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Law 8 The Start and Restart of Play

- Dropped Ball
- Special Circumstances



The referee drops the ball at the place where it was located when play was stopped.*

The ball may not be played until it touches the ground.

If the ball leaves the field directly, without touching any player, the ball must be dropped again.



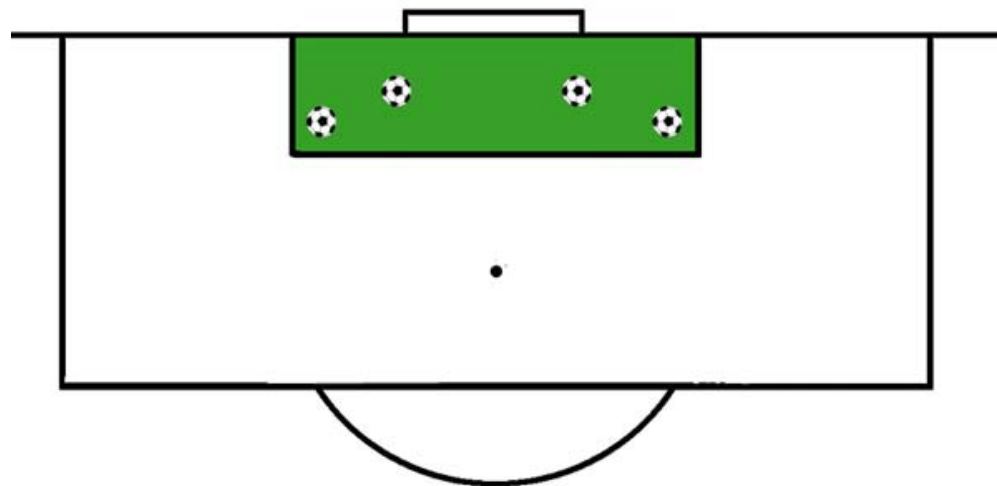
Any player may challenge for the ball (including the goalkeeper)

There is no minimum or maximum number of players required to take part in a dropped ball.

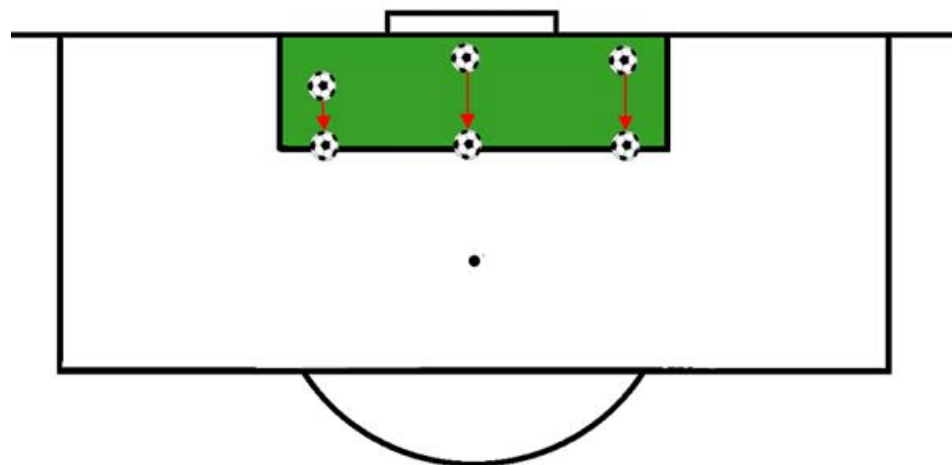
The referee cannot decide who may or not take part in a dropped ball.



A free kick given to defenders inside their own goal area may be taken from any point within the goal area.



An indirect free kick awarded to the attacking team in its opponents' goal area is taken from the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.



A dropped ball to restart the match after play has been temporarily stopped inside the goal area takes place on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the ball was located when play was stopped.

