

# Running the Line

## A Guide for 2022



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# Background

Due to the decrease in 2022 Match Official registrations province wide and with our objective for the 2022 Outdoor season to avoid cancelling games, we have introduced the “**1+1 Assigning System**”. This recommendation has received Board of Directors approval.

This is a system where there are 2 officials assigned to a game, one in the role of Referee and one in the role of 4<sup>th</sup> Official. There would be no Assistant Referees assigned.

Due to the fact that no Assistant Referees may be assigned, multiple age groups and levels of competition could recruit a volunteer to assist the Referee team.

# I don't know how!

The expectations of the Volunteer Assistant Referee are minimal.

- WAVE the 'flag' if a coach is requesting a substitution
- WAVE the 'flag' when the ball totally and completely crosses the touchlines or goal line and goes out of play.

All we ask is that we provide a safe and fair environment for all involved in the game.

# Substitution

A typical substitution signal is:



**Substitution**

# Substitution

We are requesting this. Could be a flag, pinnie or other item.  
This is to get the attention of the Referee so they are aware  
a substitution is requested:



# Ball in and out of Play - Throw In

- A typical out of play signal for a **THROW IN** is:



**Throw-in for  
attacking team**



**Throw-in for  
defending team**

# Ball in and out of Play - Throw In

- We are requesting this. Could be a flag, pinnie or other item. Try to raise the 'flag' at a 45 degree angle, and point it horizontally along the touch line as per the graphic in the previous slide.



# Ball in and out of Play - Goal Line

- A typical out of play signal for a GOAL LINE decision is:



Corner kick



Goal kick

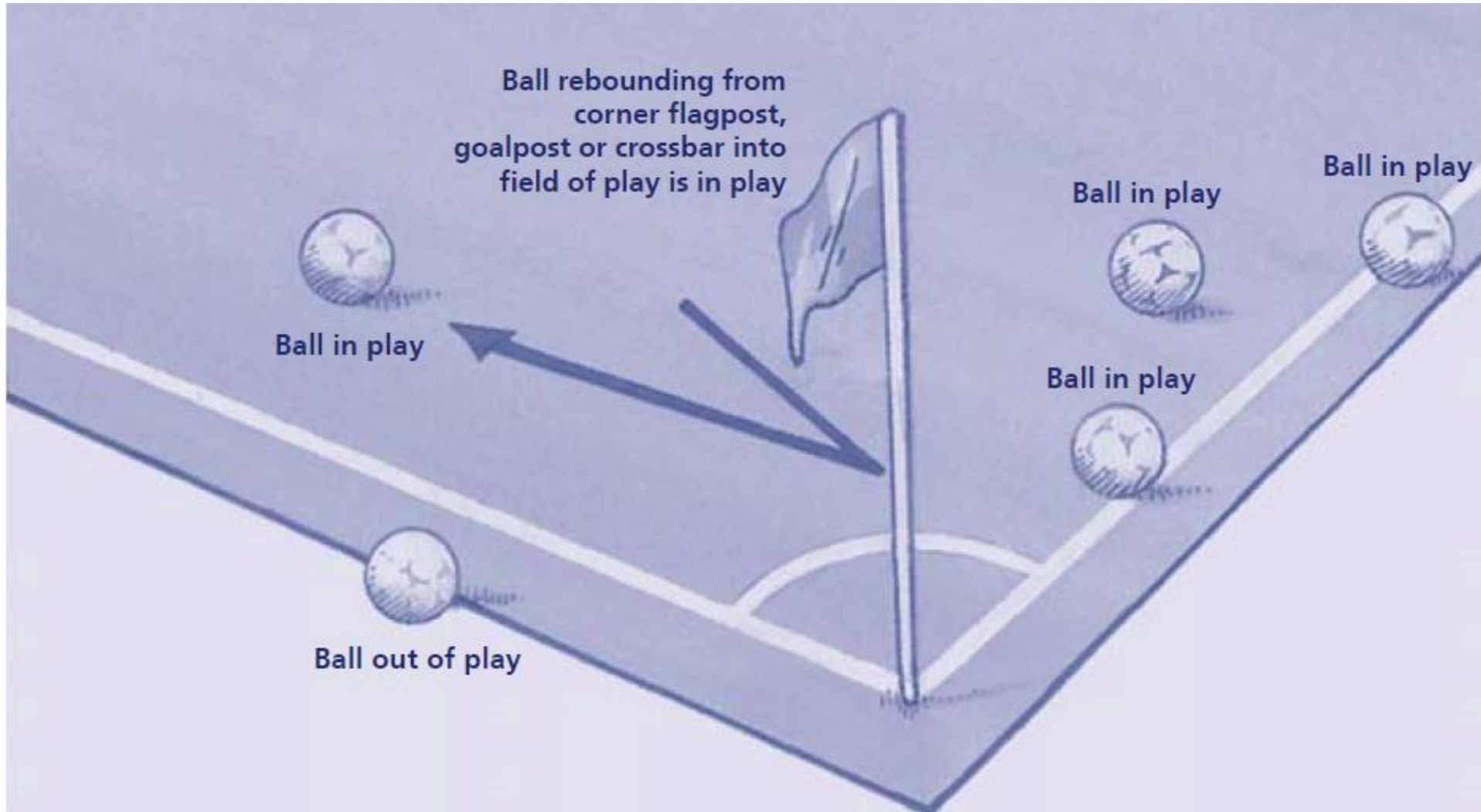


# Ball in and out of Play - Throw In

- We are requesting this. Could be a flag, pinnie or other item. Please try your best to point either towards the Penalty area or to the base of the corner flag.



# Ball In and Out of Play

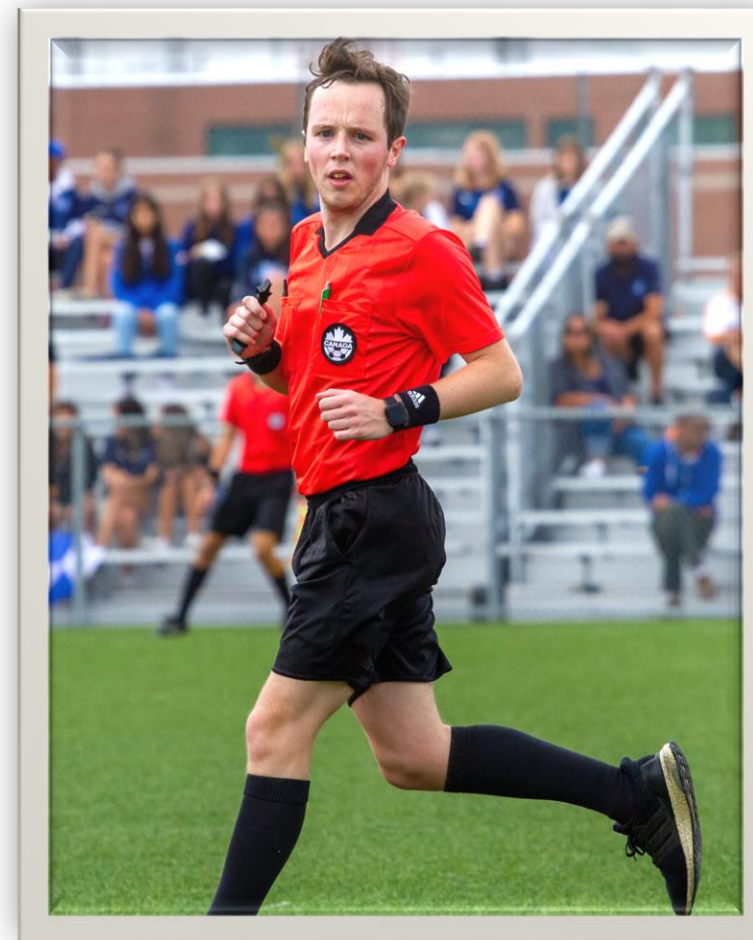


# Ball In and Out of Play – further clarification



# Expectations for 2022

- **The majority of games will be covered by 1 or 2 match officials**
- **Ontario Soccer will promote a Zero Tolerance policy in relation to Match Official Abuse**
  - If officials are abused, a report must be filed with the League, District and also provided to Ontario Soccer at [matchofficials@ontariosoccer.net](mailto:matchofficials@ontariosoccer.net)
- **Ontario Soccer will continue to work closely with Clubs, Leagues and Districts throughout the 2022 season**



# In Closing

Thank you for your commitment to the game of Soccer in Ontario. 2022 will be an unusual year where we have to adjust as we move along through the season.

Please direct any Ontario Soccer questions to [matchofficials@ontariosoccer.net](mailto:matchofficials@ontariosoccer.net)



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