



OFFSIDE

Offside position



- ▶ Nearer to his opponents goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent
 - Any part of a players head, body or feet
 - The arm is not included

- ▶ Not in an offside position if
 - He is in his own half of the field of play
 - He is level with the second last opponent
 - He is level with the last two opponents

Offside Offence



- ▶ No offence if a player receives the ball directly from:
 - A goal kick
 - A throw in
 - A corner kick

- ▶ At the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee involved in active play

Active Play

1st Consideration



- ▶ Interfering with play...

“interfering with play” means playing or touching the ball passed or touched by a team-mate

Active Play

2nd Consideration



▶ Interfering with an opponent...

“interfering with an opponent” means preventing an opponent from playing or being able to play the ball by clearly obstructing the opponent’s line of vision or movements or making a gesture or movement which, in the opinion of the referee, deceives or distracts an opponent

Active Play

3rd Consideration



- ▶ Gaining an advantage by being in that position...

“gaining an advantage by being in that position” means playing a ball that rebounds to him off a goalpost or the crossbar having been in an offside position or playing a ball that rebounds to him off an opponent having been in an offside position

Wait and See Approach



- ▶ Wait and See to confirm a player in an “Offside Position” has become involved in “Active Play”.
- ▶ Delay the signal of the flag as necessary.
- ▶ Confirm player has become “Offside” before giving the flag signal.

Wait and See Important Consideration



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 onside position has the opportunity to play the ball.

Wait and See Approach



- ▶ Concentration.
- ▶ Communication with Referee.
- ▶ Consider actions of players and understand how game is being played.
- ▶ Courage!

Video Examples



- ▶ Consider the following examples and determine if they are offside or not.
- ▶ What considerations would you apply in making the decision?

Underlying Principle



- ▶ Taking all aspects of the law into consideration what is the important underlying principle?
- ▶ Answer...
 - It is not an offence in itself to be in an offside position.

Offside Conclusion



- ▶ Remember the underlying principle.
- ▶ Know the law and how to apply.
- ▶ Concentrate and use wait/see.
- ▶ Have fun and enjoy...