



Instructions for Volunteer Linesmen (EPSA)

Thank you for volunteering to be a linesman. The referee needs your assistance on calls when the ball goes out of play over one of the lines (touch line or goal line).

The referee will assign each linesman to one touch line (sideline) and one goal line (end line) – you do not have to worry about calls at the far end of the field from where you are standing since the opposing team will also have a linesman.

1) When the whole of the ball crosses the entire line, signal that the ball is 'put of play' by raising the flag straight up.

2) If you saw who touched it last, point the flag in the direction that the throw will go when the ball is put back in play.

(It's like basketball, it makes no difference why it was touched or if the touch was intentional, the team that touches it last concedes the throw-in.)

3) The referee often needs help along the goal line, too, so when the ball is in play you should keep an eye on the goal line.

4) The signal for a **corner kick** (the defending team kicks the ball across the goal line/end line) is to point (with the flag) at the corner with the flag held at 45 degrees below horizontal.

5) The signal for a **goal kick** (the attacking team kicks the ball across the goal line/end line) is to point (with the flag) at the goal area with the flag held horizontal.

6) You don't have a signal for a goal; the referee will handle that.

7) You are not expected to help with fouls or offside calls – the referee will handle those.

8) If the referee overrules your call, lower the flag and make eye contact with the referee to subtly ask if he saw your call.

Any questions, ask Ken Bomben or one of the Supervisors.

