



Soccer Association for Youth, USA

SAY Referee Training Syllabus

**LAWS:
7 - 10**



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LAW 7: Duration of the Game



**EQUAL PERIODS
FOUR QUARTERS OR TWO
HALVES**

NO OVERTIME

**LENGTH OF PERIODS -
VARIES**

BETWEEN QUARTERS - 1 MIN.

HALF-TIME - 5 MIN.

PERIOD BEGINS

**WHEN BALL IS KICKED INTO
PLAY**

PERIOD ENDS

AT POINT WHEN TIME EXPIRES

PERIOD IS EXTENDED

**ONLY FOR THE TAKING OF A
PENALTY KICK**

LENGTH OF QUARTERS (HALVES)

PASSERS (U8) 10 MIN. (20 MIN.)

WINGS (U10) 12 MIN. (24 MIN.)

STRIKERS (U12) 15 MIN. (30 MIN.)

KICKERS (U14) 15 MIN. (30 MIN.)

MINORS (U16) 20 MIN. (40 MIN.)

SENIORS (U19) 20 MIN. (40 MIN.)

**TIME CONTINUOUS (NO TIME
OUTS)**

DURING PENALTY KICKS

DURING SUBSTITUTIONS

AFTER A GOAL IS SCORED

TIME SHALL BE ADDED

AT DISCRETION OF REFEREE

INJURY

TIME WASTING

LAW 8:

The Start &

Restart of Play



COIN TOSS PRIOR TO GAME

WINNER - DIRECTION OF PLAY

LOSER - KICKS OFF

START OF PLAY

ALWAYS A KICK

RESTARTS CAN BE

KICK

THROW-IN

DROP BALL

KICKOFF

TO BEGIN EACH PERIOD

**TO RESTART AFTER EACH
GOAL**

**NOT TAKEN UNTIL THE
REFEREE SIGNALS WITH
WHISTLE**

THE BALL

MUST BE KICKED FORWARD

**IS IN PLAY AS SOON AS IT IS
KICKED AND MOVES**

OPPONENTS

**MUST BE OUTSIDE THE
CENTER CIRCLE**

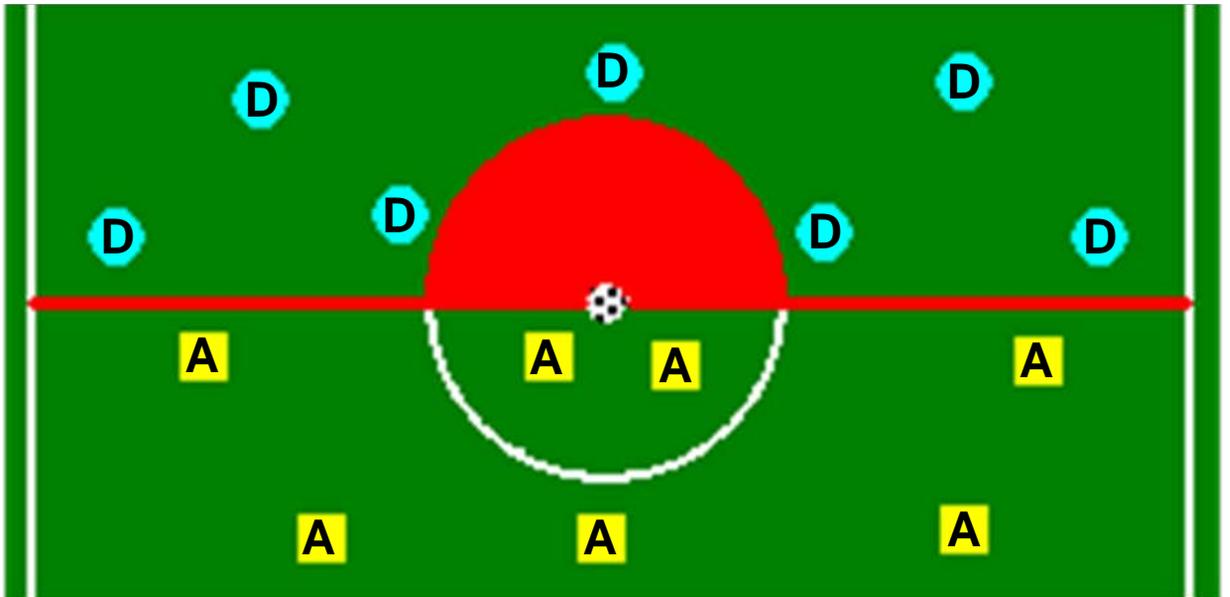
**MAY NOT ENTER CENTER
CIRCLE UNTIL THE BALL IS
KICKED**

KICKER

**CANNOT PLAY THE BALL A
SECOND TIME IN SUCCESSION**

GOAL

**MAY BE SCORED DIRECT
FROM A KICK-OFF**



KICK-OFF

STOPPAGE DURING PLAY (NO FOUL HAVING OCCURRED)

INDIRECT FREE- KICK

USED TO RESTART IF:

**BALL IN GOALKEEPER'S
POSSESSION**

**BALL CLEARLY IN CONTROL
BY ONE TEAM**

**WHERE BALL WAS WHEN
PLAY STOPPED**

**INSIDE PENALTY AREA, BUT
NOT WITHIN GOAL AREA**

STOPPAGE DURING PLAY (NO FOUL HAVING OCCURRED)

DROP BALL

USED TO RESTART IF:

**NO CLEAR CONTROL OF
BALL BY EITHER TEAM
WHERE BALL WAS WHEN
PLAY STOPPED**

**INSIDE PENALTY AREA, BUT
NOT WITHIN GOAL AREA**

**BALL IN PLAY WHEN IT
TOUCHES THE GROUND**

**ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS
MAY BE PRESENT**

Brain Teaser

At a tournament game the referee sees a hot air balloon glide over some trees toward the field low enough to have the basket hit the top of the trees.

The ref blows the whistle stopping a drive on goal.

Because the score was 2 to 1 in the fourth quarter, the coach protested the stoppage of play to the tournament director.

What should you do with the protest?

How do you restart play?

LAW 9: Ball in & out of Play



**BALL IS OUT OF PLAY
WHEN**

**IT LEAVES THE FIELD OF
PLAY**

THE REFEREE STOPS PLAY

POSITION

OF BALL COUNTS

**OF PLAYER DOES NOT
MATTER**

BALL REMAINS IN PLAY

WHEN IT REBOUNDS

FROM REFEREE

FROM GOAL POSTS

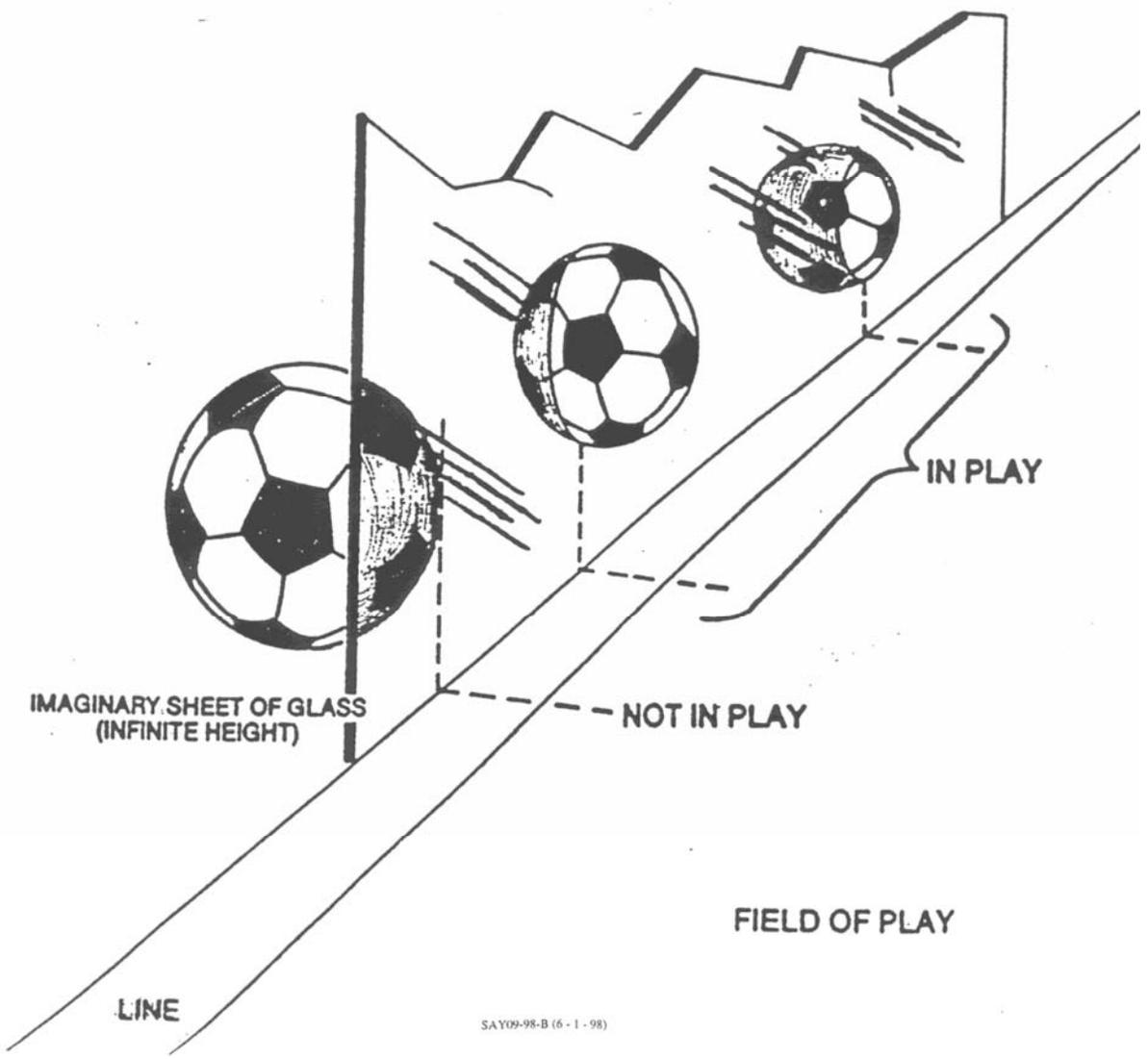
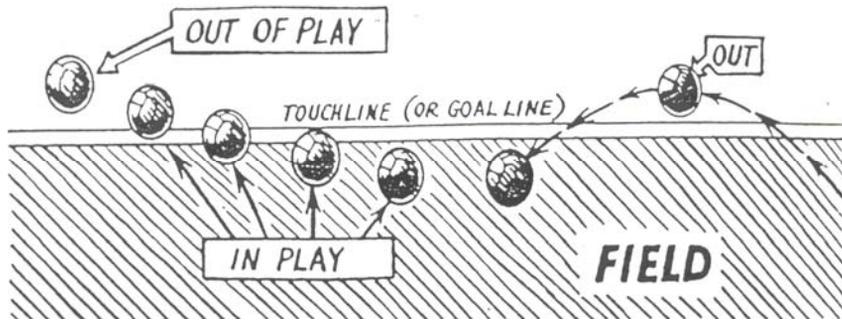
FROM CORNER POSTS

**WHEN IT DOES NOT LEAVE
THE FIELD COMPLETELY**

ALL LINES

ARE IN PLAY

**ARE PART OF THE AREA THEY
ENCLOSE**



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LAW 10: Method of Scoring



GOAL SCORES

WHEN ENTIRE BALL

**COMPLETELY CROSSES
GOAL-LINE**

BETWEEN THE GOALPOSTS

UNDER THE CROSS-BAR

**IN THE AIR OR
ON THE GROUND**

POSITION

OF THE BALL ONLY

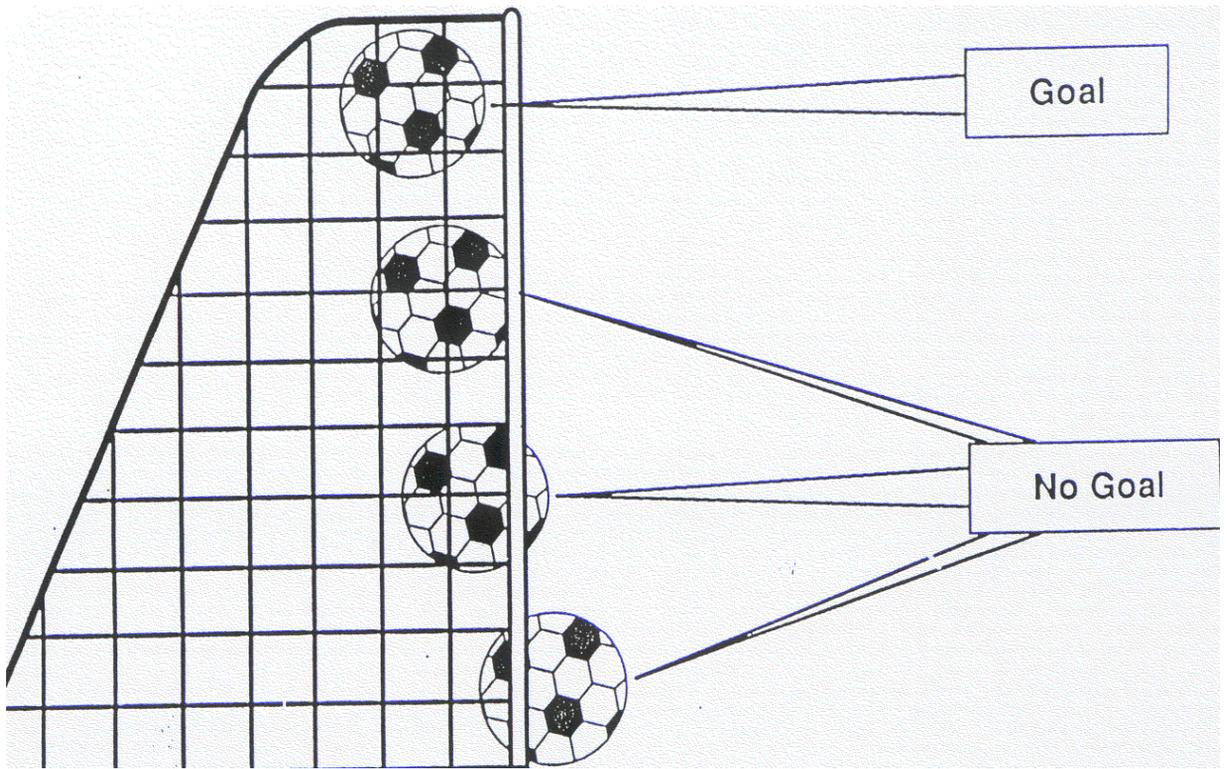
**NOT THE POSITION OF THE
GOALKEEPER**

NOT A GOAL

**DIRECTLY FROM AN INDIRECT
FREE-KICK**

DIRECTLY FROM A THROW-IN

**IF ANY PART OF BALL IS ON
THE GOAL-LINE**



NOT A GOAL

**IF KICKED DIRECTLY IN OWN
GOAL ON A FREE-KICK**

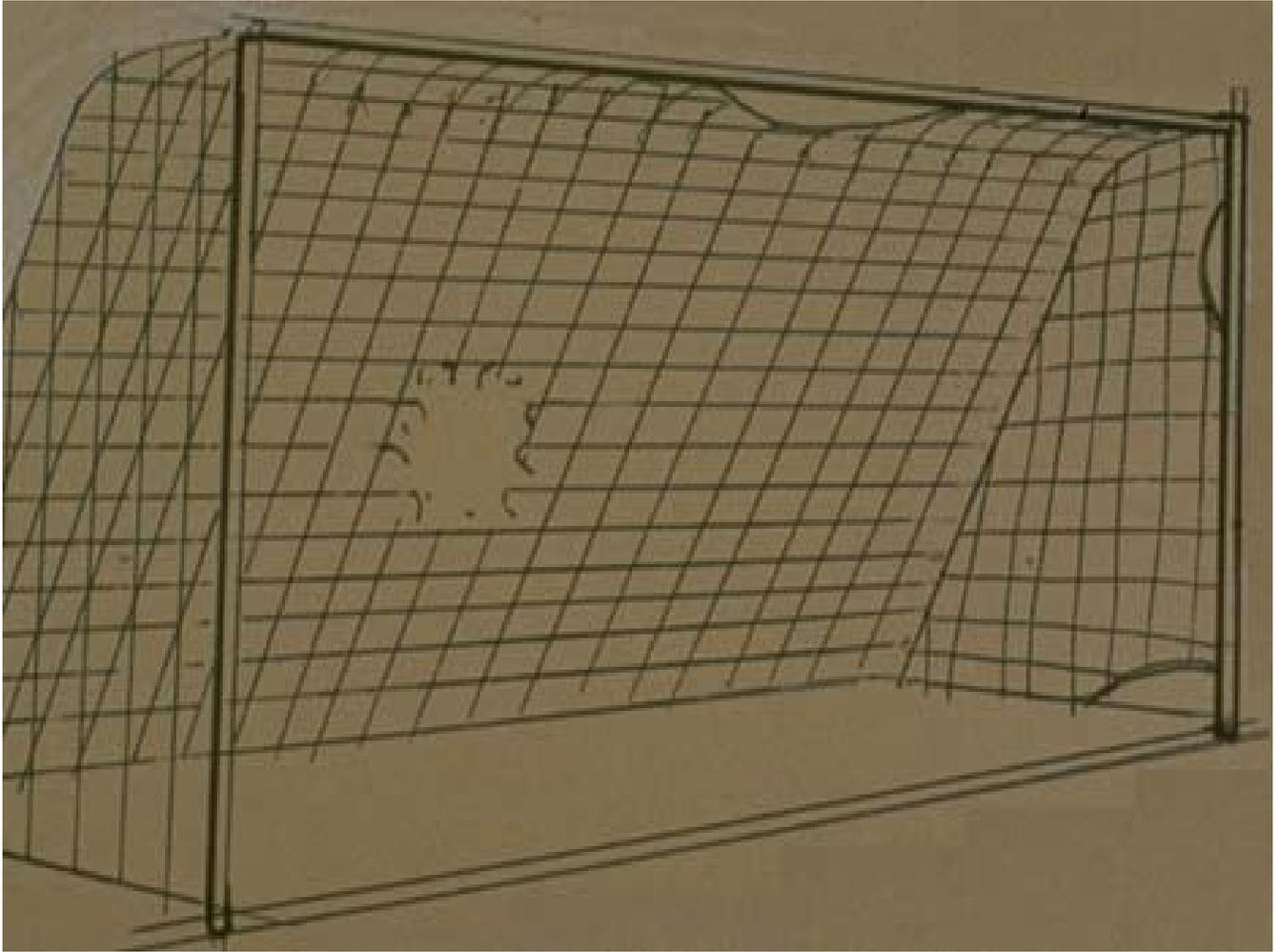
**IF THE BALL DELIBERATELY
PLAYED BY HAND OR ARM OF
ATTACKING PLAYER**

GOAL INCLUDES

**BALL BOUNCING OFF THE
REFEREE**

**BALL REBOUNDED OFF THE
GOAL POSTS**

**DEFENDING GOALKEEPER
CARRYING OR KNOCKING
THE BALL INTO THE GOAL**



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