

WASA

Off-side Information

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## **Notice**

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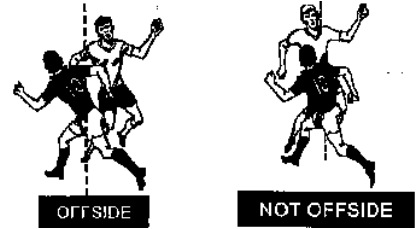
# OFF-SIDE

## Off-Side Position

Being in an off-side position is not a foul.

An attacking player is in an off-side position when he or she is...

1. In the opponent's end of the field and
2. Ahead of the ball and
3. Closer to the goal line than the Second to Last Opponent (defender)



An attacking player who is EVEN with the ball or the S.L.O. is in an on-side position.

## Off-Side

An attacking player is off-side IF...

**At the moment the ball is played** by a team mate, he or she is in an off-side position, AND is either...

1. Interfering with play or
2. Interfering with an opponent or
3. Gaining an advantage

**Off-Side Position + Involvement = Off-Side**

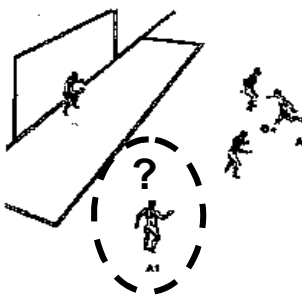
A player CANNOT be off-side if he/she receives the ball *directly* from a throw-in, goal kick or corner kick.

A player CANNOT be off-side in his or her own end of the field.

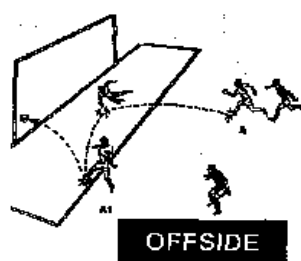
Simple questions for a player in the opponents end of the field to ask are:

1. Is the ball closer to the goal than me? Yes... I'm not off-side
2. Are there two opponents between me and the goal? Yes... I'm not off-side

*The answers to **both** of the first two questions must be "NO" to be in an off-side position.*



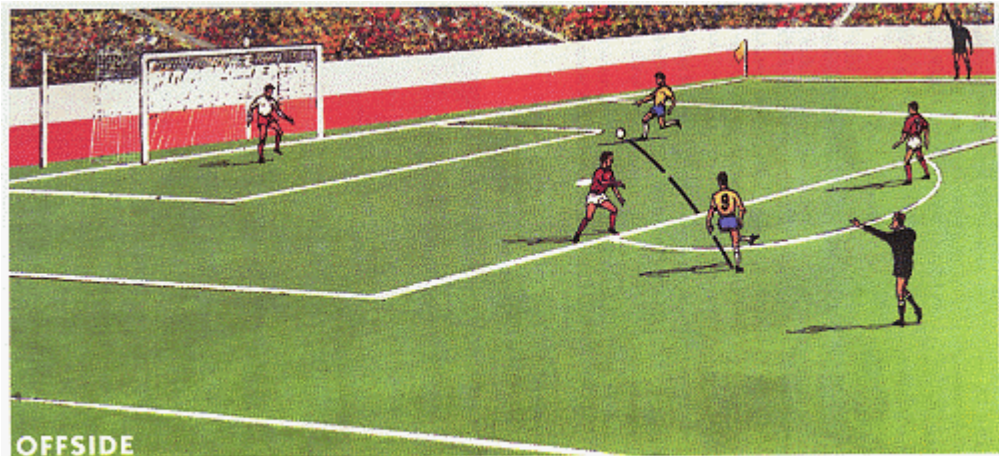
3. Am I involved in play?



Yes... I'm off-side

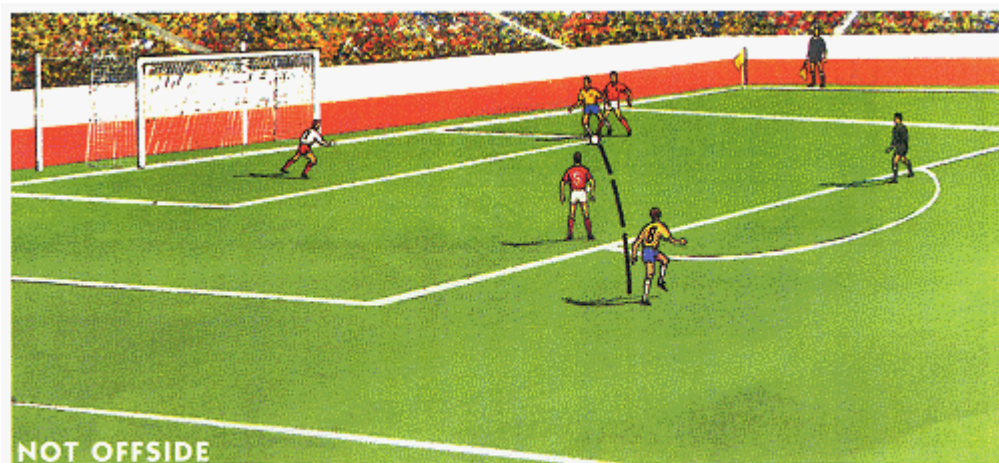


No... I'm not off-side



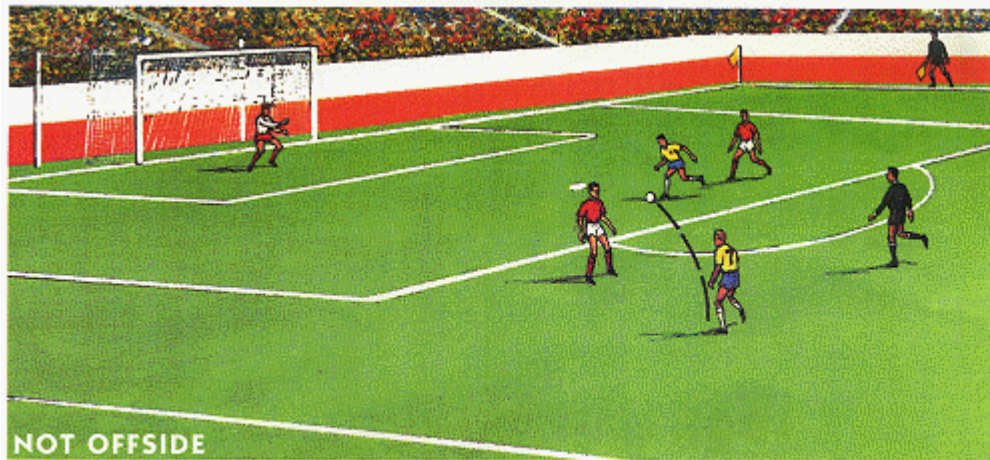
### OFFSIDE

The attacker who receives the ball from his team-mate, number 9, is offside since he is nearer to his opponents' goal line than the ball and the second last defender and gains an advantage by being in that position.

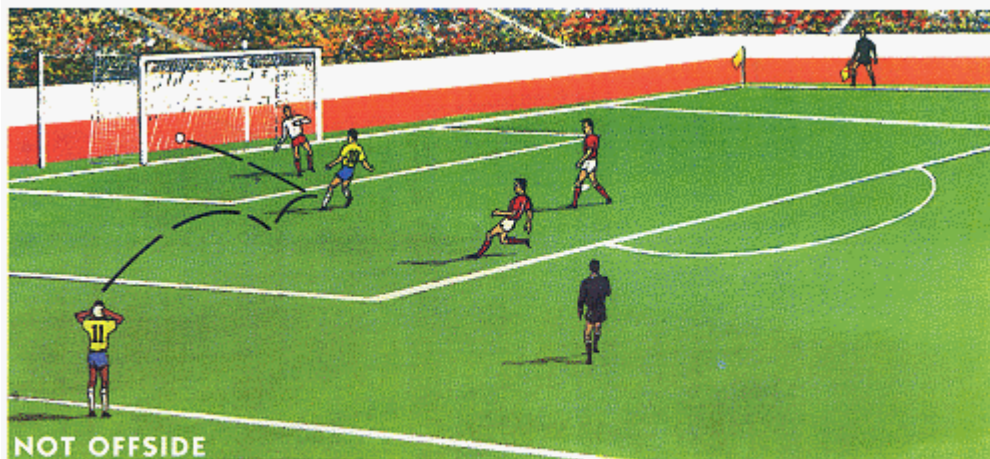


### NOT OFFSIDE

The attacker who receives the ball from his team--mate, number 8, is not offside because, when the ball is kicked, he is level with the second last defender.

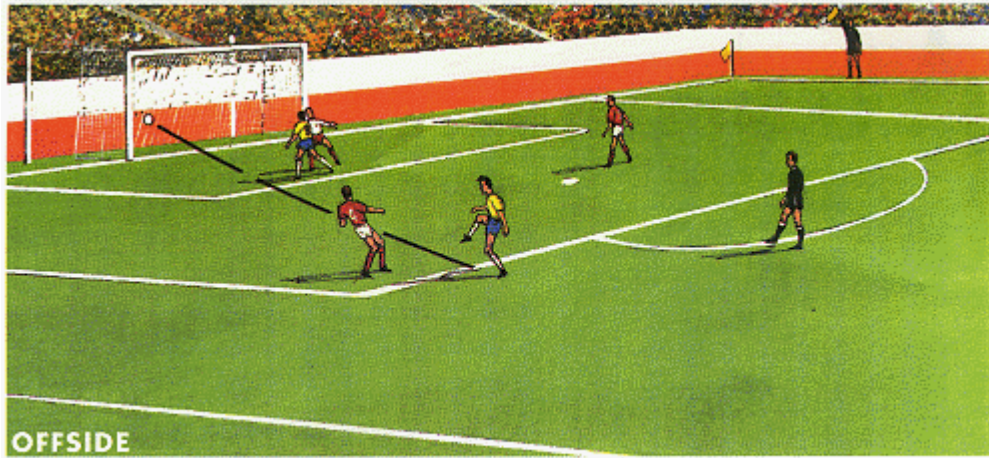


The attacker, number 9, is not offside because, when the ball is played to him by his team-mate, number 7, he is level with the second last defender.



A player cannot be offside from a throw-in.





The attacker, number 9, is offside because he is involved in active play and is interfering with the goalkeeper.



The attacker, number 9, is offside because he is in an offside position and is interfering with the goalkeeper.



**NOT OFFSIDE**

The player lying in the goal area is not offside since he is not involved in active play and is not interfering with the goalkeeper.



**NOT OFFSIDE**

Although the attacker is in an offside position when the ball is kicked by his team-mate, number 10, he is not penalized because he is not involved in active play and does not gain an advantage by being in that position.





### OFFSIDE

The shot by number 6 rebounds from the goalpost to a team-mate who is penalized for being in an offside position, because when the ball is played, he is involved in active play and gains an advantage by being in that position.



### OFFSIDE

The shot by a team-mate rebounds from the goalkeeper to number 8 who is penalized for being in an offside position because, when the ball is played, he is involved in active play and gains an advantage by being in that position.