

Ball Out of Play

While the ball is in play the game is uncomplicated. However, as soon as the ball is out of play, the game is forced to stop and things become a little less straight forward and young players will look at their coach for guidance. There are various ways a game can re-start, depending on what happened last on the field of play. Listed below are a variety of ways the game can re-start:

1. **KICK-OFF**- According to the laws of soccer, a game is started by a player taking a place kick into his/her opponents half of the field of play. This event is usually referred to as the kick-off. It also happens after every goal has been scored and at the beginning of each quarter to re-start the game. At the kick-off all players must be in their respected halves of the field with the defending team remaining outside the center circle until the ball is kicked forward.

KEY KICK-OFF FACTS

- The ball must be-kicked in a forward direction from the center spot.
- Everybody must be in their respective halves of the field prior to the kick-off.
- Players from the defending team are not allowed to enter the center circle until the ball has been kicked.

2. **GOAL KICK**- A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball, having last been touched by a player of the attacking team, crosses the goal line (excluding the area between the goal posts). Goal kicks are taken from any point within the Goal Area and must be kicked into play completely. All opposing players must leave and remain outside the Penalty Area until the ball itself has left the Penalty Area.



Goal Kick
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KEY FACTS GOAL KICK FACTS

- The whole ball must cross the goal line for a goal kick to be awarded.
- After a goal kick is taken, the ball must completely leave the Penalty Area.
- Kicks can be taken by any player from anywhere within the Goal Area.

3. **CORNER KICK** - A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball, having last been touched by a player of the defending team, crosses the goal line (excluding the area between the goal posts). When taking a corner kick, the ball must be placed such that any portion of the ball is set within the quarter circle at the nearest corner flag. Players from the defending team cannot approach within 10 yards of the ball until it is kicked and moves. A goal can be scored direct from a corner kick



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KEY CORNER KICK FACTS

- You cannot be offside from a corner kick.
- You can score directly from a corner kick.

4. **THROW-IN** - When the whole of the ball crosses the touch line a throw-in is awarded to the team opposite to that of the player who last touched the ball. The Thrower must have both feet on the ground and be standing on or outside the touch-line, as he/she delivers the ball. The player must hold the ball with both hands and deliver it from behind and over his/her head. If the throw-in is deemed by the referee to be illegal or improper, the opposing team will be awarded a throw-in from the same Location.



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KEY FACTS: THROW-IN

- Both of the throw-in taker's feet must be on or behind the touch line.
 - Both feet must be in contact with the ground at the time the ball is released.
 - The ball must travel from behind the taker's head in one continuous movement.
5. **DROP BALL** - After a temporary interruption in play by the referee, i.e. when a player is injured as a result of an accident rather than any foul play, the referee will re-start the game with what is known as a 'drop ball'. The ball is dropped by the referee typically between two opposing players at the place where it was when play is suspended, but any number of players (or none at all) from both teams may participate. None of the players are allowed to touch the ball until it has hit the ground, at which point it is deemed in play.

KEY DROP BALL FACTS

- The ball must hit the ground before any player can touch it. A drop ball is not an opportunity to swing wildly at the ball; the referee can award a free kick may give a caution if it is determined that a player's attempt to play a ball constitutes unsporting behavior.