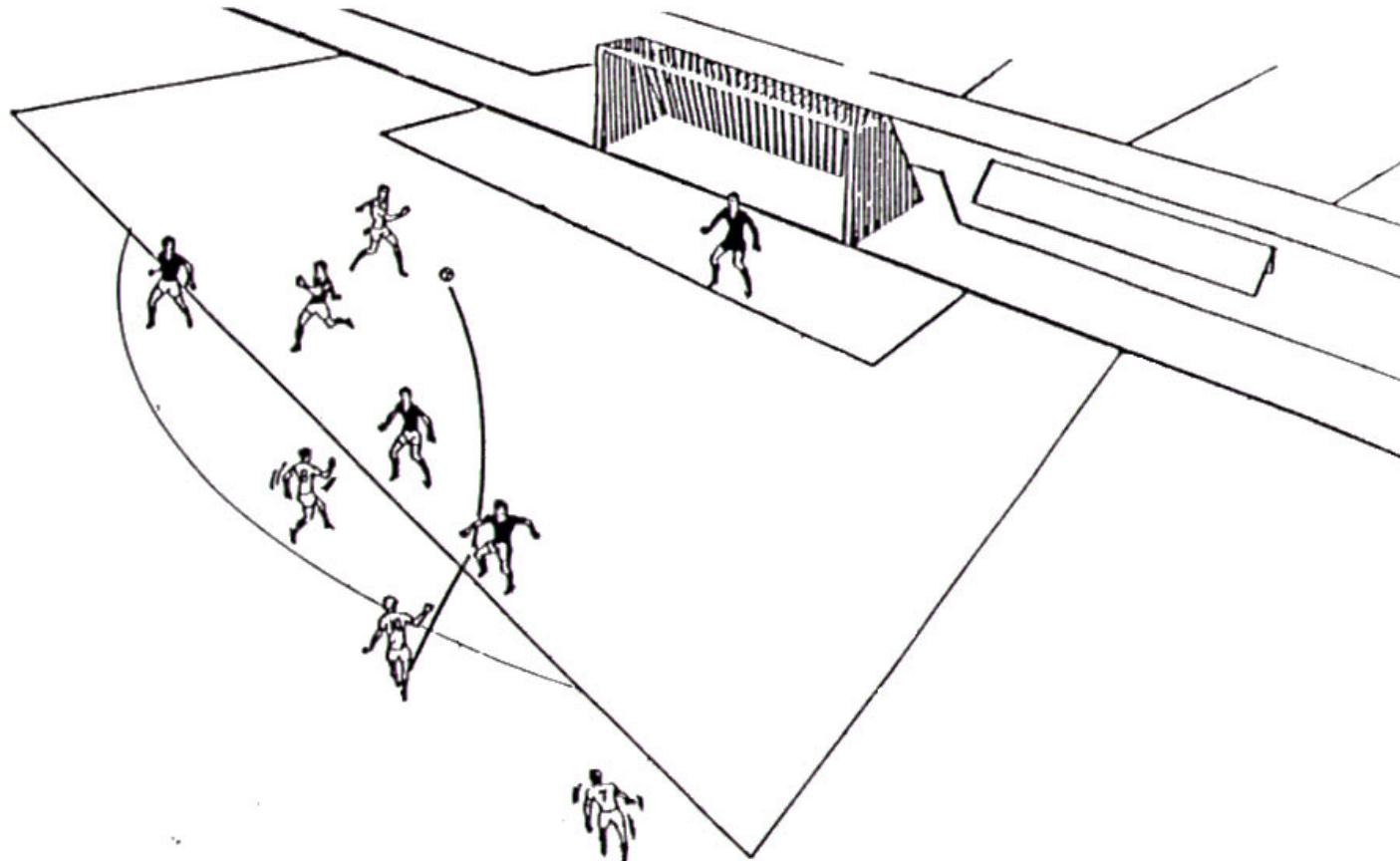


Rule 11



Offside

ELEMENTS OF THE RULE

Position

- x Nearer to opponent's goal line than the ball and
- x The second last opponent (last but one)

Unless

- x Is in own half of the field
 - x Is level (even) with second last opponent
 - x Is level with the last two opponents
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What is Even?

The player's torso, legs, feet or head are the factors for determining "even" for purposes of offside.

Not hands

ELEMENTS OF THE RULE

Timing

At the moment the ball touches or is played by one of their team

Opinion of the referee

Involved in active play by:

- x Interfering with play
 - x Interfering with an opponent
 - x Gaining an advantage by being in that position
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ELEMENTS OF THE RULE

It is not an offense in itself to be in an offside position

Judgement of offside occurs at the moment the ball is touched or played by a teammate - not - when the player receives the ball

ELEMENTS OF THE RULE

There can be an offside offense only:

- x during the run of play
 - x on a direct free kick
 - x on an indirect free kick
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ELEMENTS OF THE RULE

A player cannot be penalized for being in an offside position if the ball is received directly from a:

- ... Goal Kick
 - ... Throw In
 - ... Corner Kick
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Determination of Offside

When a teammate plays the ball:

- .. Is the player in the attacking half?
- .. Is the player nearer the goal than the ball?
- .. Is the player nearer the goal than the second last defender?

If yes to above, then

Is the player interfering with play or an opponent or gaining advantage?

IF yes, then Offside, otherwise no infraction

NON-INVOLVEMENT

Clear intention to not participate:

- .. Standing still
 - .. Moving away from active play
 - .. Stepping off the field of play
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