



**World Hockey**



**Level 1 Umpire  
Accreditation:  
Presentation to  
Candidate Umpires**

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# Umpiring Structure

- Level One – Local / Club
- Level Two – Area / State / Province
- Level Three - National





# Presentation

Look like an umpire: -

- Be smart
- Don't be officious
- Don't be scared to smile
- Make your signals clear
- Use varied whistle tone





# Equipment

- Umpires equipment
- Players equipment
- GKs equipment





# The Pitch

- Dimensions
- Lines and markings
- Shooting circles
- Goals and flags





# Preparation

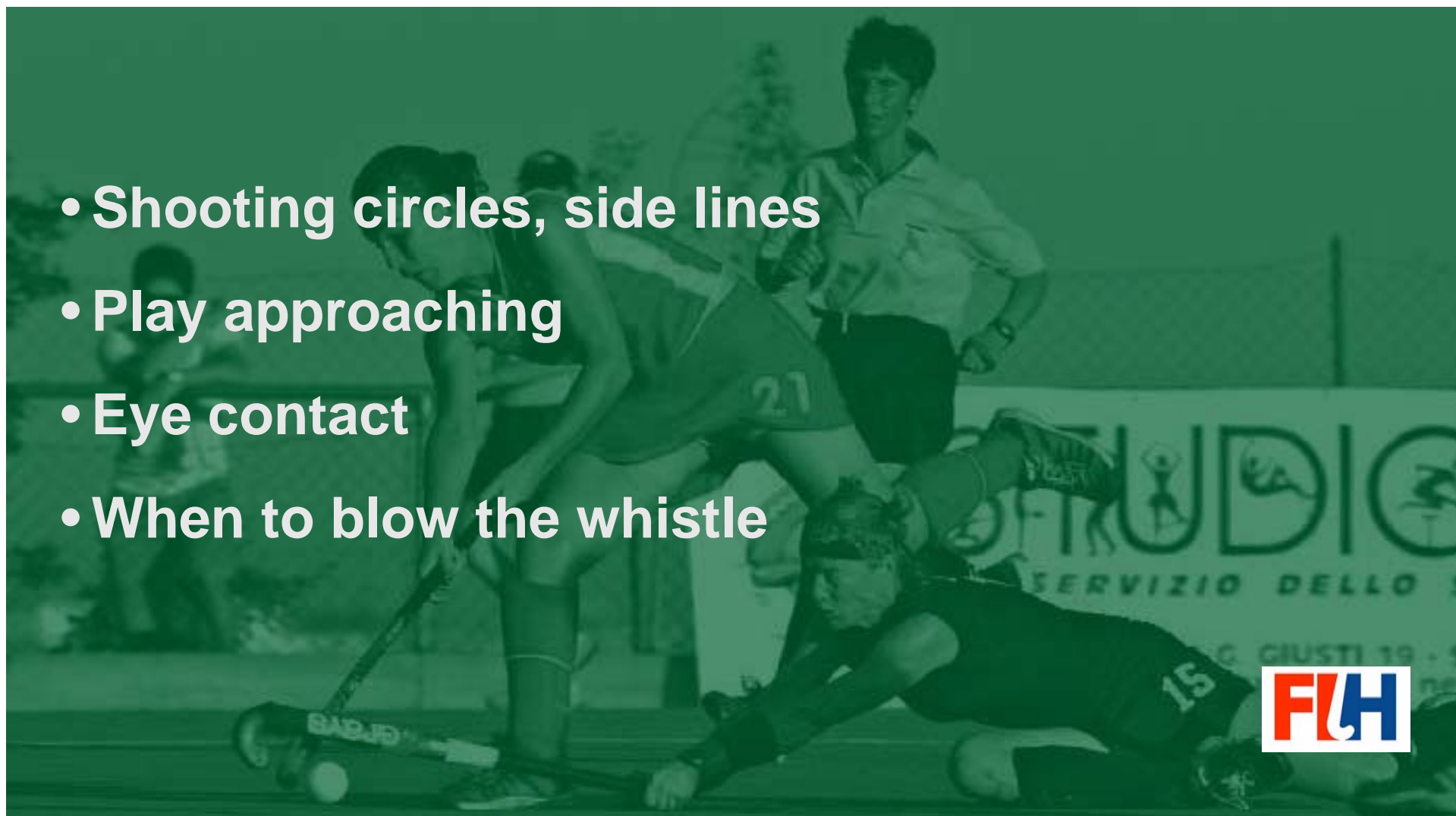
- **Pre-match chat**
  - Establishing consistency
  - Work as a team
- **Pitch inspection**
  - Goals, nets, lines
- **Warm-up**





# Areas of Responsibility

- Shooting circles, side lines
- Play approaching
- Eye contact
- When to blow the whistle





# Positioning and Mobility

- **Moving with play (reading play)**
  - Forwards, backwards, sideways
- **Set piece positioning**
  - Penalty corners
  - Corners
  - Penalty strokes





# The Game Rules

- **Teams**
  - Substitutions
  - GK on the pitch or all field players
- **Captains**
  - Responsibilities
- **Duration of the game**



# Starting & Re-starting the Game



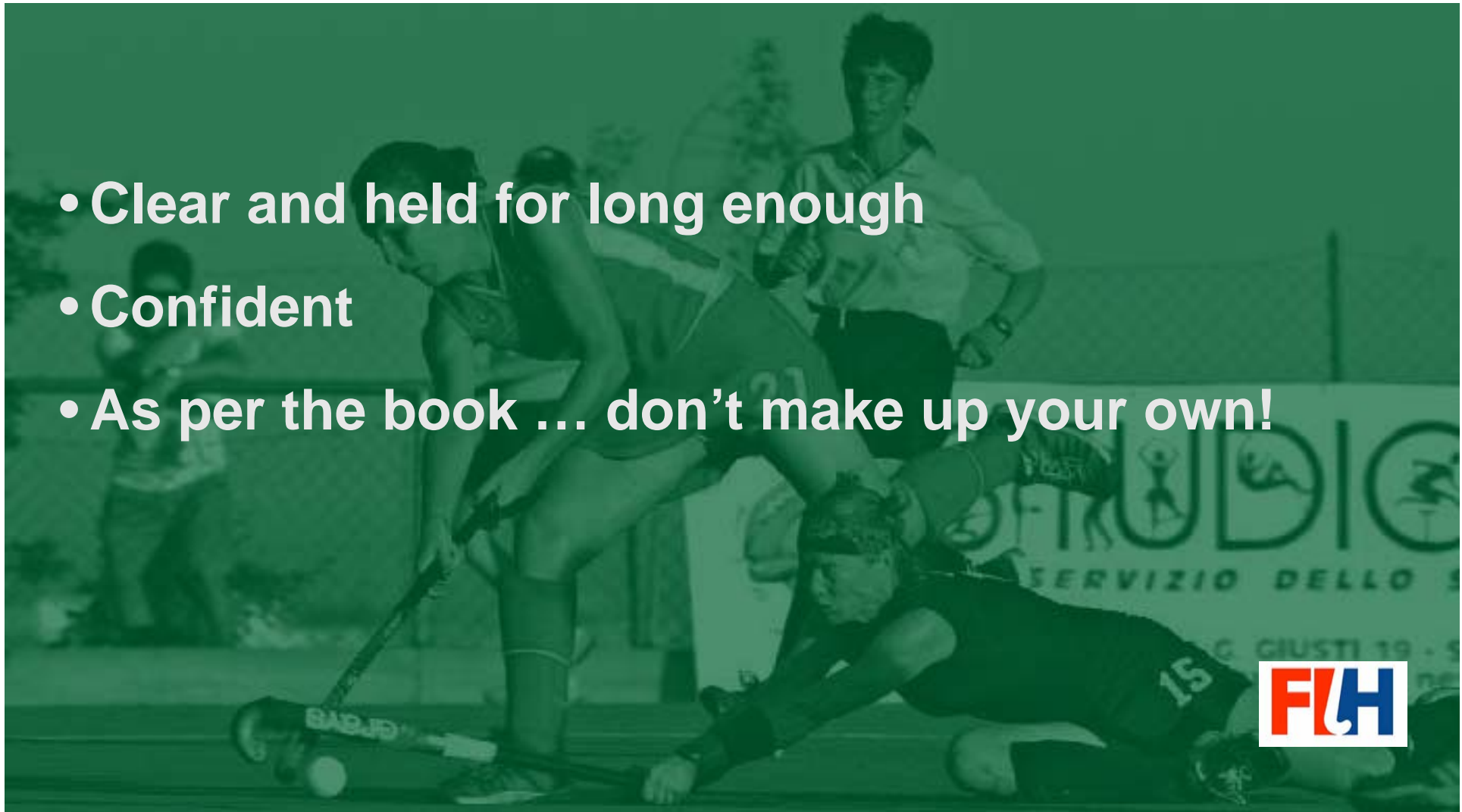
- Centre pass
- Ball over the side line
- Ball over the back line
  - By an attacker, by a defender
  - Intentionally, unintentionally





# Signals

- Clear and held for long enough
- Confident
- As per the book ... don't make up your own!





# The Bully

- When / why do you award a bully?
- Where is it taken?
- What distance the other players?





# Scoring a Goal

- Off an attacking player's stick in the shooting circle
- Completely over the goal line
- Goal awarded in a penalty stroke situation





# Accidents and Injury

- When to stop / not stop time
- Assessing an injury
- Treatment on the pitch
- A bleeding player
- Re-starting the game
- The injured umpire ... what to do!





# Conduct of Play

- **Players shall not: -**
  - Use of stick and playing equipment
  - Use of body, hands, feet
  - The raised ball (the good, the bad and the ugly – dangerous!)





# Obstruction

- Onus is on the tackler
- Consider: -
  - Position
  - Intent
  - Timing
- Shielding the ball with the stick





# Players May Not ...

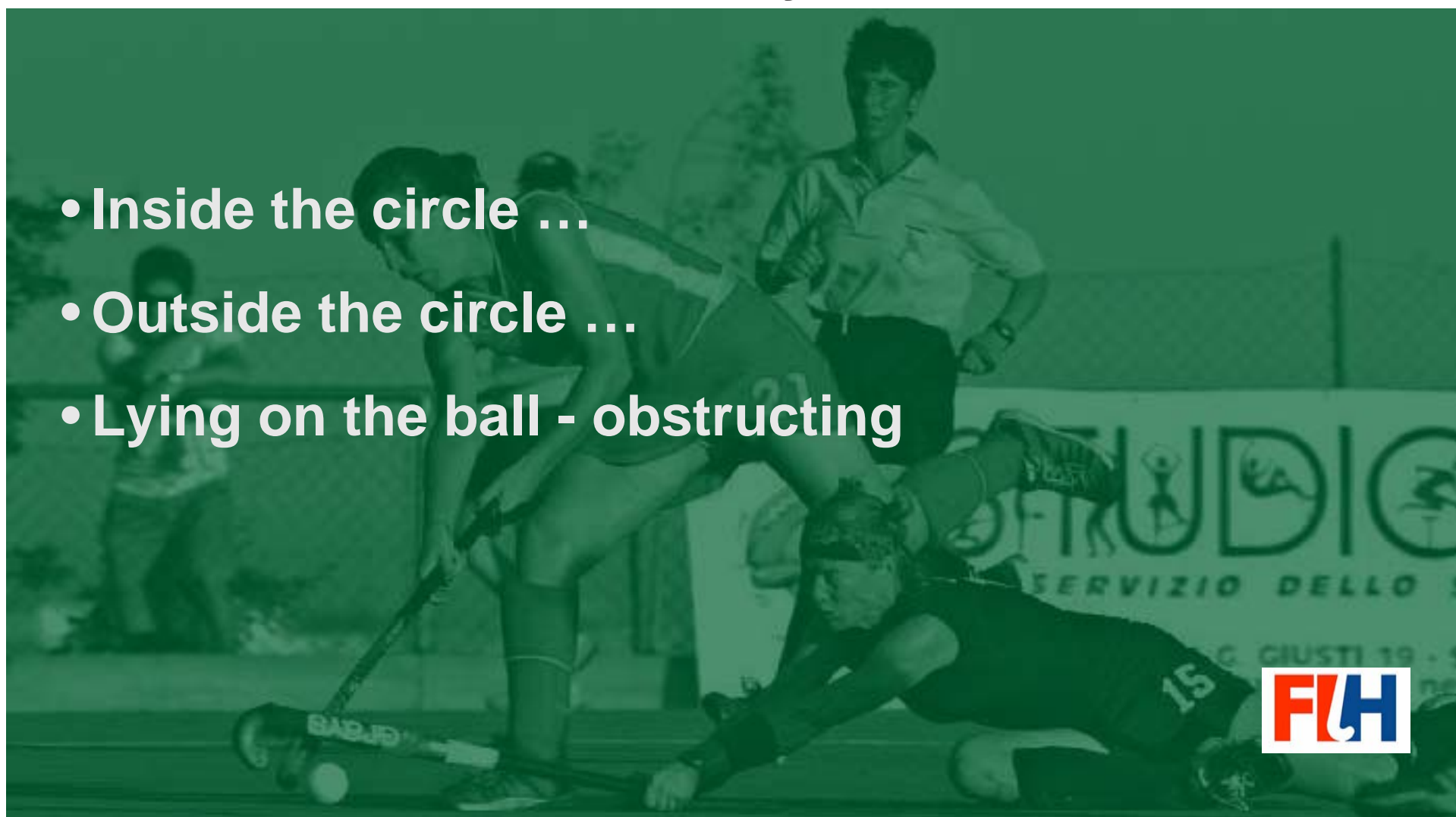
- **Manufacture an offence**
  - Examples?
- **Time waste**
  - Examples?





# Goalkeepers May ...

- Inside the circle ...
- Outside the circle ...
- Lying on the ball - obstructing





# Advantage

- A penalty shall only be awarded when a player or team has been clearly disadvantaged by an opponent's offence
- Why signal it & who are you signalling it for?





# Free Hit

- Awarded for an offence by an attacker in the opponents' 23
- Awarded following an offence by any player between the two 23s
- Awarded for unintentional offences by the defence outside their circle and within their 23





# Penalty Corner

- Intentional offence within the 23 but outside the shooting circle
- Unintentional offence inside the shooting circle that doesn't prevent a probable goal
- Intentionally playing ball over own back line



# Penalty Corner continued ...



- Intentional offence in circle which neither prevents a goal being scored nor deprives an attacker of actual or likely possession of the ball
- Ball lodged in the GK's equipment while in the shooting circle



# Penalty Corner continued ...



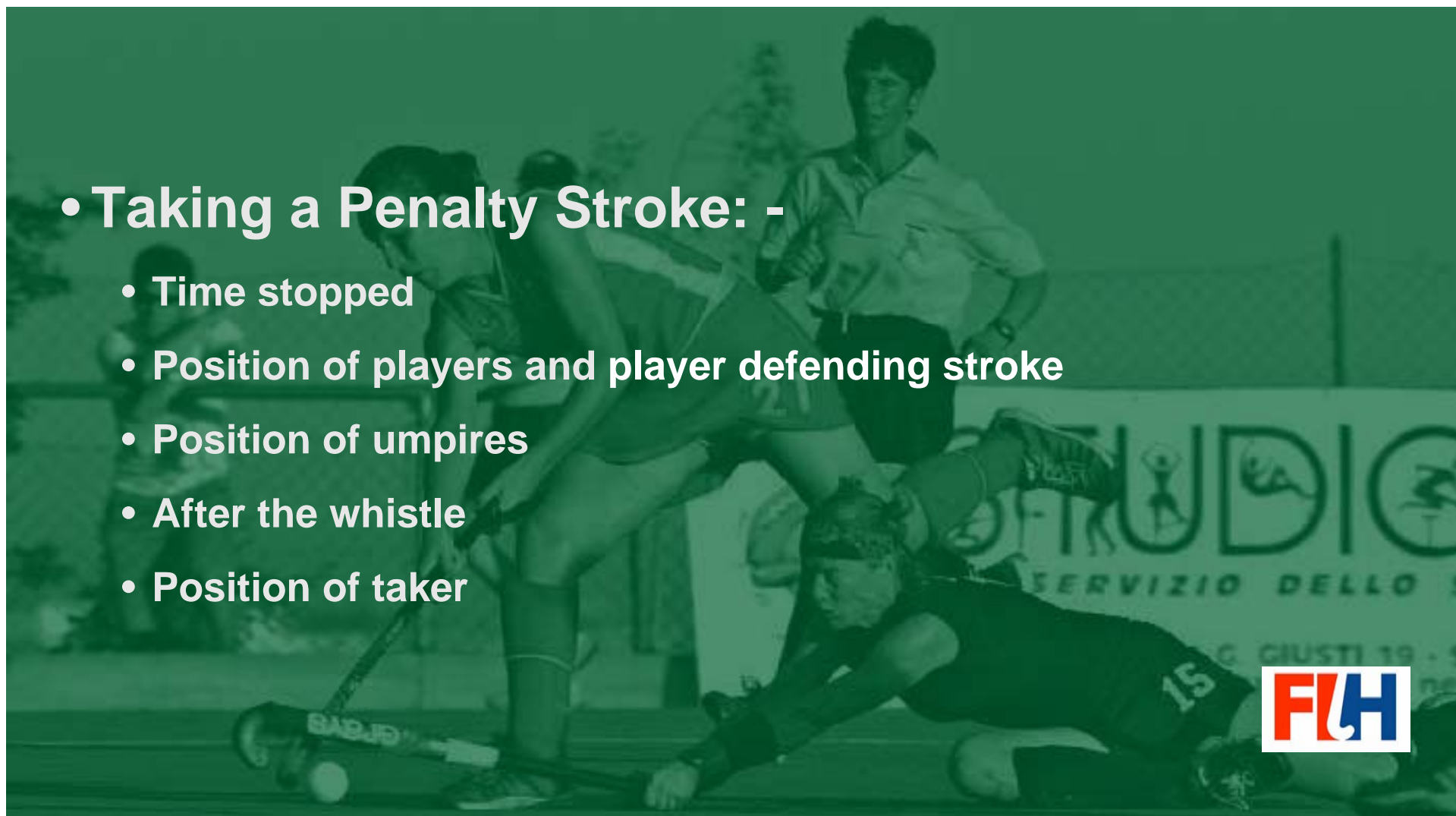
- Managing the Penalty Corner
- Where are the players positioned?
- Where are you?
- Where is your colleague?
- First hit shot and height restriction
- Danger ... what is it?
- Ball beyond 5 metres of the shooting circle





# Penalty Stroke

- **Taking a Penalty Stroke: -**
  - Time stopped
  - Position of players and player defending stroke
  - Position of umpires
  - After the whistle
  - Position of taker





# Penalty Stroke

- **Ending a Penalty Stroke: -**
  - Goal scored or awarded
  - Ball caught by GK
  - Ball lodged in GK's equipment
  - Ball passes outside of circle
  - Ball comes to rest in circle
  - Taker breaches a Rule



# Penalty Stroke continued ...



## • Re-starting after the Penalty Stroke: -

- Goal → Centre Pass
- No goal → A push or hit to defence at the top of the circle opposite centre of goal line





# Personal Penalties

- Players, including substitutes, may be cautioned, warned or suspended
- Intentional offences must be punished
- Verbal abuse – deal with it promptly
- Upgrading a penalty and reversing a decision





# Use of Cards

- What does each card represent?
- The general principles to apply
- Same colour ... different offences
- Durations of suspension for minor offences versus duration for more physical / serious offences





# Developing Yourself

- Practice, practice, practice
- Watch other umpires
- Get someone to video you
- Talk with players and coaches
- Always be prepared to listen
- Consider what you would do again, might do again and never do again





# And Finally ...

- Help raise the standard of the game
- Ensure every game is played in the right spirit
- Make sure you are suitable insured
- Work at your fitness
- ENJOY your umpiring!

