

ARROWHEAD YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

U10 OFFSIDE RULE CHANGE - 2021 AYSA FALL LEAGUE



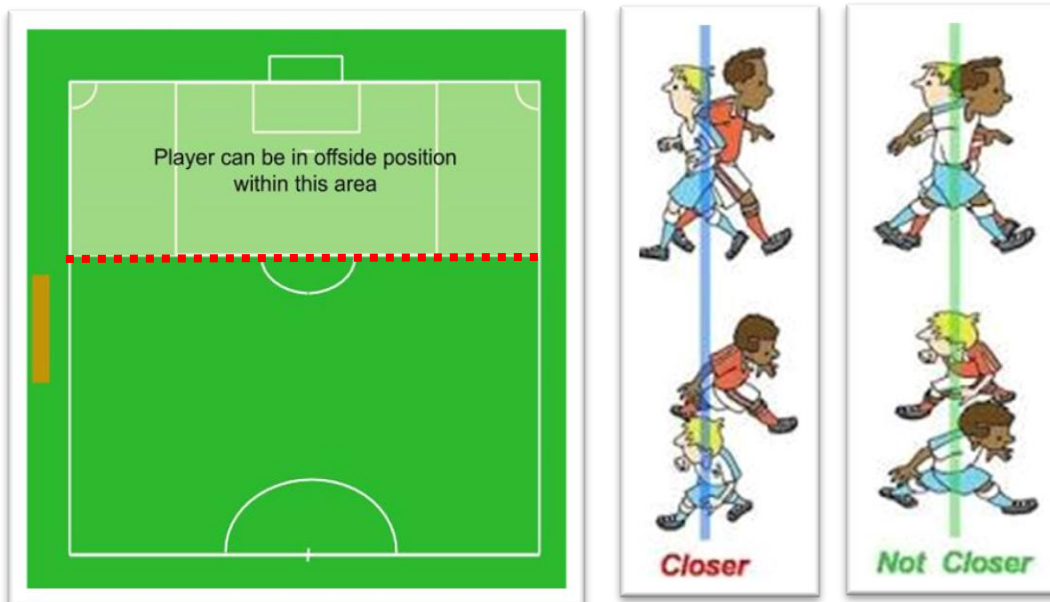
For the 2021 AYSA Fall Recreational League we will be implementing an Offside rule change for U10 teams. The reason for this change is that we see several players, coaches and fans that struggle with the rule. Also, with U10 games being refereed by younger referees this will give them a chance to have a clearer understanding and vision of how the offside rule works.

This rule only applies to the U10 age group.

RULE CHANGE FOR U10

A player is in an offside position if:

- They are beyond the horizontal line of the opponent's **goal box** (not the halfway line).
- They are nearer to the opponent's goal line (any part of the player's head, body, or feet) than both the ball and the second-to-last defender (does not include arms or hands).



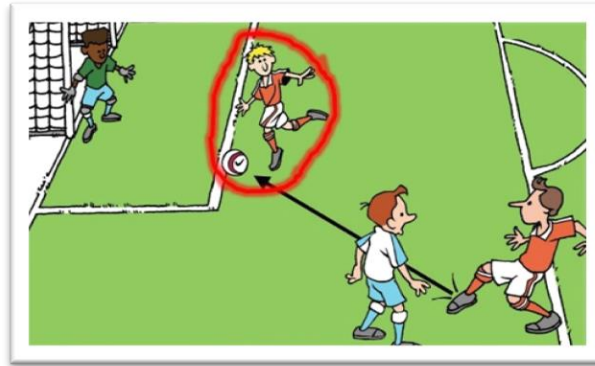
Offside Position - A player is NOT in an offside position if:

- They are not beyond the horizontal line of the opponent's goal box.
- They are level with the second-to-last defender.

Reminders:

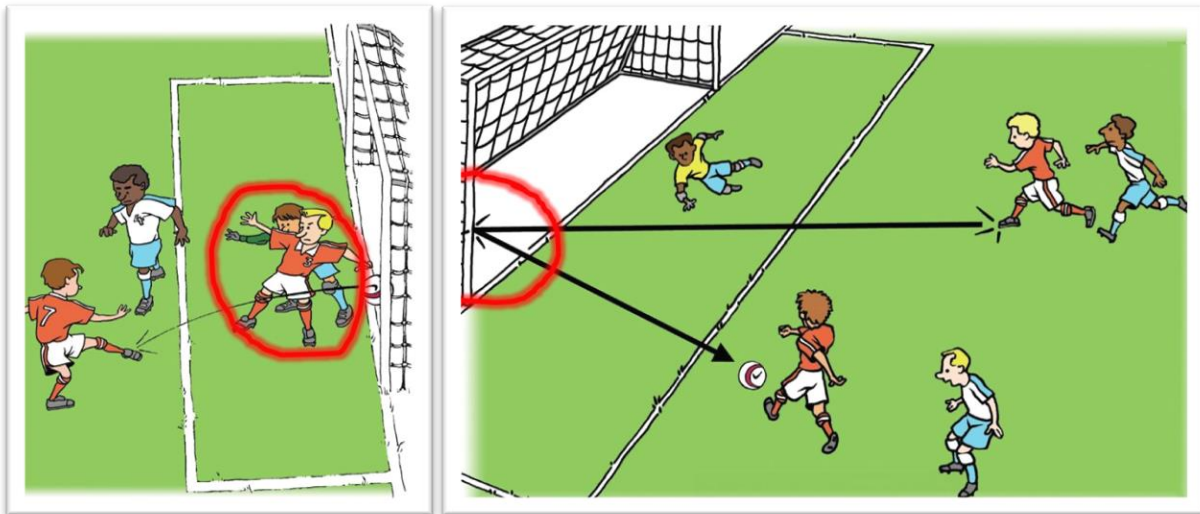
- Don't forget to count the goalkeeper as a defender.
- In some situations, the goalkeeper is the second to last defender.

A player is penalized for being in offside position if, at the moment the ball is touched or played by one of their teammates, they are involved in active play.



A player is involved in active play if they are:

- Interfering with play,
- interfering with an opponent, or
- gaining advantage from being in that position.



Remember:

- It is not an offense if the player is in an offside position.
- They are penalized only if they are involved in active play (meet one of the above criteria).

If an opponent is judged to have been offside the referee will stop play and award an indirect free kick to the defense at the spot of the infraction.