

TACTICAL FOUL¹

BREAKING UP A PROMISING ATTACK

A player commits a foul for the tactical purpose of interfering with or breaking up a promising attack.

DENYING AN OBVIOUS GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY

Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (it does not apply to the GK within his own penalt area)

Denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.

- * Distance from goal
- * Number and skill of defenders involved in the situation
- * Number and skill of attackers involved in the situation
- * The direction of the play
- * The player has control of the ball
- * The player can gain control of the ball
- * Location of defenders
- * Location of attackers
- * Options to pass the ball
- * Chance to score a goal

¹ A tactical foul is usually committed as a last recourse to stop a promising attack. A promising attack considerations: Opportunity to continue and immediate attack or an attempt on goal with a high degree of effectiveness, potential for developing an attack likely to succeed or yield good results.