

Appendix 5 – Extracts from the Rules of the Game concerning “Blue card”

Current version

New version

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For this purpose, the referee also shows the blue card as information after holding up the red card.