

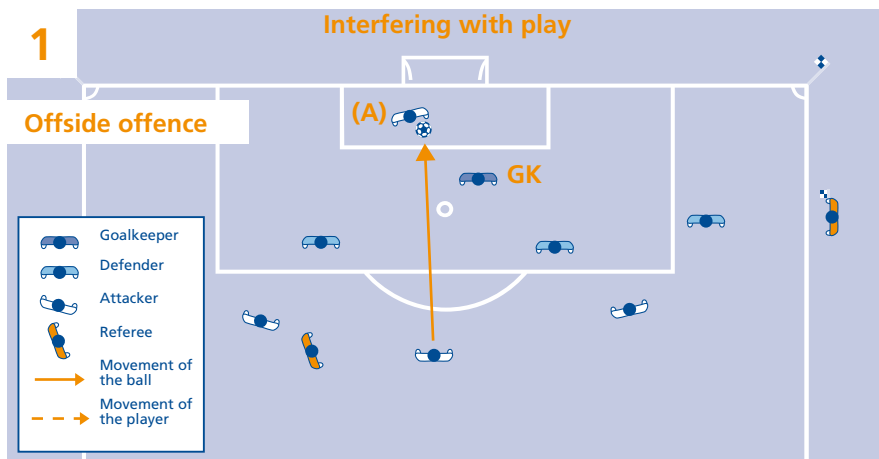
Infringements

When an offside offence occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to be taken from the position of the offending player when the ball was last played to him by one of his team mates.

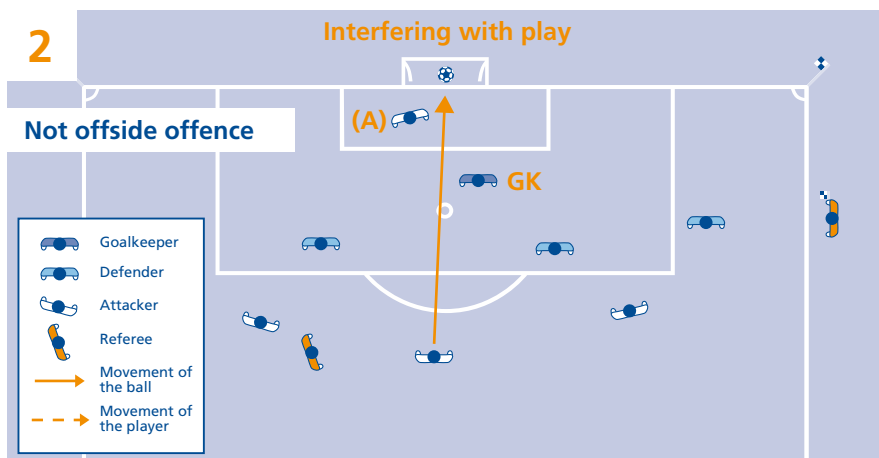
If a defending player steps behind his own goal line in order to place an opponent in an offside position, the referee shall allow play to continue and caution the defender for deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission when the ball is next out of play.

It is not an offence in itself for a player who is in an offside position to step off the field of play to show the referee that he is not involved in active play. However, if the referee considers that he has left the field of play for tactical reasons and has gained an unfair advantage by re-entering the field of play, the player shall be cautioned for unsporting behaviour. The player needs to ask for the referee's permission to re-enter the field of play.

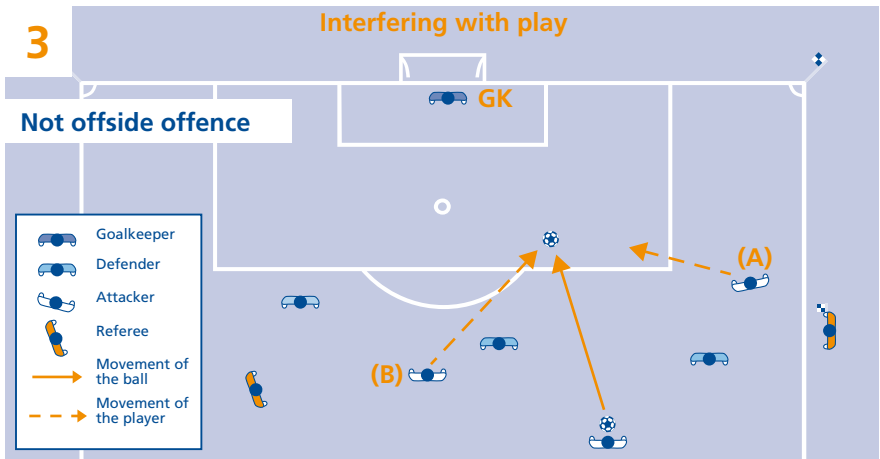
If an attacking player remains stationary between the goal posts and inside the goal net as the ball enters the goal, a goal shall be awarded. However, if the attacking player distracts an opponent, the goal shall be disallowed, the player cautioned for unsporting behaviour and play shall be restarted with a dropped ball in the position where the ball was located. * (see page 3)



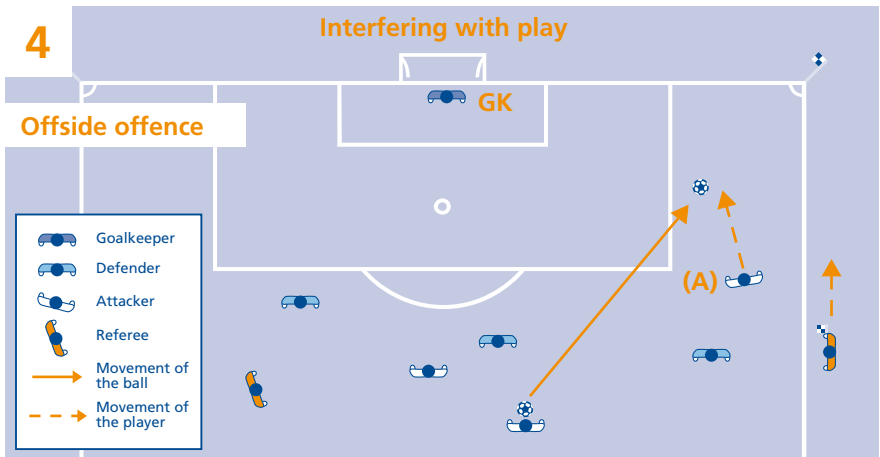
An attacker **in an offside position (A)**, not interfering with an opponent, **touches the ball**.
The assistant referee should raise the flag when the player **touches the ball**.



An attacker **in an offside position (A)**, not interfering with an opponent, **does not touch** the ball.
The player cannot be penalised because he did not touch the ball.



An attacker **in an offside position (A)** runs towards the ball and a teammate in **inside** position (B) runs also towards the ball and plays it. Player (A) cannot be penalised because he did not touch the ball.

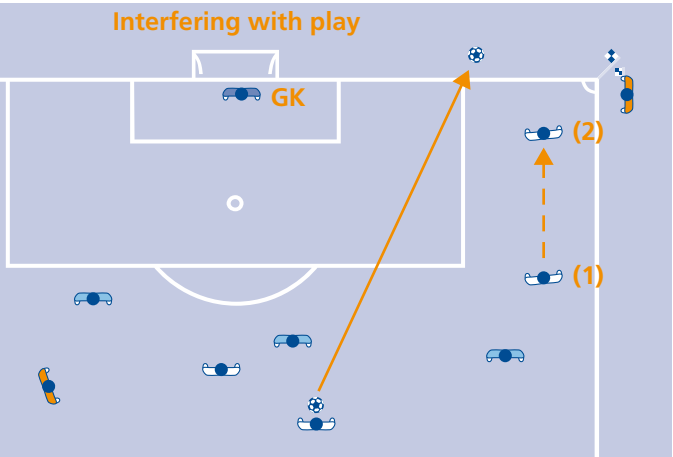
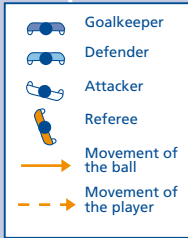


A player in an **offside position (A)** may be penalised before playing or touching the ball if, in the opinion of the referee, no other team-mate in an inside position has the opportunity to play the ball.

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Interfering with play

Goal kick



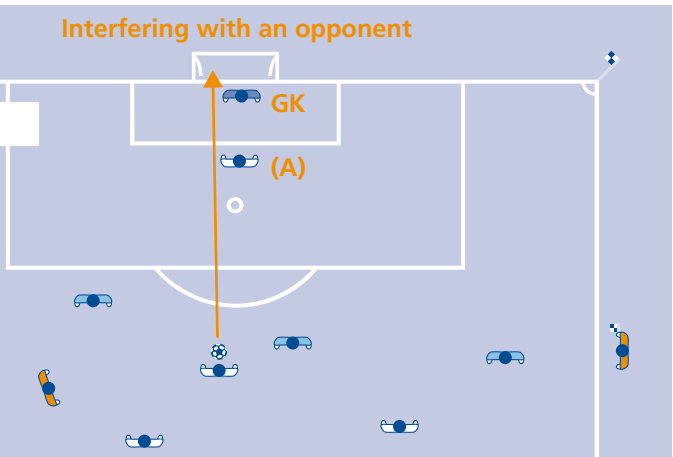
An attacker **in an offside position** (1) runs towards the ball and **does not touch the ball**.

The assistant referee should signal "goal kick".

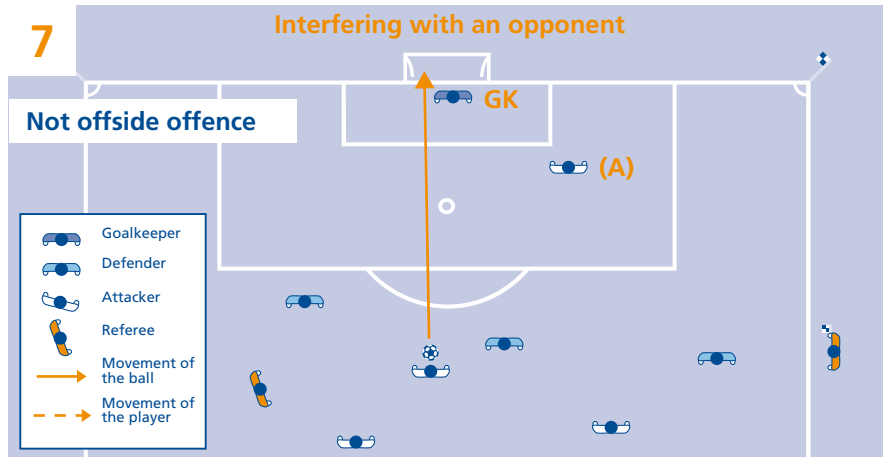
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Interfering with an opponent

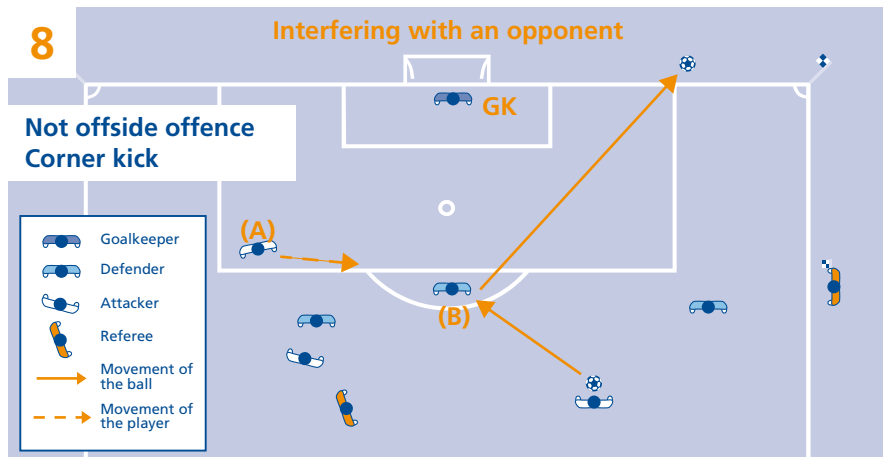
Offside offence



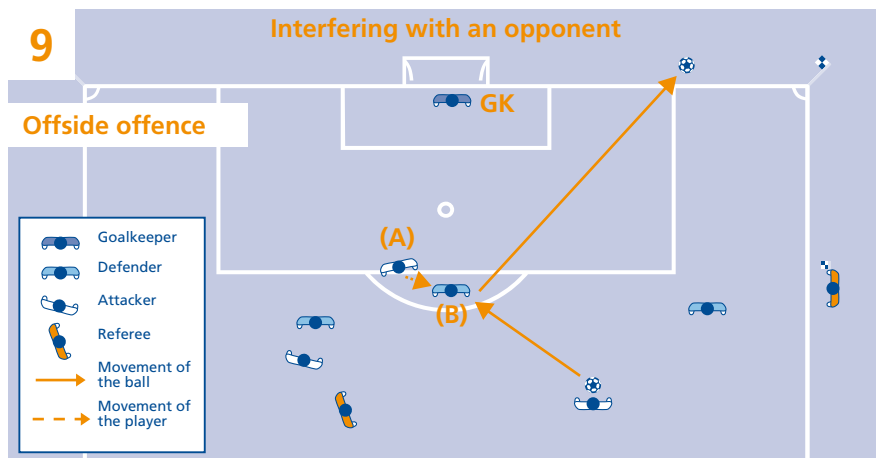
An attacker **in an offside position** (A) is obstructing the goalkeeper's line of vision. He should be penalised because he prevents an opponent from playing or being able to play the ball.



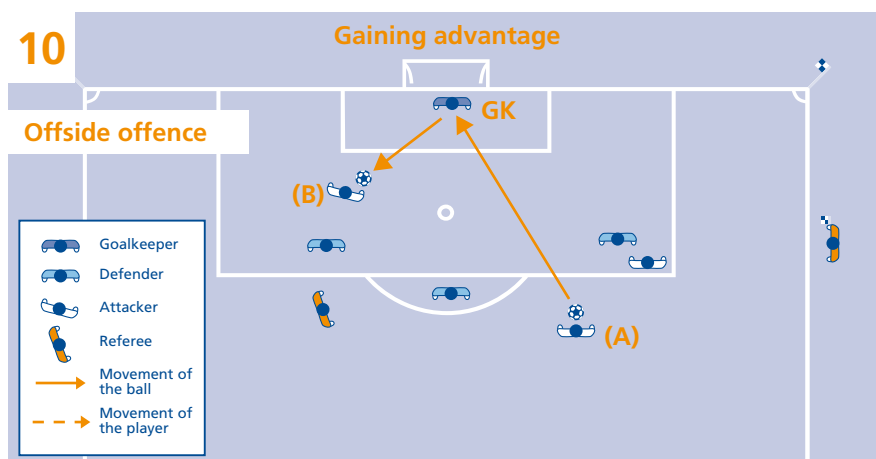
An attacker **in an offside position** (A) is **not** obstructing the goalkeeper's line of vision or making a gesture or movement which deceives or distracts him.



An attacker **in an offside position** (A) runs towards the ball but he does not prevent the opponent from playing or being able to play the ball. (A) is **not** making any gesture or movement which deceives or distracts (B).



An attacker **in an offside position** (A) runs towards the ball preventing the opponent (B) from playing or being able to play the ball. Player (A) is making any gesture or movement which deceives or distracts player (B).



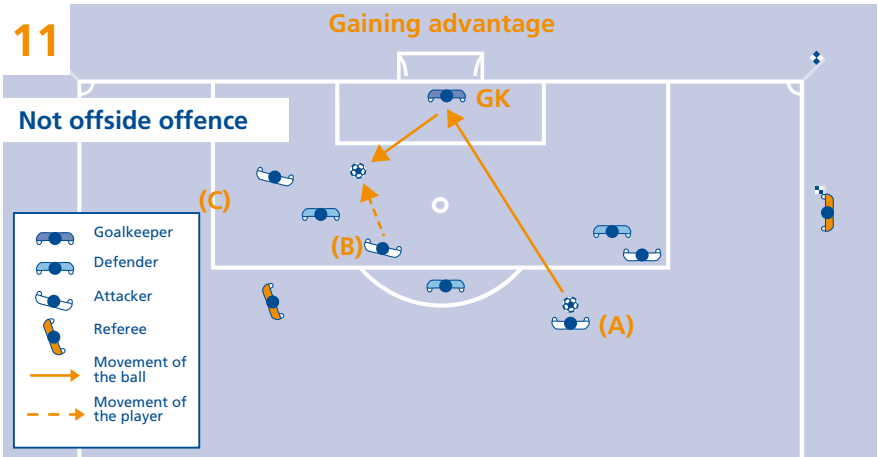
The shot by a team-mate (A) rebounds from the goalkeeper to player (B) who is penalised for **playing the ball** having been previously **in an offside position**.

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Gaining advantage

Not offside offence

	Goalkeeper
	Defender
	Attacker
	Referee
	Movement of the ball
	Movement of the player



The shot by a team-mate (A) rebounds from the goalkeeper. Player (B) is an inside position plays the ball.

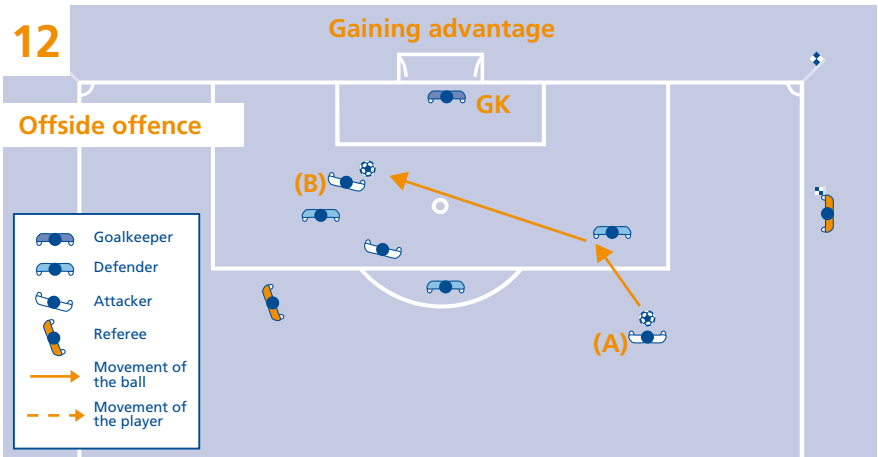
Player (C) **in an offside position** is not penalise because he did not gain advantage for being in that position because he did not touch the ball.

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Gaining advantage

Offside offence

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	Defender
	Attacker
	Referee
	Movement of the ball
	Movement of the player




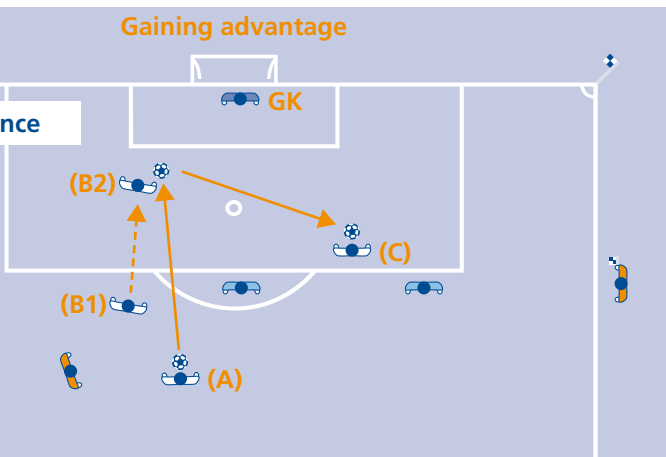
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An attacker (C) **is in an offside position**, not interfering with an opponent, when a team-mate (A) passes the ball to player (B1) in an inside position who runs towards the opponent's goal and passes the ball (B2) to team-mate (C). Attacker (C) cannot be penalised because when the ball was passed to him, he was **in an inside position**.