

Running the Line!

RUNNING THE LINE. IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE, HERE ARE THE BASICS.



- Always run the line of your teams defence, this stops you being in a position of allowing offsides for your own team.
- **THROW INS** - When the ball goes out, raise the flag, look towards the referee and indicate which direction the throw in should be awarded to.
- Keep up with play and be positive with your flags. The **WHOLE OF THE BALL** must have gone over the sideline for a throw in.
- **OFFSIDE** - Raise the flag in your right hand to show you have seen an offside situation, when the ref has stopped play, indicate where across the field it happened. Remember always you are a team of 3, the ref in charge will help you and explain what he wants you to do or not to do.
- **OFFSIDE** - yes you may get shouted at by opposition parents but what the.... Personally I only flag for offside if I'm 100% sure, nothing worse than having someone flagging away all the time it upsets people and they think you don't know what you're doing. But if you're sure then go for it. The ref will soon tell you what he wants you to do.
- It is **NOT** an offence in itself to be in an offside position, as long as where you are, doesn't interfere with play. *The rule for this has changed recently which is why people are having problems with it's interpretation.*
- The referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from where the offence happened.

A player is **NOT OFFSIDE** if:

- The player is in his own half.
- is level with the second last opponent.
- is level with the last 2 opponents.

A Player is **OFF SIDE** if:

- The player is nearer to his opponent's goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent.

A player in an offside position is only penalised if at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his Team, he is, in the opinion of the ref, involved in active play by:

- Interfering with play.
- interfering with an opponent.
- gaining an advantage by being in that position.

A player can **NOT BE OFFSIDE** from:

- a goal kick.
- a throw-in.
- a corner kick.

Do not never ever argue with the referee! or get into a debate with spectators or players the ref will deal with them. And NO you don't get paid for it, just the look of pleasure on your child's face watching you is payment enough.

Signalling for offside and other flag signals:



Off-Side



Far side



Middle



Near you



Free kick to defence - left hand



Free kick to attack - right hand



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