

# Pardaan

## The Offside Rule Explained

*Offside in plain language, so it finally makes sense.*

Offside is the law that confuses players and parents the most - but the idea is simple: you cannot get behind the last defenders and wait for the ball. This guide breaks it down with diagrams so you can explain it in a couple of minutes.

### The rule, in one sentence

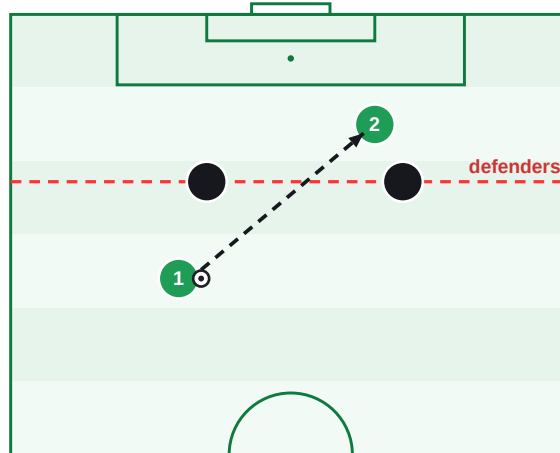
#### Offside position

A player is in an offside position if, when a team-mate plays the ball, they are in the opponents' half AND nearer the goal line than both the ball and the second-last opponent (usually the last outfield defender, since the keeper is often the last).

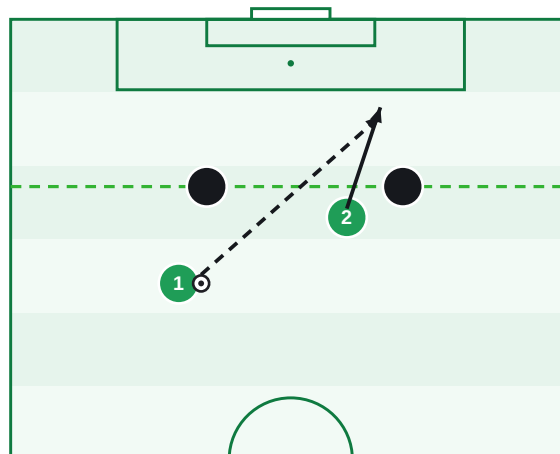
### Two things to remember

1. Being in an offside position is NOT an offence by itself. It only matters if the player then gets involved - receiving the ball, or interfering with an opponent.
2. It is judged at the moment the ball is played by the team-mate, not when it is received. A player timing a run from an onside position is fine.

● Attacker ● Defender ○ Ball --> Pass → Run



OFFSIDE: player 2 is ahead of the last defender when the pass is played.



ONSIDE: player 2 is level/behind the last defender, then times the run in behind.

### When you can never be offside

- Directly from a throw-in.
- Directly from a corner kick.

- Directly from a goal kick.
- In your own half of the pitch.