

Parents Guide to Offside

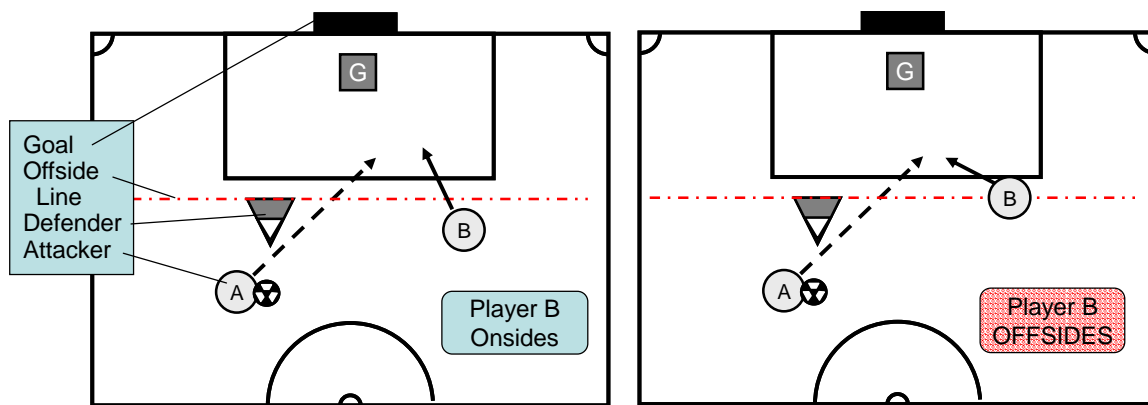
The offside rule was created to prevent offensive players from *camping out* or *cherry picking* near the opponent's goal even when play was on the other side of the field.

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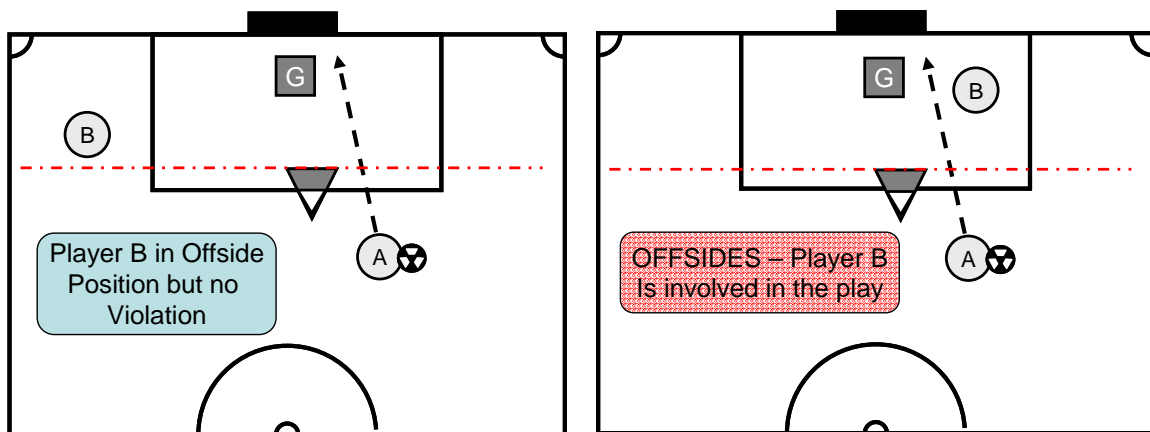
You can NEVER be offside if you are behind a ball that someone else is dribbling.

Offside Rule: A player is in an offside position if he is on his attacking half of the field and if he is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second to last opponent, or the last two opponents (typically the goalie and the last defender). The offside rule is applied at the moment the ball is passed, not at the moment the ball is received.



When an offside offence occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred

Just by being in an offside position is not a violation. The player in an offside position is penalized if in the opinion of the referee the player gained an advantage by being in that position such as he was involved in active play (received a pass) or interfered with an opponent (shielded the goalie).

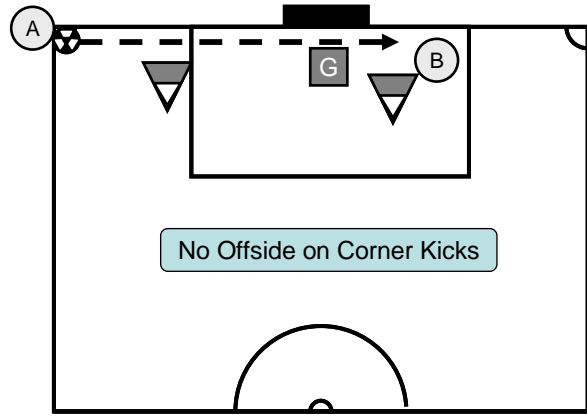
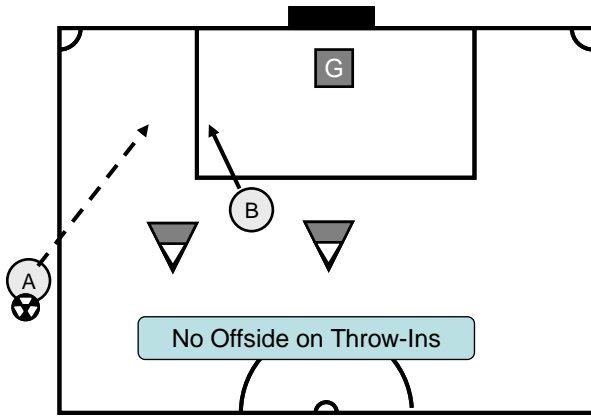


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NO OFFENSE:

There is no offside offense if a player receives the ball directly from:

- a goal kick
- a throw-in
- a corner kick



Figures 1 & 2 - The offside rule is applied at the moment the ball is passed, not at the moment the ball is received.

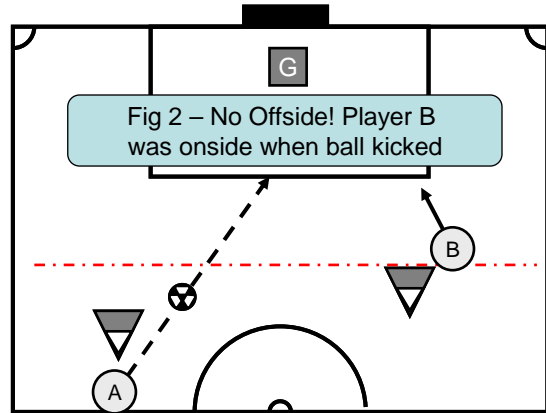
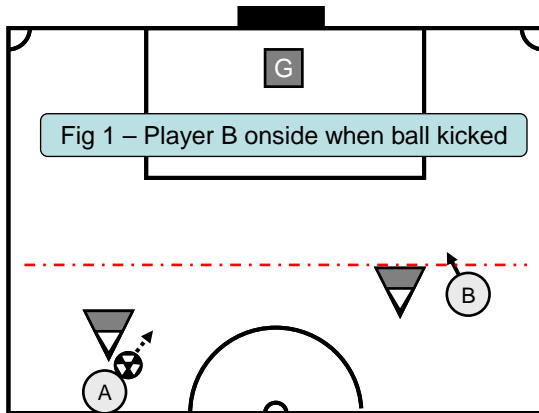
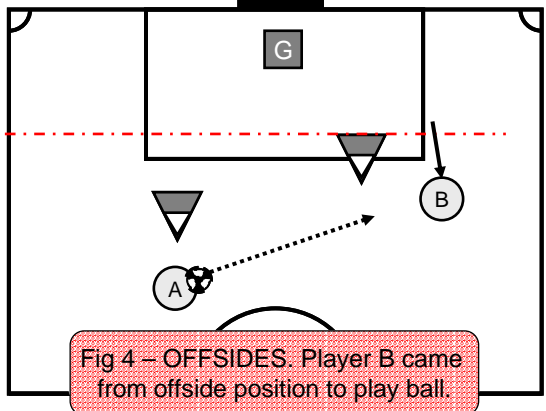
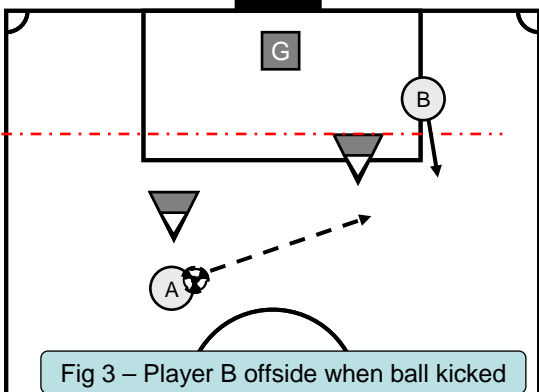


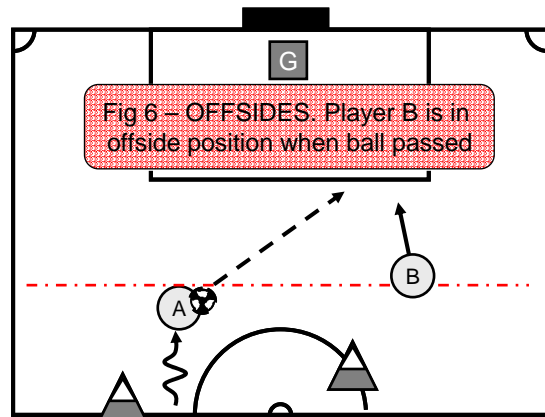
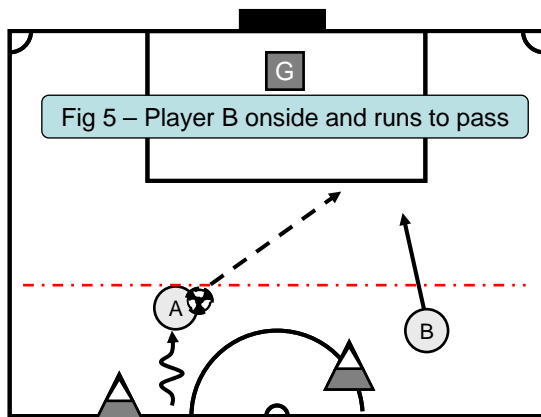
Figure 3 & 4 – Player B is in offside position when ball is kicked and comes back to play the ball. This is an Offside Violation!



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Figures 5 - You can NEVER be offside if you are dribbling your own ball and you can NEVER be offside if you are behind a ball that someone else is dribbling. Both Player A & B are beyond the second to last defender. Player B is onside when Player A passes the ball.

Figure 6 – Player B is in the offside position while Player A is in possession and dribbling forward. Offside is not called. However when Player A passes the ball Player B becomes involved in active play. Offside Violation!



Figures 7 - There is no offside offense if a player receives the ball directly from a corner kick. However when Player B passes back to Player A he is in an Offside position. Offside Violation!

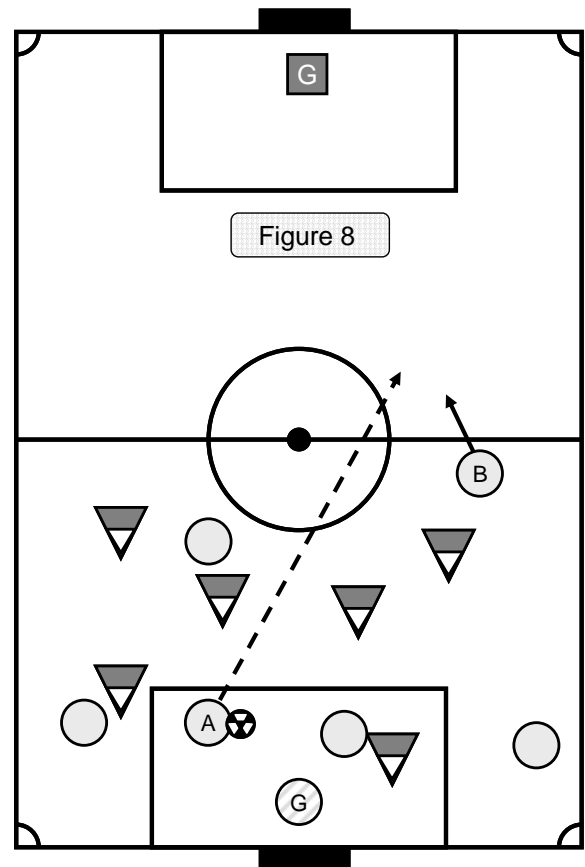
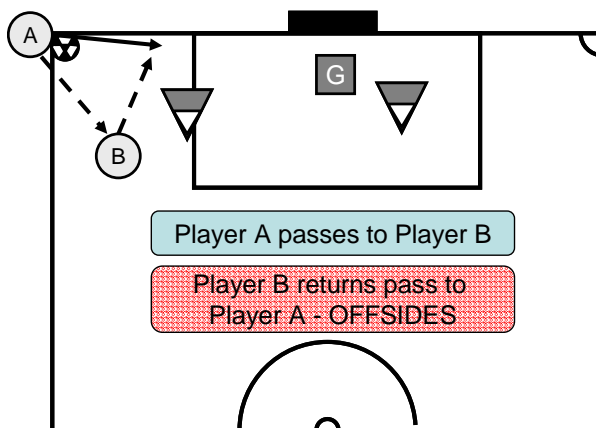
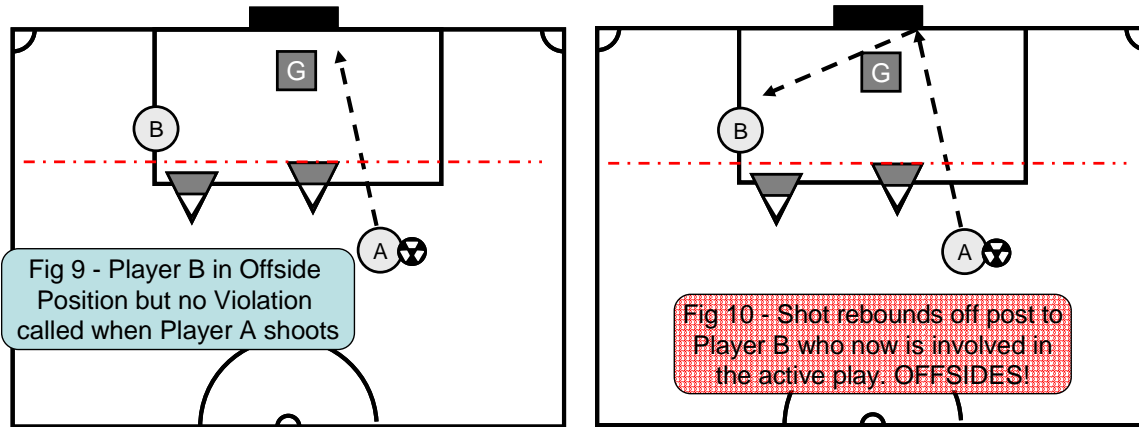


Figure 8 - You can NEVER be offside in your own half of the field. Player B is beyond the second to last defender, but he is in his own half of the field and is onside when the ball is kicked. No offside violation.

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Figure 9 – Player A shoots on Goal. Player B is in offside position but is not involved in the play. No offside violation called.

Figure 10 – Shot rebounds off post toward Player B, who is now involved in active play. Offside Violation called!



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