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Law 15 The Throw-in

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Two assistant referees are appointed whose duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are to indicate:

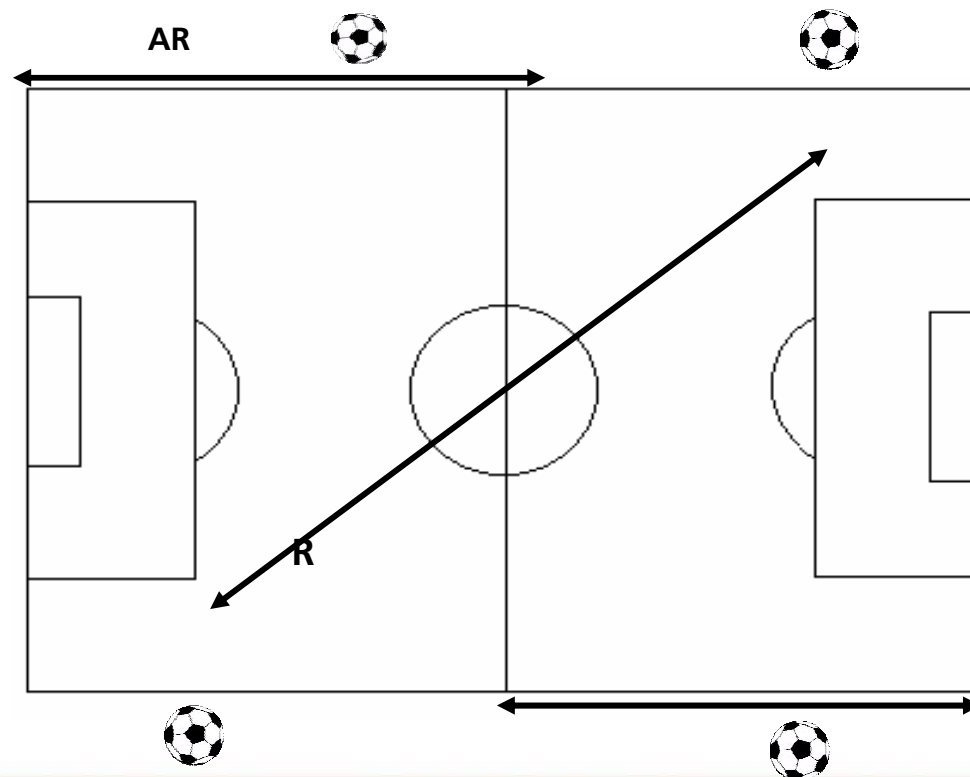
- **when the whole of the ball has passed out of the field of play**
- **which side is entitled to a corner kick, goal kick or **throw-in****



Whenever an A.R. signals the ball out of the play, he must retain the signal until acknowledged by the referee.



The responsibility for indicating when the ball has left the field of play for a throw-in and which team has possession is shared by the referee and each assistant referee.



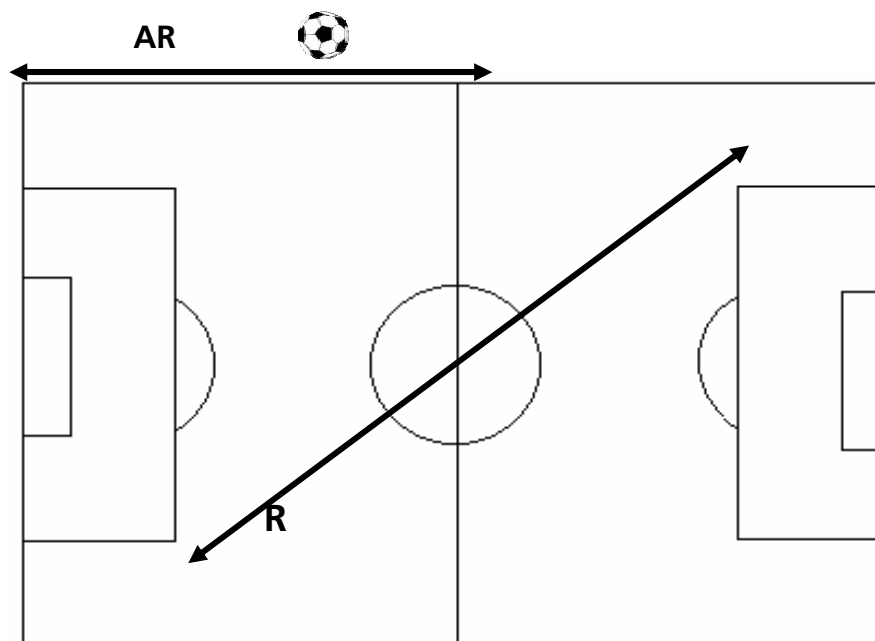
Ball leaves the field of play near AR position.

– clear situations:

- directly show direction
- **priority for A.R.**

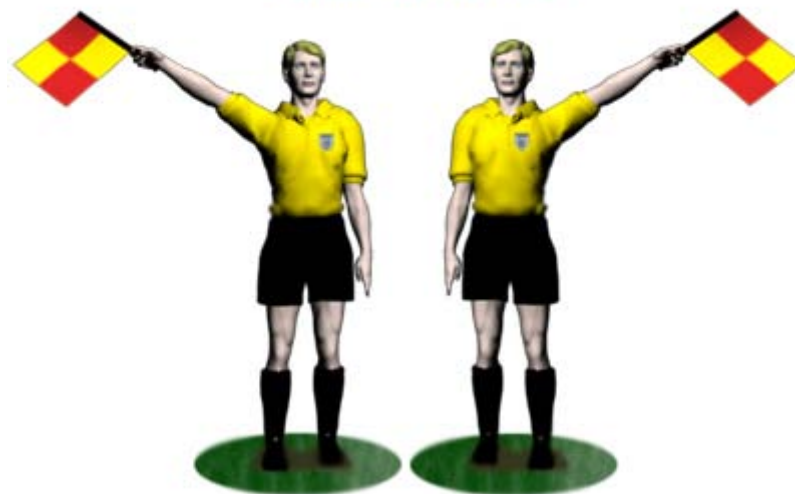
– if any doubt:

- raise the flag
- make eye contact
- follow referee's signal



The flag signal indicates **both** that the ball has left the field of play **and** which team has possession.

Clear Situation



The flag signal indicates the ball has left the field of play but the AR is unsure as to which team has possession.

- **ball leaves the field**
- **A.R. makes eye contact with referee**
- **referee suggests direction**



Ball leaves the field of play far from A.R. position.

– very clear situations:

- A.R. can directly show direction along the touch line

– other situations:

- **priority for referee**
- raise the flag
- make eye contact
- A.R. just follows referee's signal



At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:

- **faces the field of play**
- **has part of each foot either on the touchline or on the ground outside the touchline**
- **uses both hands**
- **delivers the ball from behind and over his head**



The ball is in play immediately after it enters the field of play.

There is no offside offence if a player receives the ball directly from a throw-in.



The thrower may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player.

- **indirect free kick for the opponents where the second touch occurred***

Opponents may not be closer than 2 meters from the point at which the throw-in is taken.

- **to deal with these situations, the referees should warn any player within this distance before the throw-in is taken and caution the player if he fails to retreat to the correct distance. Play shall be restarted with a throw-in**



Procedures - Infringements

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If a player, while correctly taking a throw-in, intentionally throws the ball at an opponent in order to play the ball a second time but neither in a careless nor a reckless manner nor using excessive force, the referee shall allow play to continue.

- A** goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in:
- **if the ball enters the opponent's goal directly from a throw-in, the referee shall award a goal kick**
 - **if the ball enter the thrower's own goal directly from a throw-in, the referee shall award a corner kick**

The ball touches the ground before entering the field of play:

- **the throw-in shall be retaken by the same team from the same position provided that it is taken in line with the correct procedure**
- **if the throw-in was not taken in line with the correct procedure, it shall be retaken by the opposing team**