

DUTIES OF A “CLUB LINESPERSON” **(NOT AN ASSISTANT REFEREE A/R)**

Does:

- Signals for direction on throw-ins : flag down; slightly off your hip; and in the hand that you believe is the direction for the throw-in.
- Signals for offside - at the referee's discretion. Confirm with the referee @ the start of the match. Some officials want you to assist with offside calls others want to make the offside decision themselves. If the referee misses your offside call, maintain your position with your flag in the air – he will eventually find you.
- Signals for ball in / out of play (entire ball must have left the field of play)
- If the ball snakes in and out play, put your flag straight in the air until the referee acknowledges you – then signal direction.
- Signals for corner kick – position is behind the corner flag on the goal line.
- Signals goal kicks
- Signals for substitutions and monitors # of players exiting and entering the field. For substitutions hold flag as shown below only until the referee acknowledges.
- Stays attentive – doesn't get caught “ball watching.” Stays with the 2nd to last defender.....always.
- Reports to the referee any instances of verbal abuse / dissent from players; coaches; or supporters.
- Remains neutral in their decision making
- Always supports the centre official
- Faces the field while running.....side to side movement should be used wherever possible. When running down the field, the flag is always pointed down and at your side facing the field of play. When you reach the top of the penalty area always hold the flag in your right hand (new standard !)
- When making a signal, stop running, face the field, make eye contact with the referee, then signal.
- Referees attention: flag straight in the air (toggle if necessary)

Does "NOT"

- Signal for fouls
- Signal for handballs
- Signal for goals
- Signal for the G/K having left the penalty area on a punt or touches the ball with his hands outside the penalty area.
- Retrieve balls that leave the field of play-leave ball chasing to the players.
- Assists the referee - but NEVER insists
- Take it personally if the referee overturns or disagrees with your signal
- Coach or instruct players while performing this role
- Questions the decisions of the referee

- Share their view of the match with the referee at half time.
- The referee has the final say "always !"

Law 11 – Offside : “It is not an offence to be in an offside position !”

A player is in an offside position if at the moment the ball is played/kicked by one of his team he / she is nearer to the opponents’ goal line than both the ball and the second to last defender (last defender usually being the G/K) and is involved in “active play” by:

- Interfering with play
- Interfering with an opponent
- Gaining an advantage by being in that position

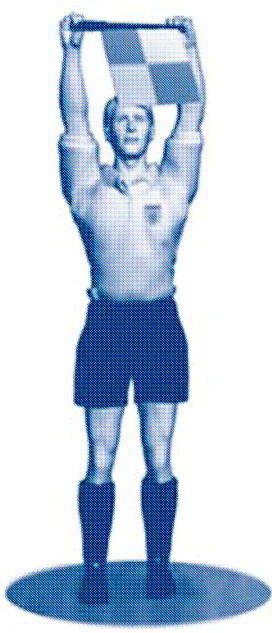
A club linesperson signals that an offside offence has occurred by first raising his or her flag (always in the right hand) upright without movement and then, when acknowledged by the referee, by raising his or her flag in a manner that signifies the location of the offence:

- Flag pointed downwards: offence has occurred in the third of the pitch nearest to the assistant referee;
- Flag horizontal to the ground: offence has occurred in the middle third of the pitch;
- Flag pointed upwards: offence has occurred in the third of the pitch furthest from the assistant referee.

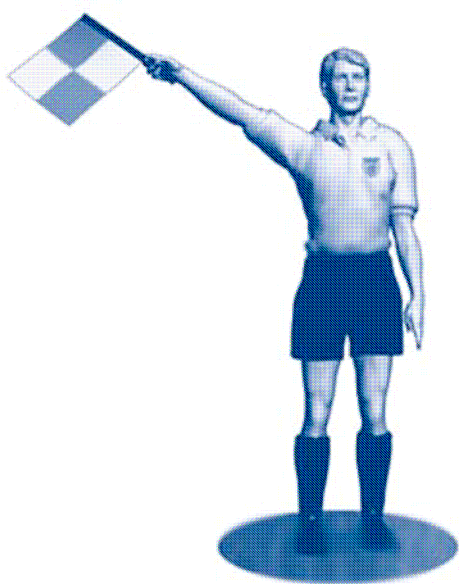
A player is not offside if he/she receives the ball from a:

- Goal kick
- Throw in
- Corner kick

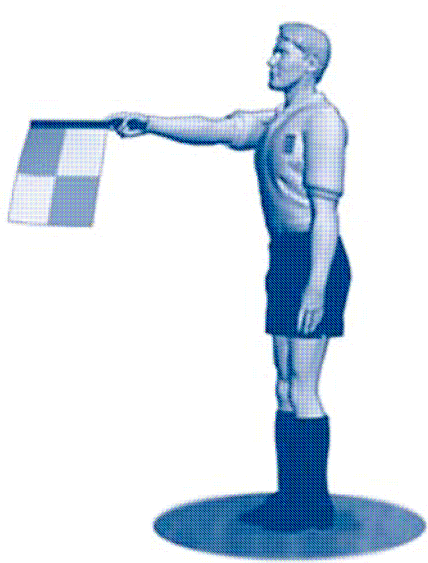
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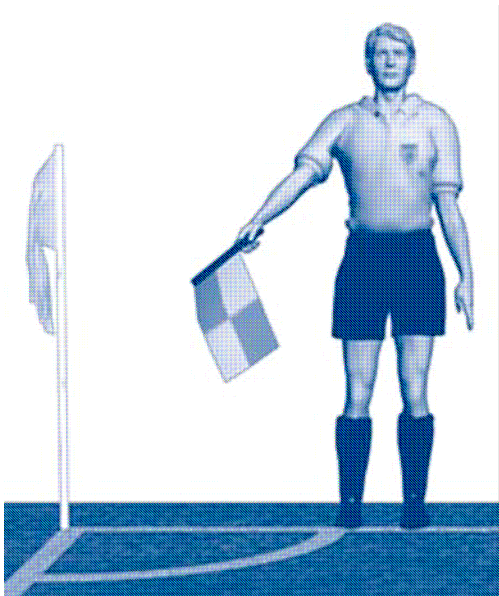
Signal for Substitution – keep flag in the air only until referee has acknowledged the substitution, then OK to lower it.



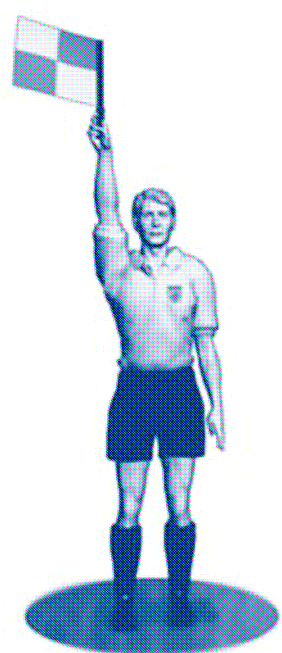
Signal for Direction (pre-signal; eye contact; signal direction together)



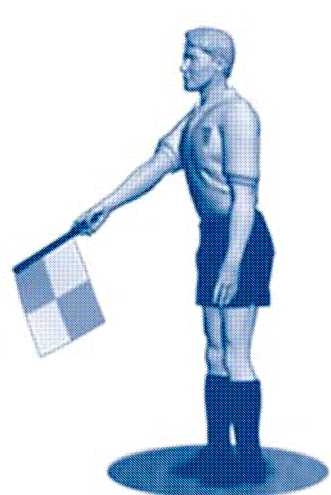
Signal for Goal Kick (right hand facing the field)



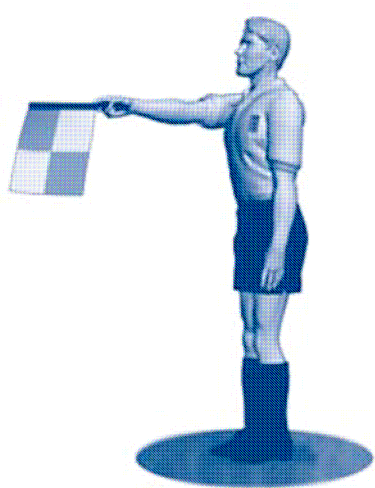
Signal for Corner Kick (right hand – get near the corner flag before signalling)



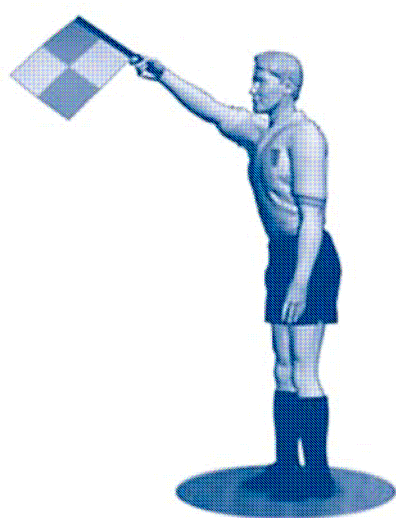
Offside !



Offside Near Side of the Field



Offside in the Middle of the Field



Offside on the Far Side of the Field