

Soccer shows green card to fair play

LOCATION: El Bosque, Cádiz

DURATION: 1'29"

SUMMARY: Bad behaviour is penalised on the soccer field, but the green card aims to reward the nice gestures of players to promote fair play. This initiative was born in Cádiz in 2013 and was implanted by the Royal Federation of Soccer of Andalusia a year after. The green card received the Fair Play Award from the University of Cádiz, and the Human Values Award given by the Association of Sports Journalists of Andalusia.

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In the official competitions of the Andalusian league, this has become usual... It is the green card that, just like the red or the yellow, is shown during a match but, in this case, to reward good behaviour, this way the referee judges not only bad things but also the good ones.

ENRIQUE CABALLERO
Coach and creator of the green card

"It is about giving example to partners and opponents, promoting respect for the referee and fair play."

The fair play green card was born here, in the province of Cádiz, but it has already arrived in Iceland, Holland, Sweden and Belgium. In fact, many coaches of the Spanish league have joined this initiative.

MANOLO SANLÚCAR
Villanovense's coach

"This initiative is very important. We have to keep it in mind and bring it everywhere, right? To every field where children play."

And grown-ups. Now that they have achieved to bring it to the fry and cadet categories of the Royal Federation of Soccer of Andalusia, they aim to spread it to the idols of these players, so they give an example of fair play.

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"They imitate everything. From the celebrations of goals, to hairstyles, the clothes that soccer players wear... So, if a soccer player such as Messi or Cristiano is shown a green card, I am completely positive that the following week all the kids are going to imitate that gesture and make it theirs."

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