



# know the limits

On 21 December 2011, Esteban Alvarado was sent off by Bas Nijhuis in a KNVB Cup match against Ajax after an Ajax supporter tried attacking him. A 19-year-old Ajax fan who had been drinking entered the pitch after 36 minutes of play and ran towards the AZ goalkeeper "attempting to land a kick towards the face of the Costa Rican — who proceeded to kick the fan to the ground". Alvarado was subsequently sent off for violent conduct, with AZ manager Gertjan Verbeek ordering his players to leave the pitch and head to the dressing rooms in protest - the game was consequently abandoned. The red card has since been rescinded by the Dutch FA. The 19 year old "fan" was jailed for 4 months