

CREASE RULES

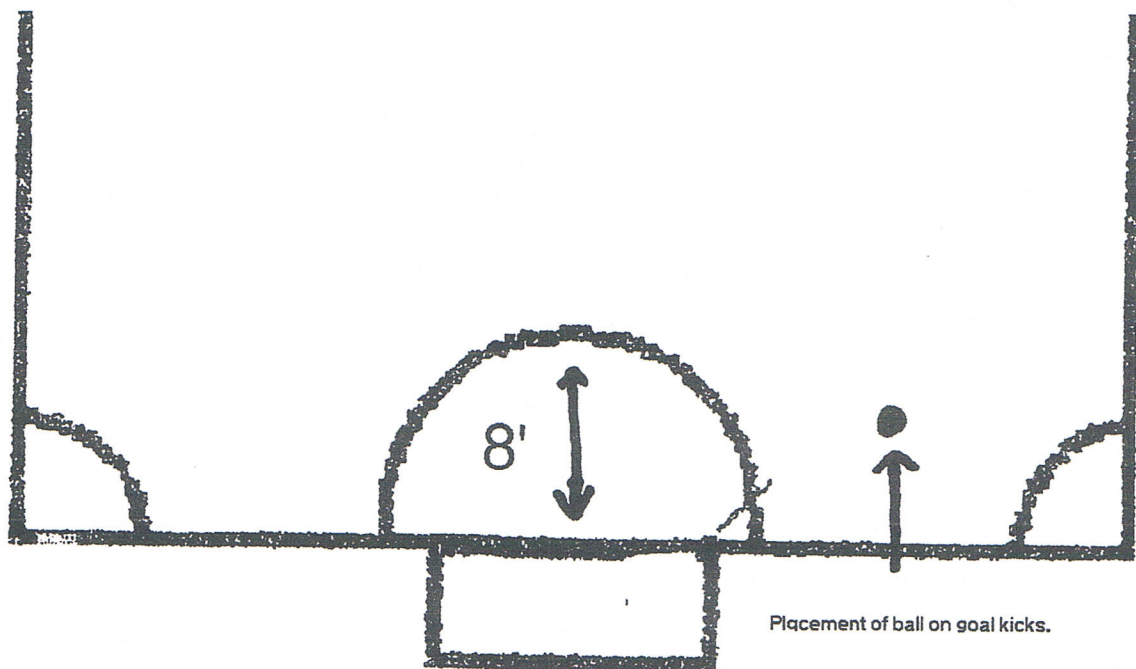
Crease Rule: Players cannot stand inside the crease. Players may pass through the crease; however they cannot make any contact with the ball inside the crease. Any part of the ball or player's body inside the plane of the crease is considered in the crease and an extension of such. **If the defending team touches the ball in the crease, the offensive team will be awarded a goal. If an offensive player follows his kick into the crease, but does not touch the ball, the offensive team will be awarded a goal.** If an offensive player touches the ball within the crease, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. The plane of the crease extends upward. If the ball comes to a stop inside the crease, the play is dead. A goal kick is awarded to the defensive team.

Dead Ball Restarts: Including corner kicks, goal kicks, & fouls are indirect. In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand 5 yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal area is closer than 5 yards away, the ball shall be placed 5 yards from the goal crease in line with the place of the foul.

Goal kicks: Will be awarded if the ball travels over the goal line being last touched by the attacking team. Or if a dead ball is declared by the referee. **On goal kicks, the ball will be placed approximately half way between the touchline and the crease line, one (1) yard from the goal line.**

Crease Courtesy; Is where a coach DOES NOT place a player on the crease edge throughout the duration of the game as a defensive strategy. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for both coaches and players alike. And we feel that "crease-tending" is not teaching players' proper soccer tactics.

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Can be placed on either side of the goal.