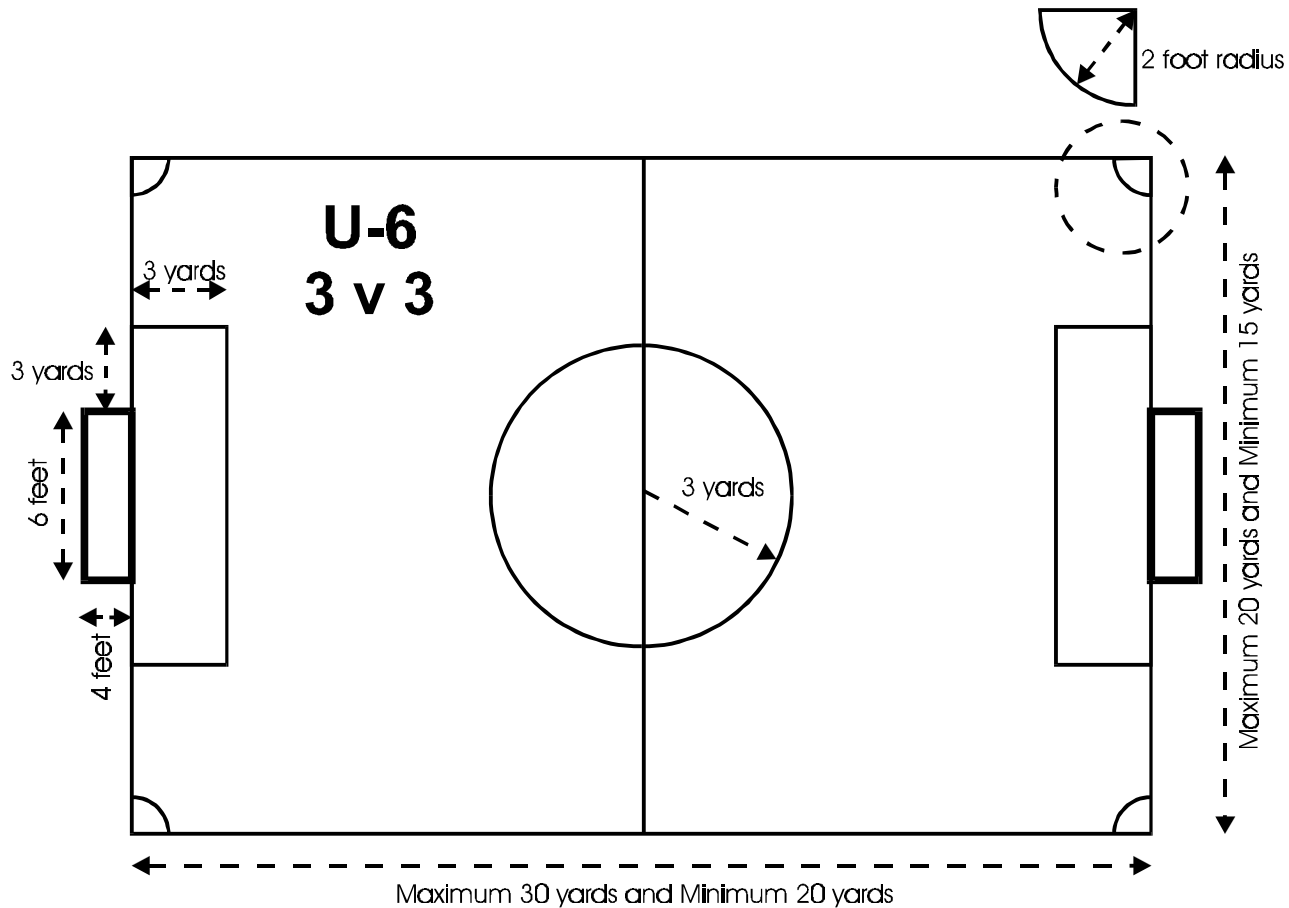


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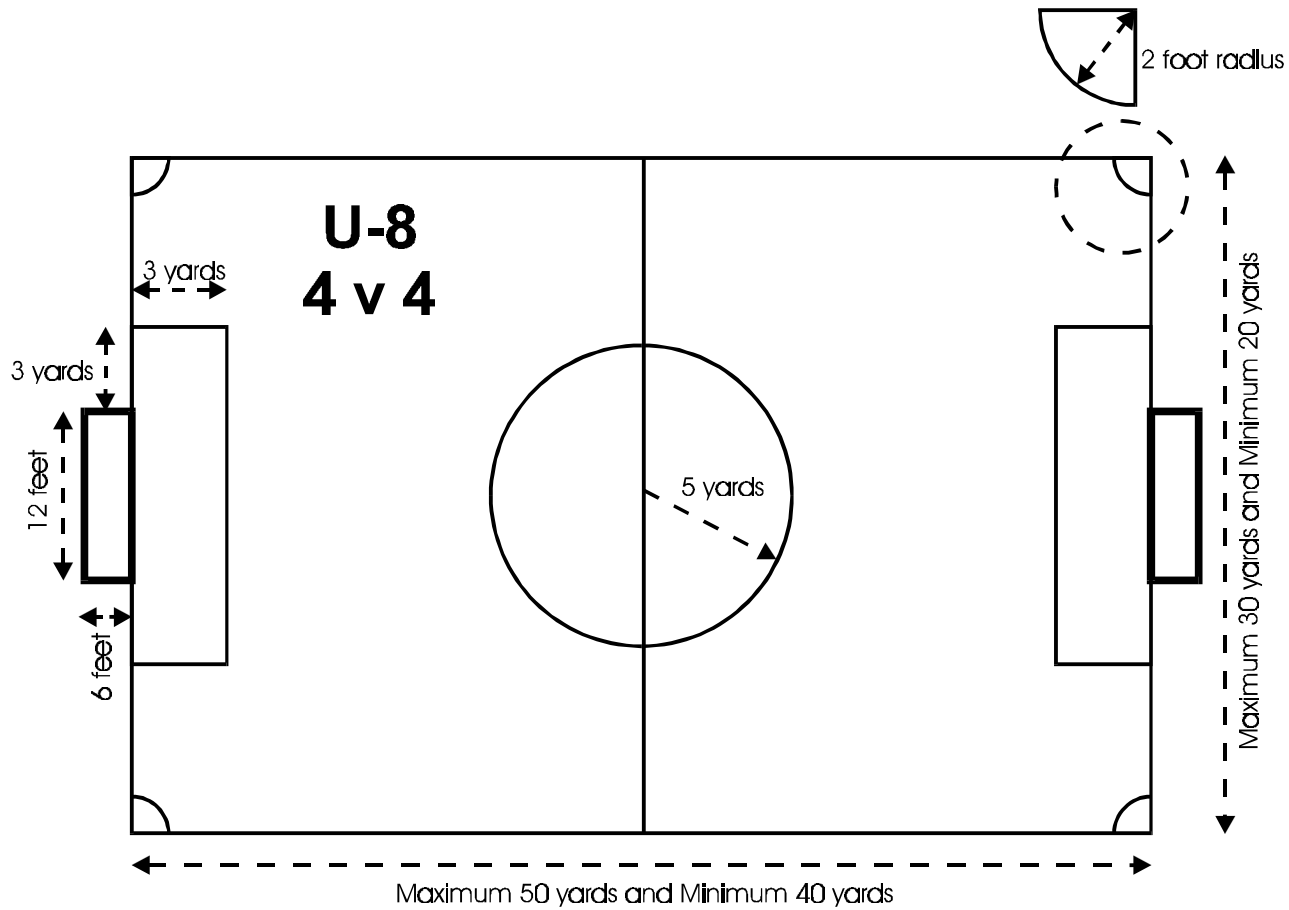


Small-Sided Games
Associate Referee Grade 11
Training Course

Law 1 - The Field of Play



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Law 2 - The Ball

- Spherical
- Made of leather or other suitable material
- Not dangerous to participants
- Size 3 for youth small-sided games

Law 3 - The Number of Players

- Maximum number of players for 3 v 3: 3
- Maximum number of players for 4 v 4: 4
- No goalkeepers are allowed
- Teams may be co-ed

Substitutions

- Recommend that each player play at least 50% of the total playing time
- Either team may substitute:
 - Between quarters
 - At half-time
 - When play has been stopped for an injury
 - Local competition rules may vary

Law 4 - The Players' Equipment

- A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including jewelry)

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Required Equipment

- Shorts
- Jersey or Shirt
- Shin guards
- Socks (pulled completely over shin guards)
- Footwear - tennis shoes or soft cleated shoes

Law 5 - The Referee

Selected Duties and Powers

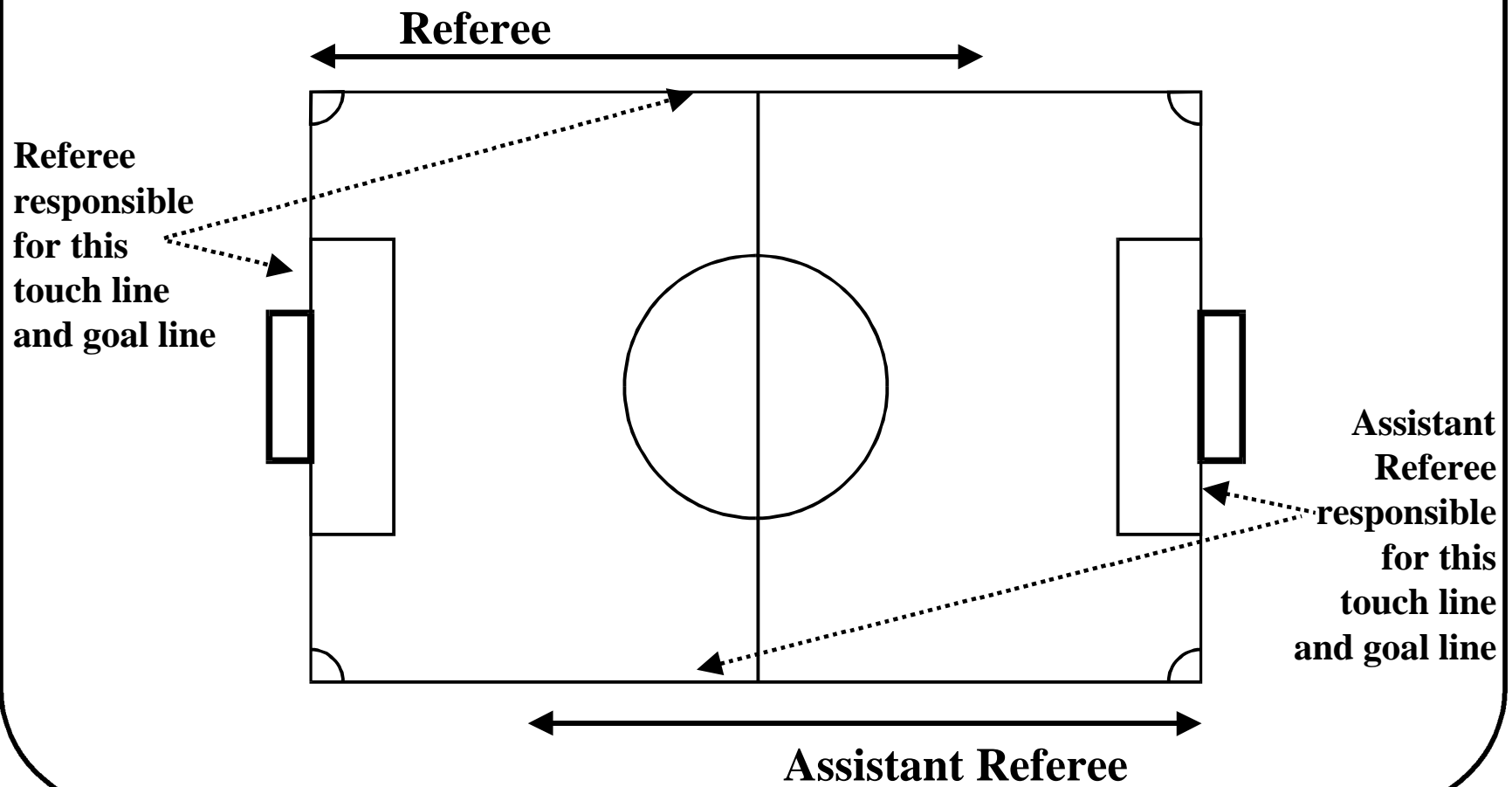
- To enforce the Laws of the Game
- To control the match in cooperation with the assistant referee
- To ensure that the ball meets the requirements of Law 2
- To ensure that the players' equipment meets the requirements of Law 4

Law 5 - The Referee

Selected Duties and Powers

- To act as timekeeper and keep a record of the match
- To stop, suspend or terminate the match for any infringement of the Laws
- To stop the match, if in his opinion, a player is seriously injured
- To ensure that any player bleeding from a wound leaves the field of play.
- To restart the match after it has been stopped

Referee/Assistant Referee Mechanics



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Referee

- Only enter the field when necessary
- Responsible for throw-ins, goal kicks and corner kicks in his/her area
- Responsible for fouls in all areas

Referee/Assistant Referee Mechanics

Assistant Referee

- Stay off the field at all times
- Responsible for throw-ins, goal kicks and corner kicks in his/her area
- Assists the referee in controlling the game in accordance to the Laws of the Game
- Carries a whistle, not a flag

Law 7 - The Duration of the Match

3 v 3

- Divided into four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes each

4 v 4

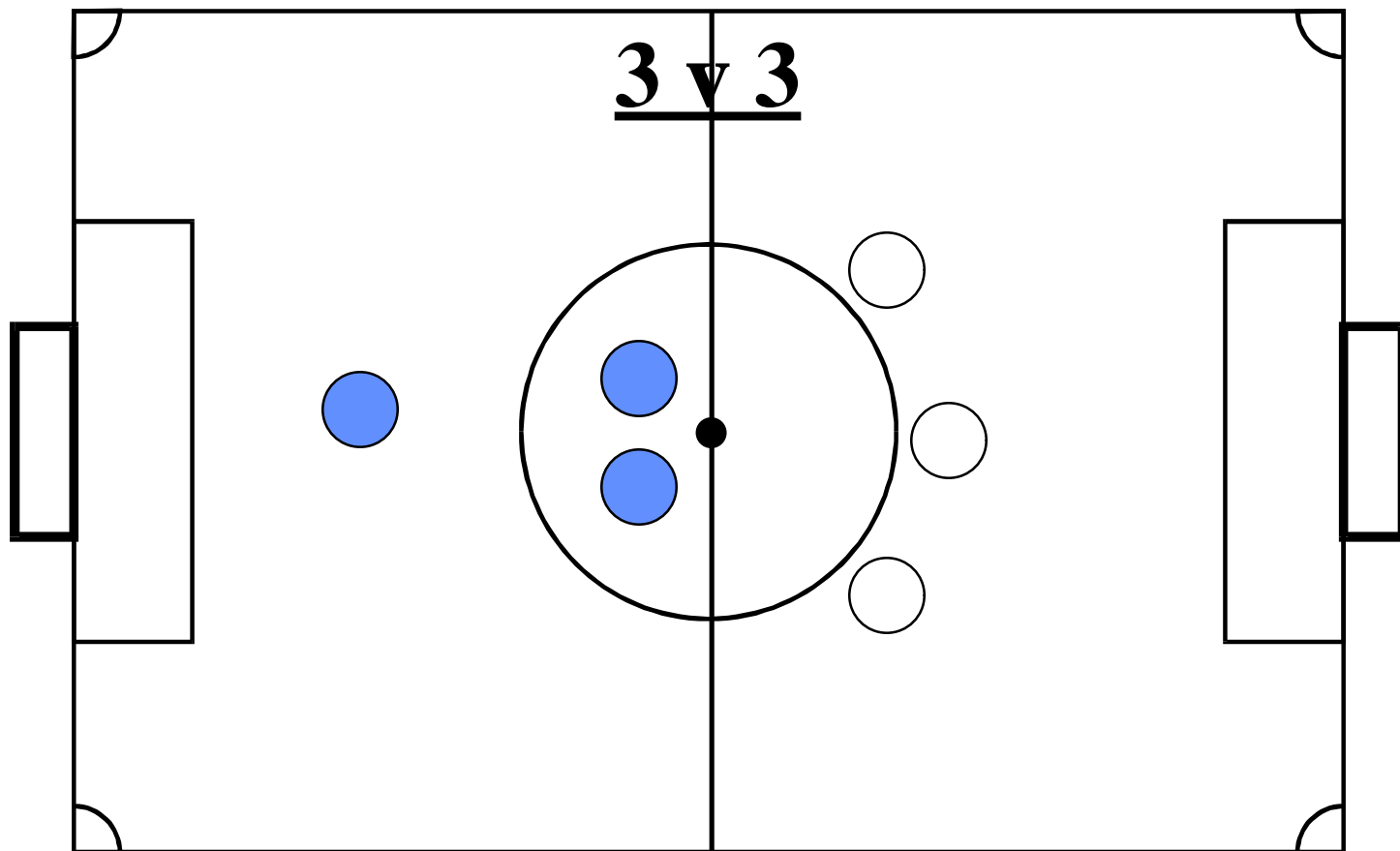
- Divided into four (4) quarters of twelve (12) minutes each

Law 7 - The Duration of the Match

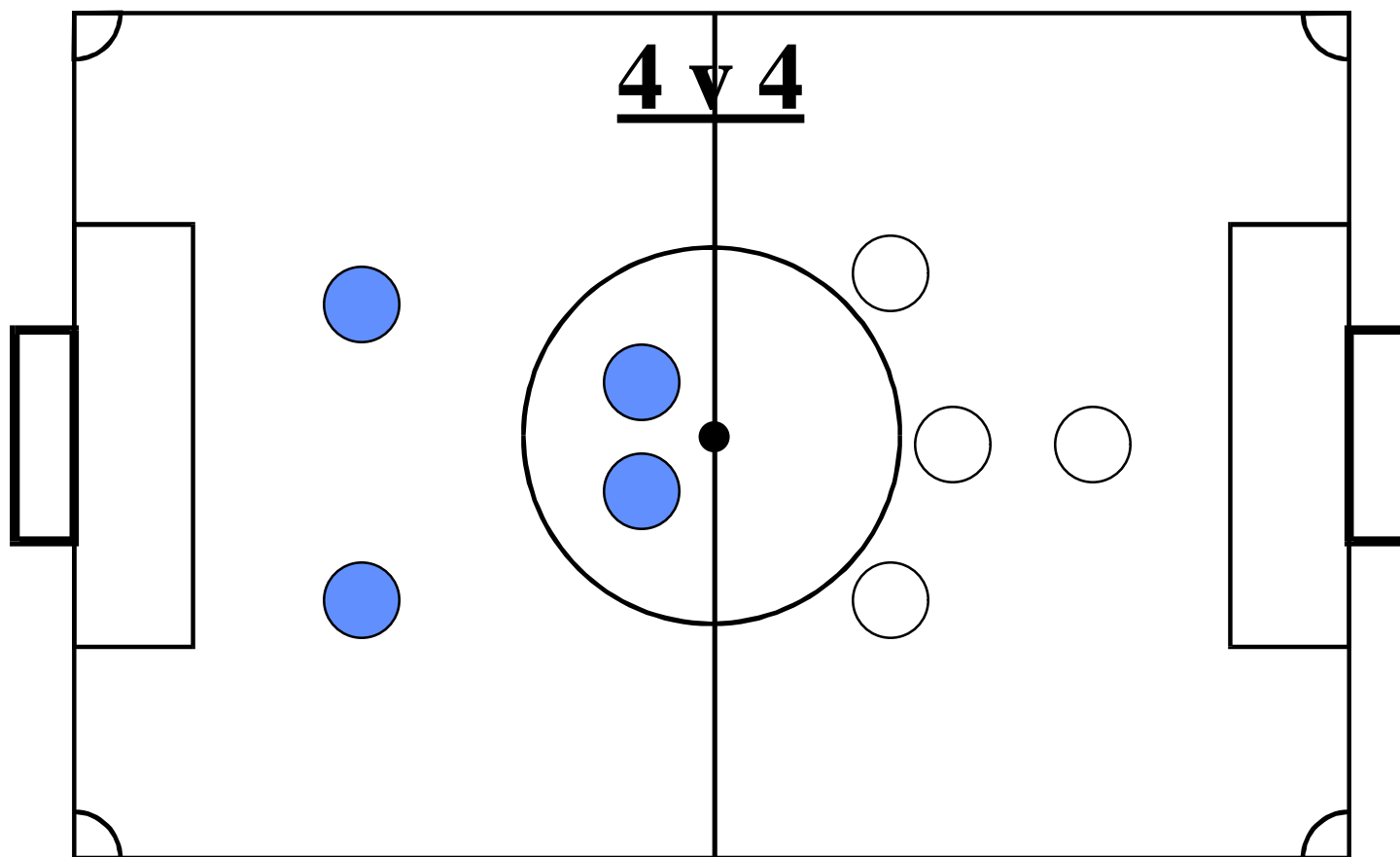
Intervals

- Two minute break between quarters 1 and 2 & 3 and 4
- Halftime not to exceed 5 minutes

Law 8 - The Start and Restart of Play



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Law 12 - Fouls & Misconduct

Penal Fouls

- A player who commits any of the following six offences in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:
 - kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
 - trips or attempts to trip an opponent
 - jumps at an opponent
 - charges an opponent
 - strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
 - pushes an opponent

Law 12 - Fouls & Misconduct

Penal Fouls

- ...or who commits any of the following four offences:
 - tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball
 - holds an opponent
 - spits at an opponent
 - handles the ball deliberately

Law 12 - Fouls & Misconduct

Technical Fouls

- plays in a dangerous manner
- impedes the progress of an opponent

Note: Since no goalkeepers are used, these are the only two technical fouls that apply.

Law 12 - Cautionable Offences

- is guilty of unsporting behavior
- shows dissent by word or action
- persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
- delays the restart of play
- fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick
- enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission
- deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission

Law 12 - Sending-Off Offences

- is guilty of serious foul play
- is guilty of violent conduct
- spits at an opponent or any other person
- denies an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponents moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- uses offensive, insulting or abusive language
- receives a second caution in the same match

Law 13 - Free Kicks

All free kicks shall be treated as indirect free kicks

Opponents Must Be

- At least 3 yards away from the ball for 3 v 3
- At least 5 yards away from the ball for 4 v 4

Law 15 - The Throw-In

At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:

- Faces the field of play
- Has part of each foot either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touch line
- Uses both hands
- Delivers the ball from behind and over his head
- Allow re-throw if player commits an infraction

Law 16 - The Goal Kick

3 v 3

- Goal kick may be taken from anywhere within the goal area
- Opponents must be at least 3 yards away

4 v 4

- Goal kick may be taken from anywhere within the goal area
- Opponents must be at least 5 yards away

Law 17 - Corner Kick

3 v 3

- Opponents must be at least 3 yards away

4 v 4

- Opponents must be at least 5 yards away