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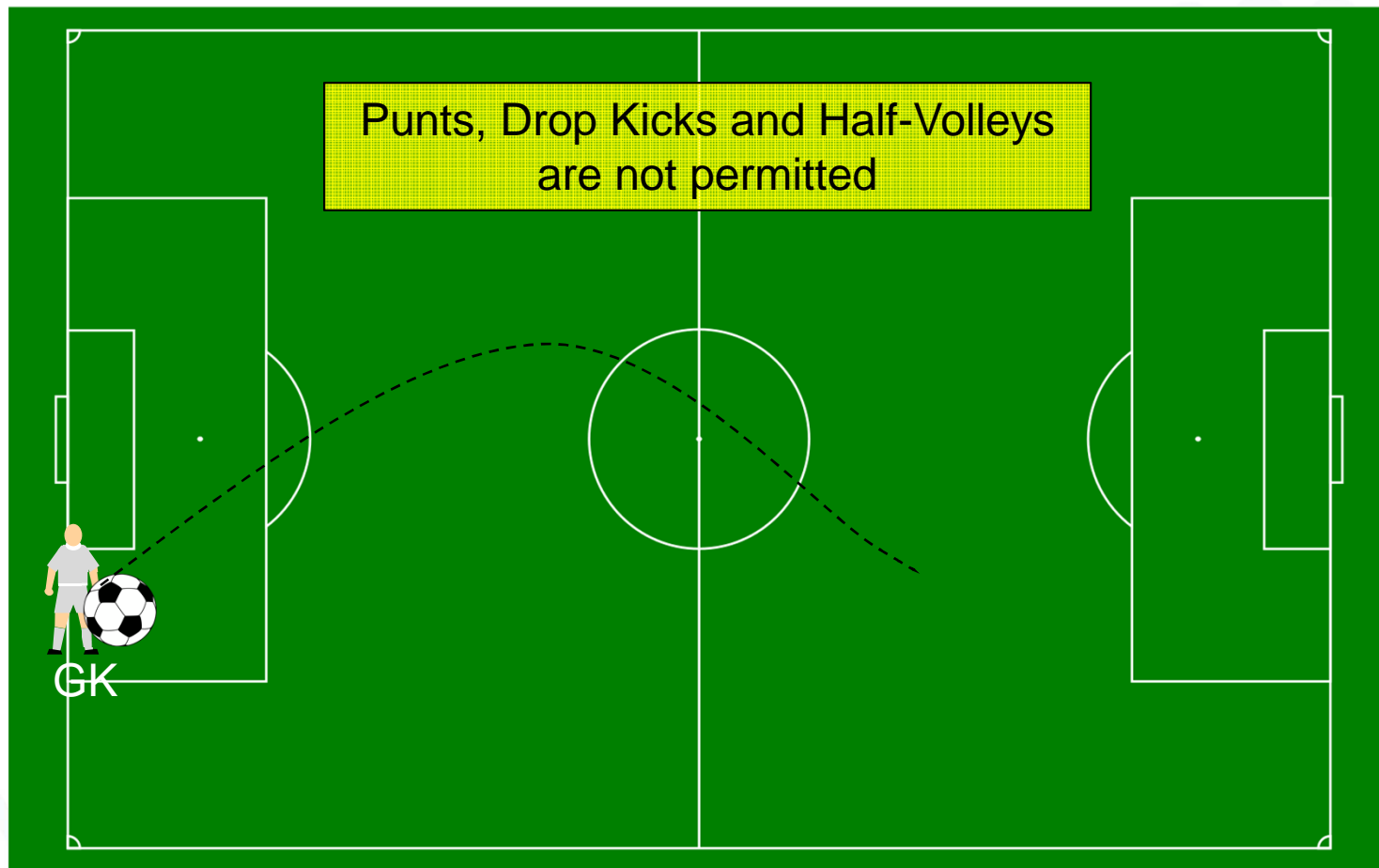
Player Development Initiative:  
Referee Implementation

## Updates for Spring 2018

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# GK Punts Are Prohibited in 8U through 12U



# GK putting ball into play



- **Okay by GK:**

- ✓ Throw
- ✓ Roll
- ✓ Place on ground and pass
- ✓ Drop on ground and dribble

- **Infraction by GK:**

- X Punt
- X Drop-kick
- X Half-volley

- **Unchanged:**

- GK may **not** be challenged when ball in his/her hands
- Ball is “in play” when released from GK hands

# If GK punts the ball...

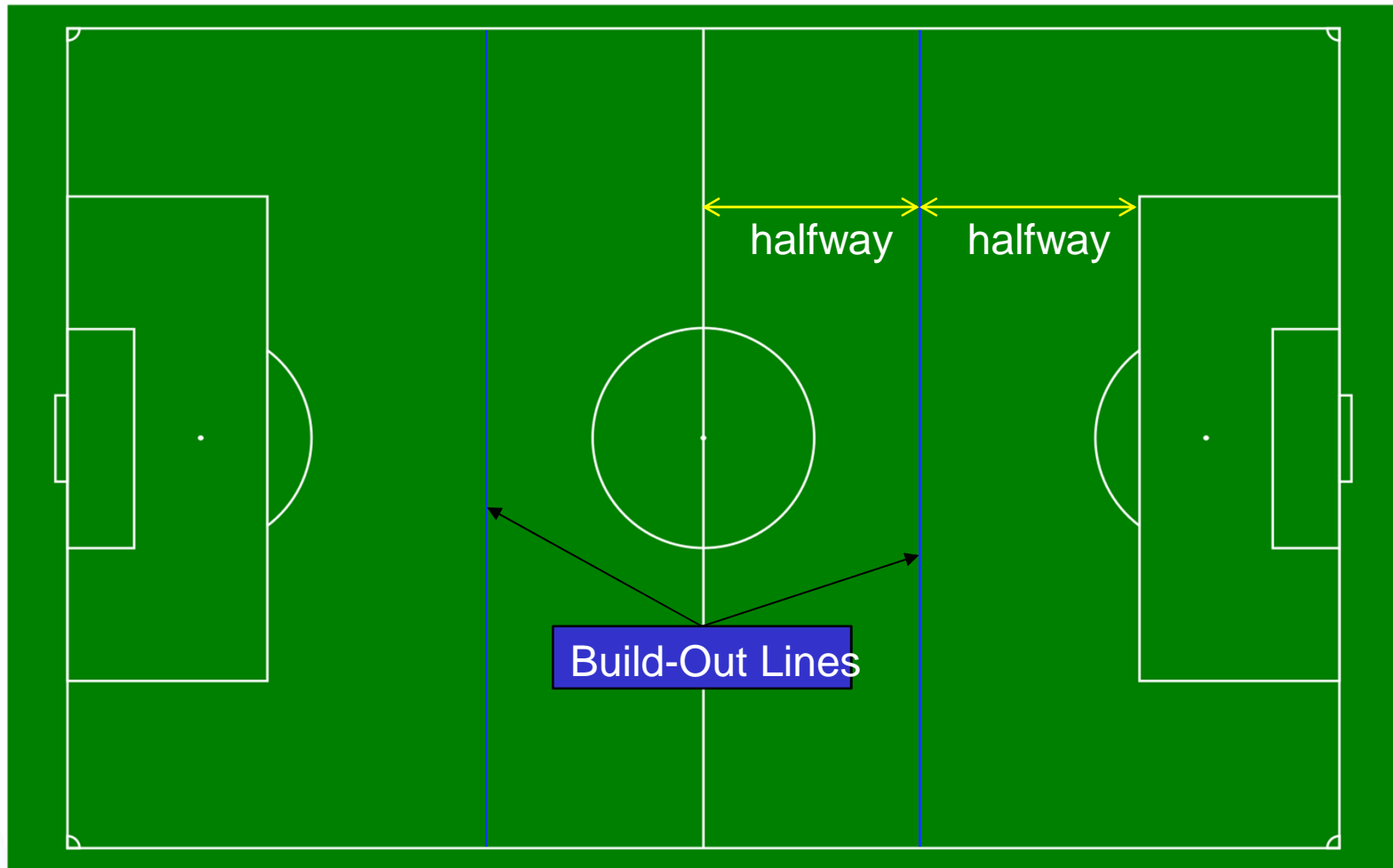


- ❖ Referee stops play and awards **Indirect Free Kick** (IFK) to opponents at location where GK punted ball

The fine print (for experienced referees):

- *An indirect free kick awarded to the attacking team inside the opposing team's goal area, must be taken on the **goal area line** parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to the where the player touched the ball with his/her head.*
- *Neither **cautions** nor **send offs** shall be issued for persistent infringement*

# 8U - 10U Build-Out Line



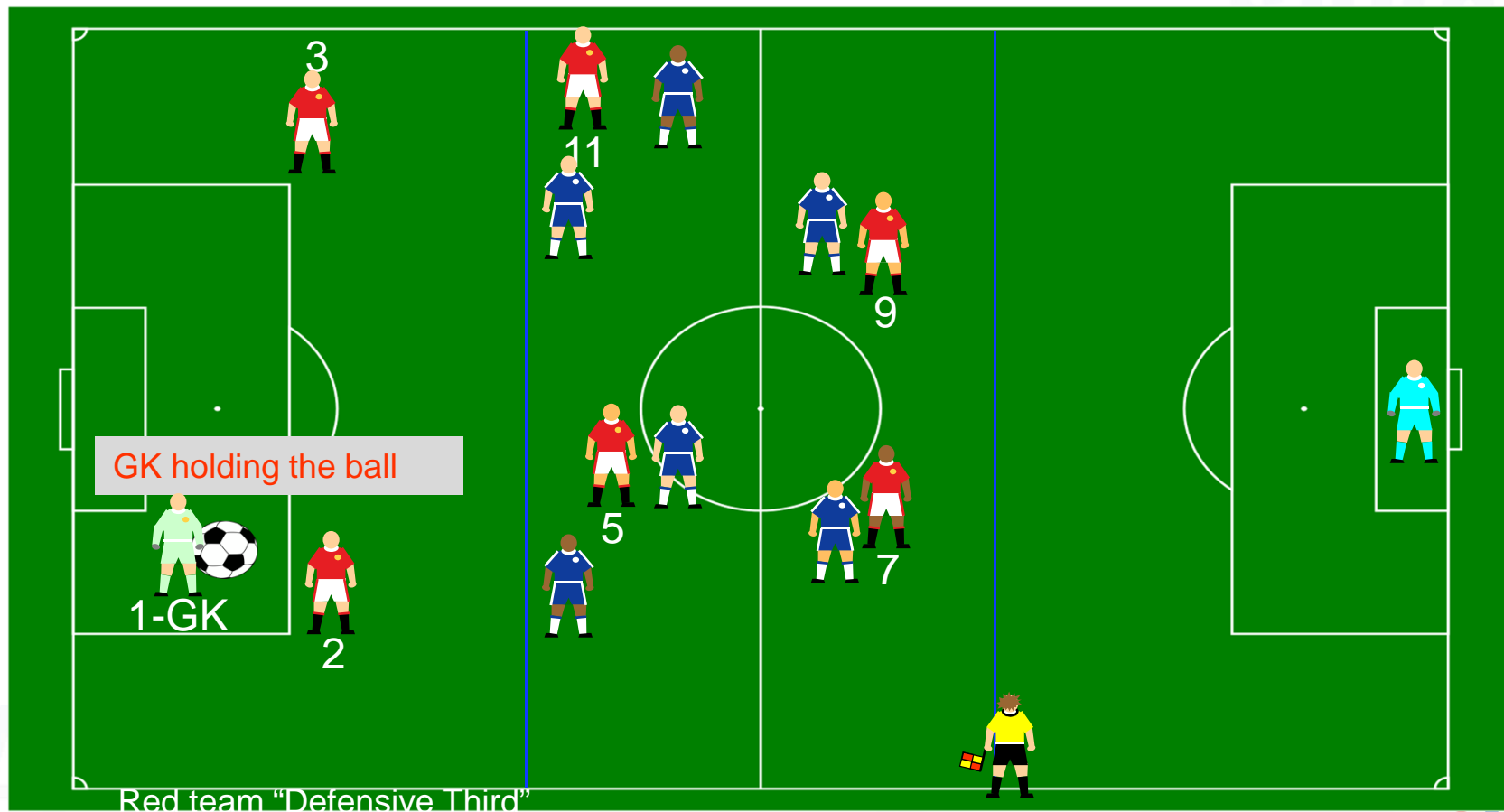
# BOL Does Not Restrict Player Location During Normal Play

Red playing this way →



# Opponents MUST Move Behind BOL When GK Gets Possession

Red playing this way →



# BOL and Goalkeeper Possession

- When GK gains possession of ball with hands:
  - Opponents must retreat behind BOL
  - GK has option to put ball into play without waiting for opponents to retreat



# Goalkeeper Putting Ball into Play

- GK must throw, roll, or pass ball  
~~to teammate tanding on goal-side of BOL~~



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- GK still may not punt the ball
- GK is allowed to dribble the ball before passing it to teammate

# Putting Ball into Play: Other Considerations

- GK does not need to wait for opponents to retreat; takes risk of interception
- Referee should encourage opponents to retreat
  - GK has “6-seconds” to put ball into play after opponents have retreated across BOL (not commonly enforced in 8U/10U – vocally encourage GK to put ball into play)
- If ball goes directly out of play without crossing BOL, then restart with TI or CK as appropriate
- If GK dribbles ball beyond BOL let play continue

# Goalkeeper Putting Ball Into Play: Opponent Considerations

- When goalkeeper has possession:  
Opponents may cross the BOL as soon as:
- ...the ball is released from the GK's hands (10U)
- ...the ball is touched by a player (8U)

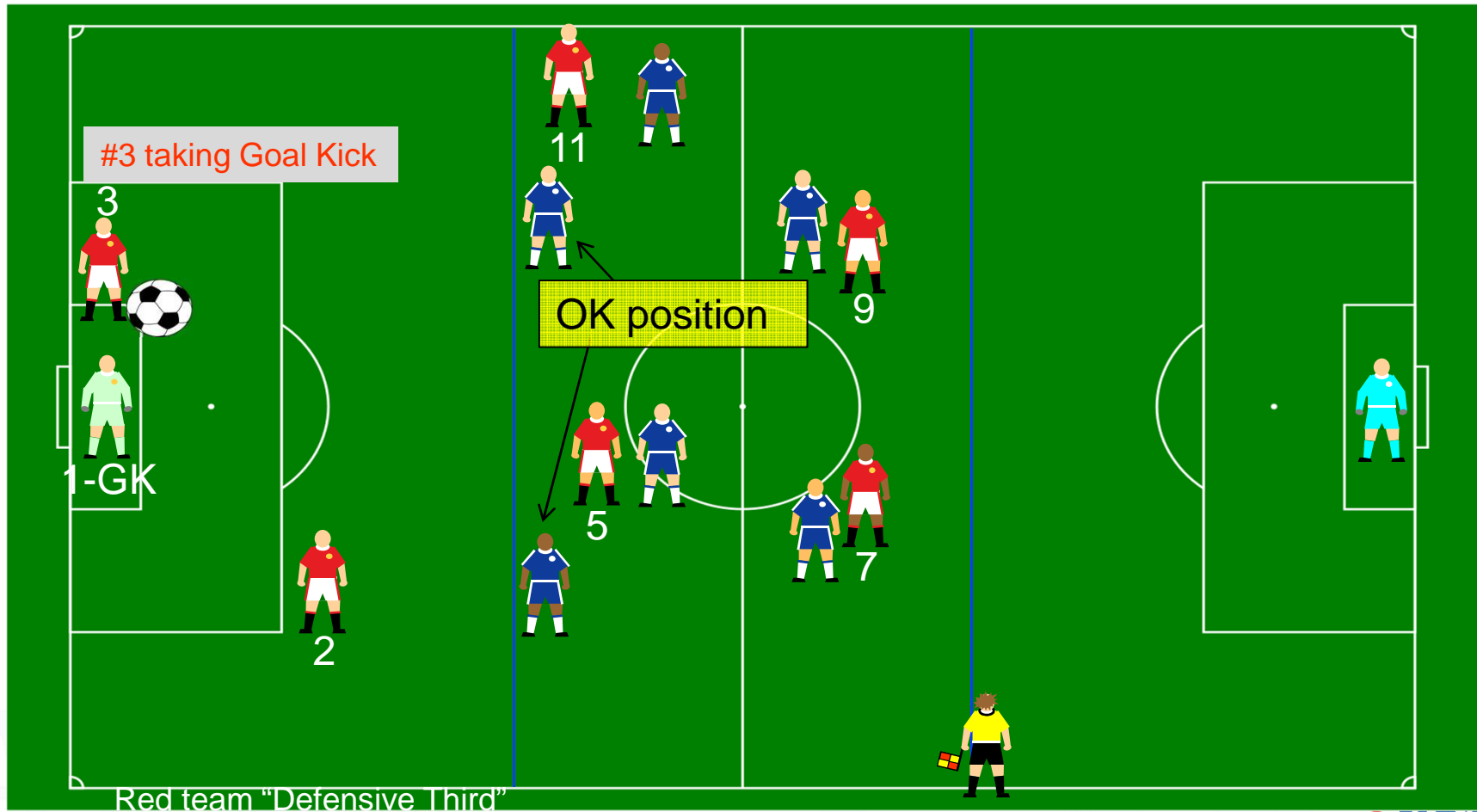
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# BOL – Location & Marking

- Located halfway between the halfway line and penalty area line parallel to the goal line
- Line may be solid, dashed, or simply marked by cones (or flags) off the field
  - Referee needs to know how line is marked prior to match
  - Good practice to remind players/coaches prior to match

# Opponents MUST Move Behind BOL for Goal Kick

## BOL for Goal Kick



# Putting Ball Into Play From Goal Kick

## Kick

- Player taking Goal Kick can:
  1. Attempt to pass ball to teammate standing on goal-side of BOL
  2. Kick the ball beyond the BOL



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# Putting Ball into Play from Goal Kick: Other Considerations

- Referee should encourage opponents to retreat
- Player taking Goal Kick does not need to wait for opponents to retreat; takes risk of interception
- If ball kicked directly out of play without crossing BOL then restart with TI or CK as appropriate

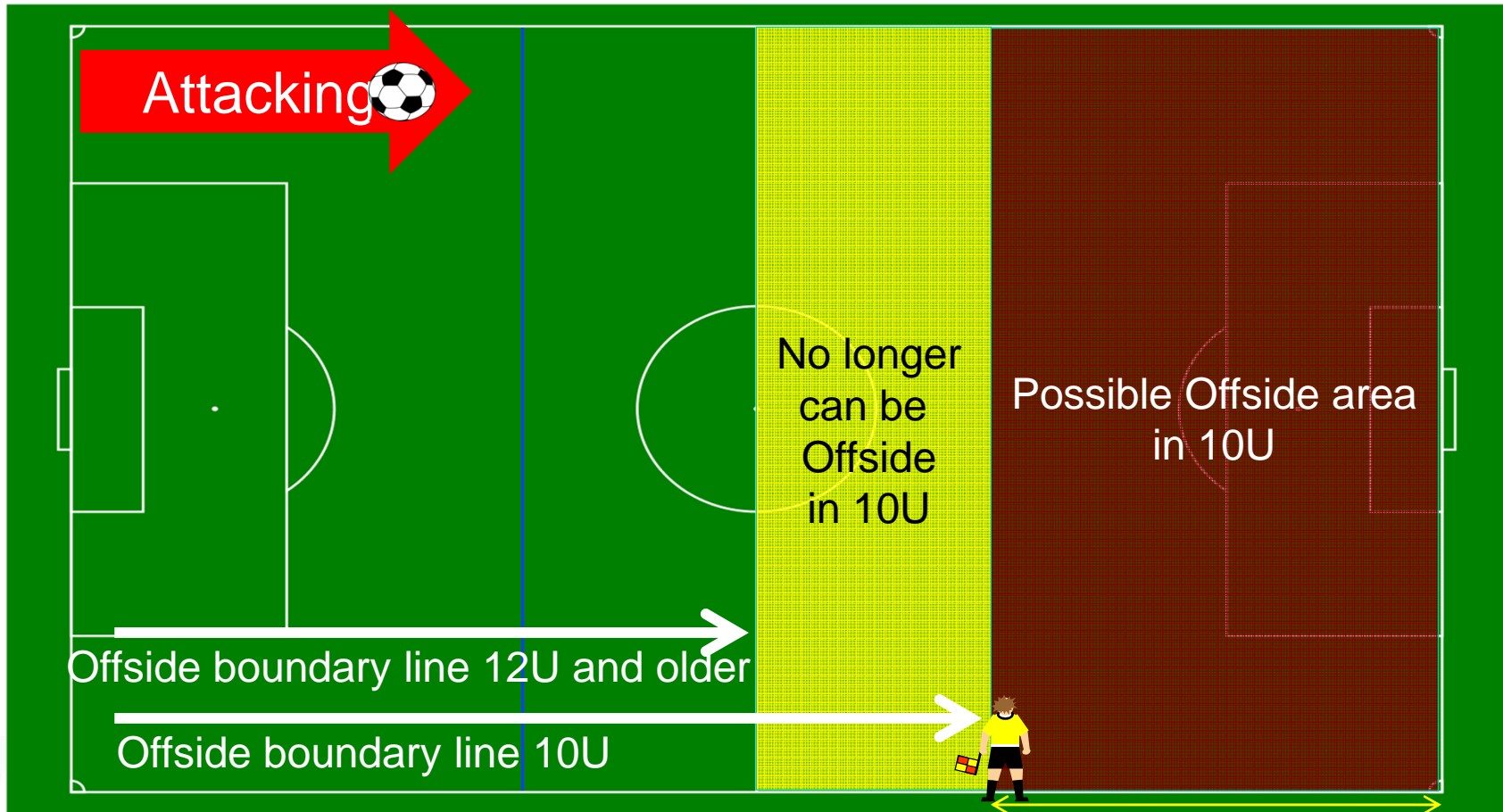
# Putting Ball into Play from Goal Kick: Opponent Considerations

- Opponents may cross the BOL as soon as  
~~...the ball is kicked~~  
...the ball leaves the penalty area (10U)  
  
...the ball is touched by a player (8U)

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# BOL Limits Location of Offside Position



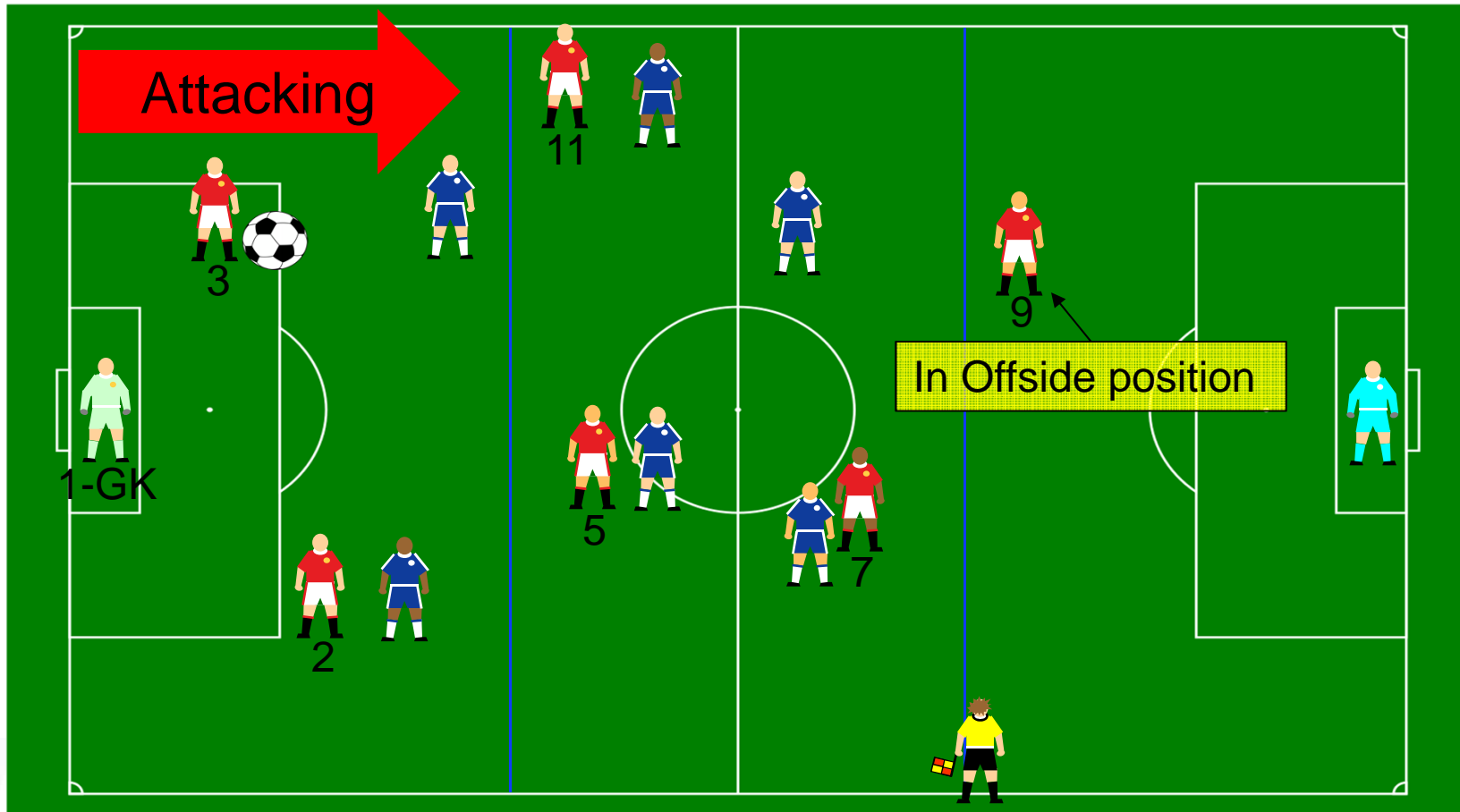
# BOL and Offside

- The area of potential offside infractions is defined by the BOL and the closest goal line.
- The BOL replaces the Halfway Line as the boundary where offside infractions are considered

# BOL Defines Potential Offside Infractions



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# Summary

- Build-Out Line used in 8U and 10U to help reduce pressure and promote attacking skills development