

Timeliness of Instant Replay

When officials go to the monitor to review plays, they must be cognizant of the amount of time spent reviewing the play. The purpose of reviewing plays is always to get the play right. Officials should always remember that “indisputable evidence” is needed to overturn a call. As it relates to the time at the monitor, the chart below should be prevalent in an official’s mind.

Officials must be aware of the desire of the stakeholders of the game to have fewer stoppages and more timely reviews.

“Indisputable evidence” is used to describe something that is so obviously true that there is no room for question or debate.

The results of the monitor review are:

Confirmed – The original call was correct.

Stands – Not enough evidence to overturn.

Reversed – The original call was incorrect.

