



Lines Person Notes

Blackburn Newhope FC

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Unite, Commit, Enjoy

Children play for Fun and Enjoyment

Parents, coaches, managers and officials all play a vital role in the development of our club and the lives of players. Our club is committed to Christian principles and values. We must all work to ensure that everyone has a positive experience that will last long after they leave the club.

Lines Persons are there to ensure 3 main areas of play are managed on behalf of the referee:

1. **Note when the ball is out.** When a ball goes out on the side, use your flag to show the Referee which team should get the ball by pointing to their attacking goal. If the ball goes over the back line, note a goal kick by pointing to the goal and a corner kick by pointing to the corner.
2. **When someone commits a foul.** Raise your flag to let the referee know that someone has committed a foul.
3. **Manage the Off-side Rule.**

This is the most difficult part of a lines person's role. To aid with this always put yourself in line with the second last defender on the defender's side of the field (No need to go past half way line). *The last defender is generally the goal keeper.*

For someone to be offside they must be

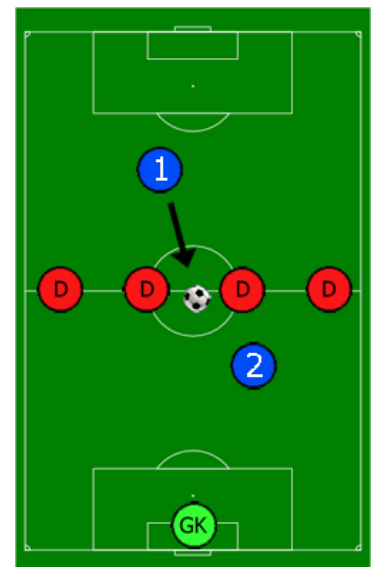
- a) In an off-side position
- b) Be involved in active play

There is **NO off-side** on

- a) Corner kicks
- b) Goal-kicks or
- c) Throw-ins

You can only be off-side in an opponent's half of the field – hence you do not need to go past the half way line.

To be off-side, you have to be closer to the goal line than both the ball and the second-to-last opponent **when the pass or play is made**. As you can see in the first figure, player number 2 is in a soccer offside position because he is closer to the goal line than the second to last player on the red team.





If a player is in an off-side position, you would raise your flag immediately to notify the referee.

Active Play

If a player is NOT in active play, - i.e. he is walking back to his goal and not trying to get the ball - play can continue.

You have to be involved in the active play before an offside offense can be called. Usually this means the ball has to be played to you but can also mean that you block the opponent or gain advantage from the play.

For example, if you're standing alone next to the opposing goalie and a shot on net is made by a teammate, you are not offside because you were not involved in the active play.

Now let's say the ball rebounds, either off the goalie or the post, and comes to you. According to the rules, you gained an advantage from being in that offside position and you have now committed the offence.