

## Rule 9



**Ball In and Out of Play**

# TOPICS

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- y Ball out of play
  - y Ball in play
  - y Boundary lines
  - y Perspective of positioning
  - y Drop ball
  - y Temporary suspension
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# BALL OUT OF PLAY

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Only two methods of stopping play:

- y Whole ball crosses a boundary line
- y The referee stops play

The ball is in play at all other times!

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# BALL IS IN PLAY

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- y If ball rebounds from
    - x Goalpost, or
    - x Crossbar, or
    - x Corner flagpost and remains in the field of play
    - x Referee, if he/she is on the field of play
  - y Until the referee stops play for any reason
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# BOUNDARY LINES

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Lines belong to the areas of which they are boundaries

This includes:

- y Touch lines
  - y Goal lines
  - y Goal areas
  - y Penalty areas
  - y Corner areas
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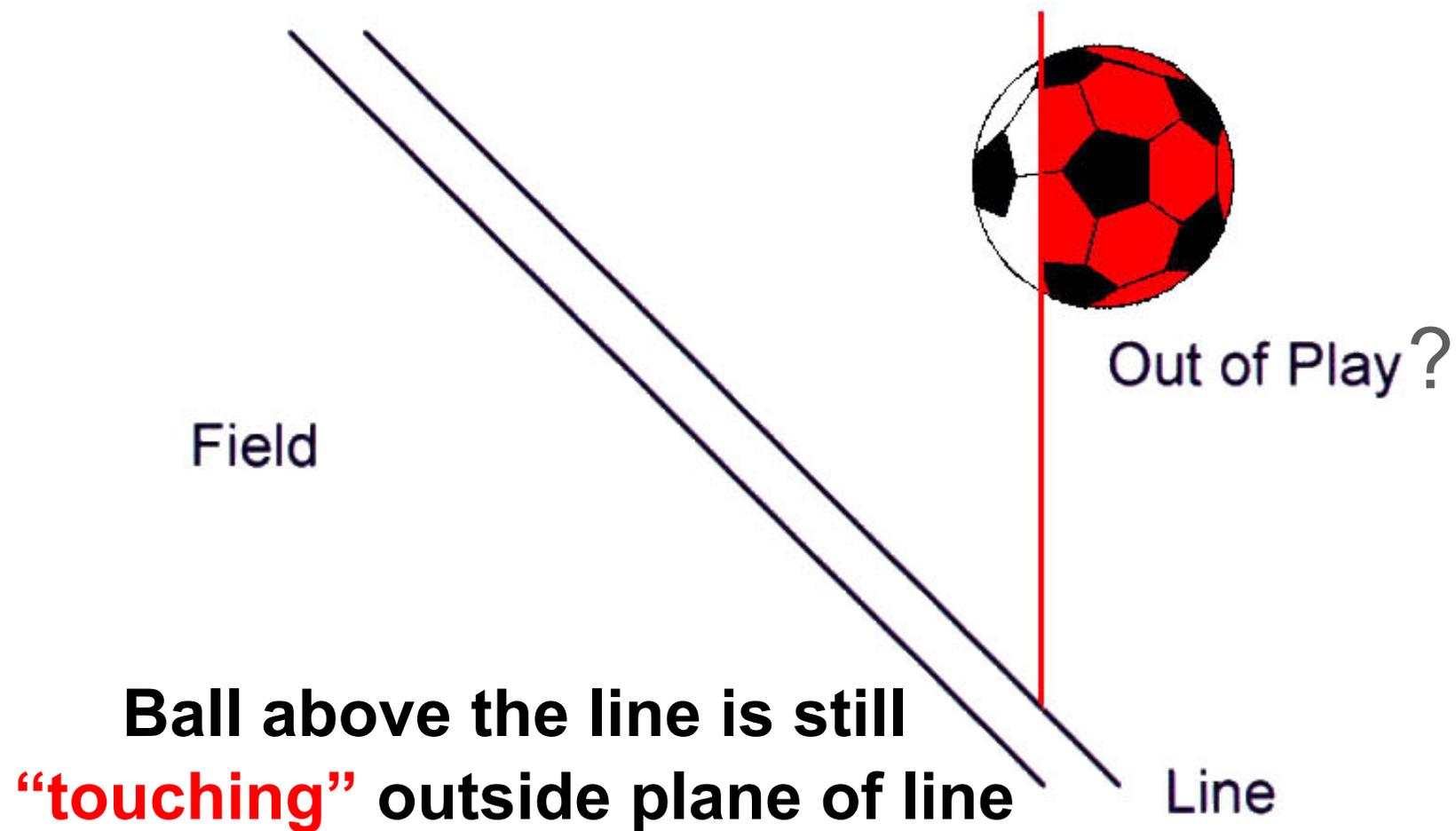
# BALL CROSSING LINES

A ball may cross a boundary line on the ground or in the air



A ball is not out if any part of the ball is on or above any part of the line

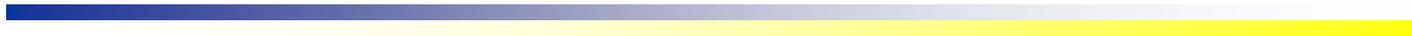
# BALL NEAR LINE



# DROPPED BALL

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- ❖ A dropped ball is a way of restarting the match
  - ◆ After a temporary stoppage which becomes necessary, while the ball is in play, for an unusual situation when neither team has clear possession of the ball



# DROPPED BALL

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- ◆ When the ball goes out of play after being touched simultaneously by opponents
- ◆ When simultaneous fouls of the same seriousness occur by opponents
- ◆ When the ball becomes deflated



# What if the ball becomes **DEFECTIVE, UNSAFE or BURSTS?**

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**If while in play**

Restart with a **dropped ball** at spot

**If while the game is stopped**

Restart as you would have anyway

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# BALL CONTACTS OUTSIDE AGENT

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If an outside agent makes contact with the ball:

- y The game is stopped
- y Outside agent is removed
- y Restart with a dropped ball
  - x where ball was when contact was made
  - x ball is in play when it touches the ground



# DROPPED BALL PROCEDURES

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- y Referee drops ball (from waist high)
- y Where ball was when play was stopped (except in goal area)
- y Two players required
- y Re-drop if:
  - x touched by player before it hits ground
  - x ball leaves field before touched



# Temporary Suspension

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- y Stoppage by the referee because of an injury or an unusual situation
    - x Restart when one team has clear possession is an IFK from the spot where the ball was when the stoppage occurred
    - x Restart when neither team has clear possession is a drop ball from the spot where the ball was when the stoppage occurred, except...
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# REVIEW

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- y When is the ball out of play?
    - x When the whole ball has crossed boundary line, or
    - x Play has been stopped by the referee
  
  - y What if the ball hits the referee?
    - x Play continues
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## REVIEW (cont')

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- y What other times is the ball still in play?
    - x When it rebounds from a goalpost
    - x When it rebounds from a crossbar
    - x When it rebounds from a corner flagpost
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# REVIEW (cont')

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- y Dropped ball for undefined stoppages
    - x Where does the dropped ball take place?
      - Where the ball was when play was stopped, except...
    - x When is the ball in play?
      - When it touches the ground
    - x What happens if a player “double touches” the ball?
      - Nothing; that’s allowed on a drop ball
    - x Who can participate? How many can?
      - Any opposing players; two players
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