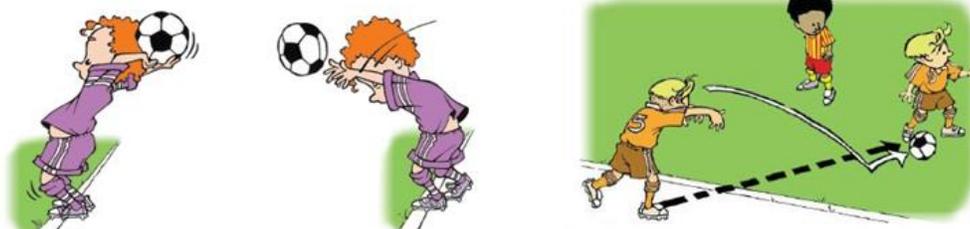


## LAW 15 – Throw-In



### RESTART

- When the whole of the ball has passed over a Touch Line, either on the ground or in the air, it shall be put back into play:
  - by a throw-in in any direction at the point where the ball left the field-of-play.
  - by a player of the opposing team to that of the player who touched it last.

### PROCEDURE

- At the moment of delivering the ball the thrower:
  - must face-the-field of play and with part of each foot shall be
    - 1) either on the Touch Line or
    - 2) on the ground outside the Touch Line and
    - 3) part of each foot shall be in contact with the ground
  - shall throw the ball
    - 1) using both hands (unless physically impaired from doing so), and
    - 2) shall throw it from behind and over his or her their head.

### DISTANCE OF OPPONENTS

- All opposing players must remain at least two (2) yards from the thrower until the ball is back in-play.

### BALL IN-PLAY

- The ball shall be in-play immediately
  - upon any part of the ball breaking the plane of the field-of-play (i.e. the outside edge of the Touch Line) and
  - after having been released by the thrower.
- The thrower shall not again touch the ball until it has been touched by another player from either team.

### GOAL SCORED

- A goal may not be scored directly from a throw-in.
- If the ball goes directly into the thrower's own goal, play is restarted with a corner kick.
- If the ball goes directly into the opposing team's goal, play is restarted with a goal kick.

### OFFSIDE

- The **Offside Law 11** does **not** apply at the taking of a throw-in.

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### INFRINGEMENTS / SANCTIONS



- For an improper throw-in, the restart shall be a throw-in by the opposing team.
- The same shall be true if the throw-in is not taken at the point where the ball went out-of-play.
- For touching the ball a second time, an indirect free kick (IFK) shall be taken by the opposing team at the point where the second touch occurred.
- If a player taking a throw-in plays the ball a second time by handling it within the field-of-play before it has been touched by another player, the referee shall award a direct free kick (DFK)
  - This is the committal of a simultaneous foul, i.e. a second touch of the ball (IFK) and a handling foul (DFK).
  - The more serious offense dictates that the restart is a DFK.
- If, when a throw-in is being taken, any of the opposing players dance about or wave their hands in a way calculated to distract or impede the thrower, it shall be deemed unsporting behavior, for which the offender(s) should be cautioned.
- If the ball does not enter the field or hits the ground before entering the field-of-play, the ball has not been thrown directly into the field-of-play, thus the throw-in is to be retaken.
- **EXCEPTION:** In a Passers (U-8) division game when an improper throw-in is taken, the referee should:
  - stop play, and
  - explain the proper procedure to the player, and
  - allow the throw-in to be retaken.