Request for Clarification is to clear up any ambiguity in the Referee's Report. It is not to be used as a means to circumvent Code 16.1 (aa)(1)(vii). The Request for Clarification is not the equivalent of a Notice for Particulars or an examination by Interrogatories.
- B. A Request for Clarification of the Referee's Report **must** be submitted with the Request for a Hearing-
- C. The Defending Party can make one Request for Clarification
- D. The Request for Clarification should refer to the particular matters in the Referee's Report that require clarification.
- E. The request for Clarification should be written in plain language (plain English or its equivalent).
- F. A Request for Clarification cannot be a cross-examination of the Match Official.
- G. The Referee must not, by way of Clarification, be required to supply compelling evidence that their decision was correct or to justify their decision.
- H. Match Officials should not be expected to recall or provide absolute details in relation to the mechanics or movements of a defending party which led the Match Officials to decide that an infraction had occurred.
- I. A valid Request for Clarification should be sent unedited to the Referee by the CCC in a timely manner.
- J. If the CCC believes that a Request for Clarification, or elements of it, is excessive or improper in any way having regard to the Rules, it shall advise the Defending Party and ask the relevant Hearings Committee to adjudicate on the Request as a preliminary issue prior to the Hearing.