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## **CLARIFICATION OF THE OFFSIDE RULE**

### **OFFSIDE POSITION**

- Player is in opponent's half of the field AND
- Player is closer to opponent's goal line than the ball, AND
- Player is closer to opponent's goal line than either of the last opponents.

Offside position is determined at the moment the ball is played or touched by a teammate.

### **OFFSIDE INFRINGEMENT**

- Is an offside position when the ball is played or touched by teammate, and then :
- Interferes with play (plays the ball) OR
- Interferes with an opponent (keeps them from playing the ball) OR
- Gains an advantage from the offside position (ball rebounds to them)

A player cannot be in offside position if a she receives the ball directly from a goal kick, throw in, or corner kick.

**A player can be called off side on her own half when the player coming from offside position comes to touch or play the ball on her own half of the field.**