



AYSO Region 624

Basic Referee Course

Module 11

Offside



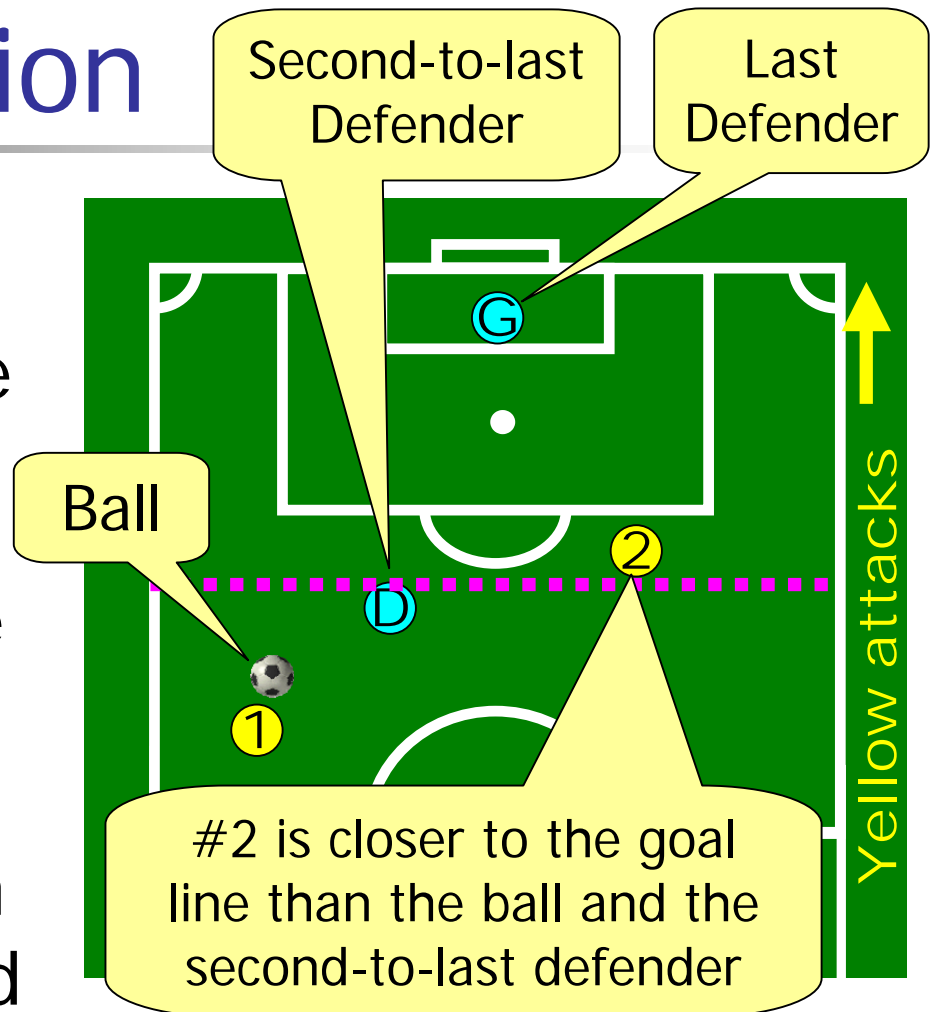
Evolution of Offside

In the early days of soccer some players were lazy and rather than work with the rest of their team, these player hung around the opponents' goal, waited for the ball to come to them, and then tried to score. This was ***not*** gentlemanly nor fair. The rules evolved to say that a player who is ahead of the ball in the opponent's half of the field, is "off his side" and is not allowed to participate.

Offside Position

It is not an offense in itself to be in an offside position.

A player is in an offside position if he/she is in the opponent's half nearer to goal line than the ball **and** the second to last defender.



Yellow player #2 is in an offside position.



Offside Position Definition

- In the definition of offside position, “nearer to his opponents’ goal line” means that any part of his/her head, body or feet is nearer to his/her opponents’ goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent. The arms are not included in this definition.
- Basically, if any part of the body that can be used to play the ball is closer to the goal line than the second-to-last defender, the attacker is considered to be in an offside position.



Offside Offense

A player in an offside position is only penalized if, ***at the moment the ball is played or touched by a teammate,*** he/she is involved in active play by:

- Interfering with play; or
- Interfering with an opponent; or
- Gaining an advantage by being in that position.



Definitions for Interfering with Play and an Opponent

- Interfering with play means playing or touching the ball passed or touched by a teammate.
- Interfering with an opponent means preventing an opponent from playing or being able to play the ball by clearly obstructing the opponent's line of vision or movements or making a gesture or movement which, in the opinion of the referee, deceives or distracts an opponent.



Gaining an Advantage Definition

Gaining an advantage by being in that position means playing a ball that rebounds to him off a goal post or the crossbar having been in an offside position or playing a ball that rebounds to him off an opponent having been in an offside position.



No Offside Offense

There is no offside offence if a player receives a ball directly from:

- a goal kick; or
- a throw-in; or
- a corner kick

There is also no offside in U5, U6, & U8



Offside Offense Requirements

Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ At the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his/her team
Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Opponent's Half and■ Ahead of the ball and■ Closer to the goal line than the second-to-last defender
Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Involved with active play, or■ Interferes with an opponent, or■ Gains an advantage from position



Offside

- The moment of judgment is when the ball is played or touched by a teammate, **NOT** when the ball is received!
- Take a snap shot in your mind each time the ball is played.
- Assistant referees must be in the right position to accurately make the call.



Questions for an Offside Offense

- Is the player in the opponent's half of the field?
- Is the player ahead of the ball?
- Is the player closer to the opponent's goal line than the second-to-last defender?

If YES to all the questions above, then ask:

- Is the player interfering with play or an opponent?
- Has the player gained an advantage?

Offside Sanction

“For any offside offence, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.”

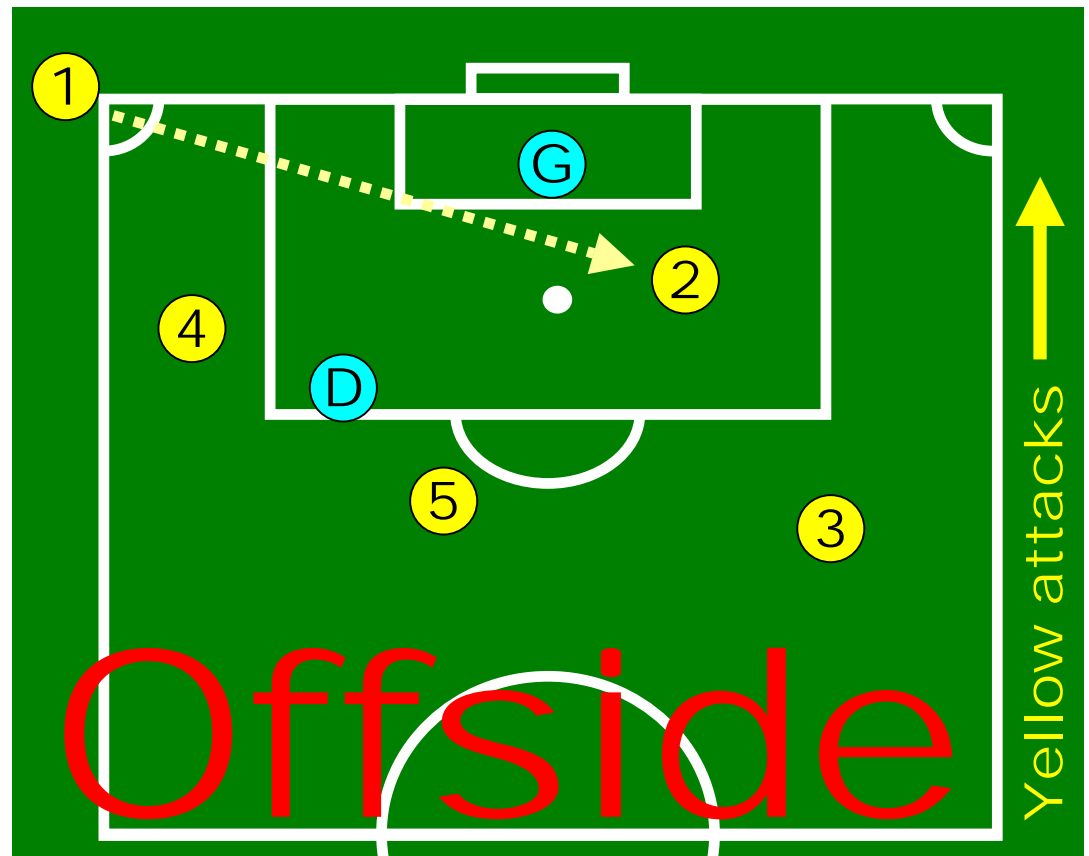
Not where the player was when whistle sounded!



Offside or not offside?

#1

Player 1 takes a corner kick that goes directly to player 2.



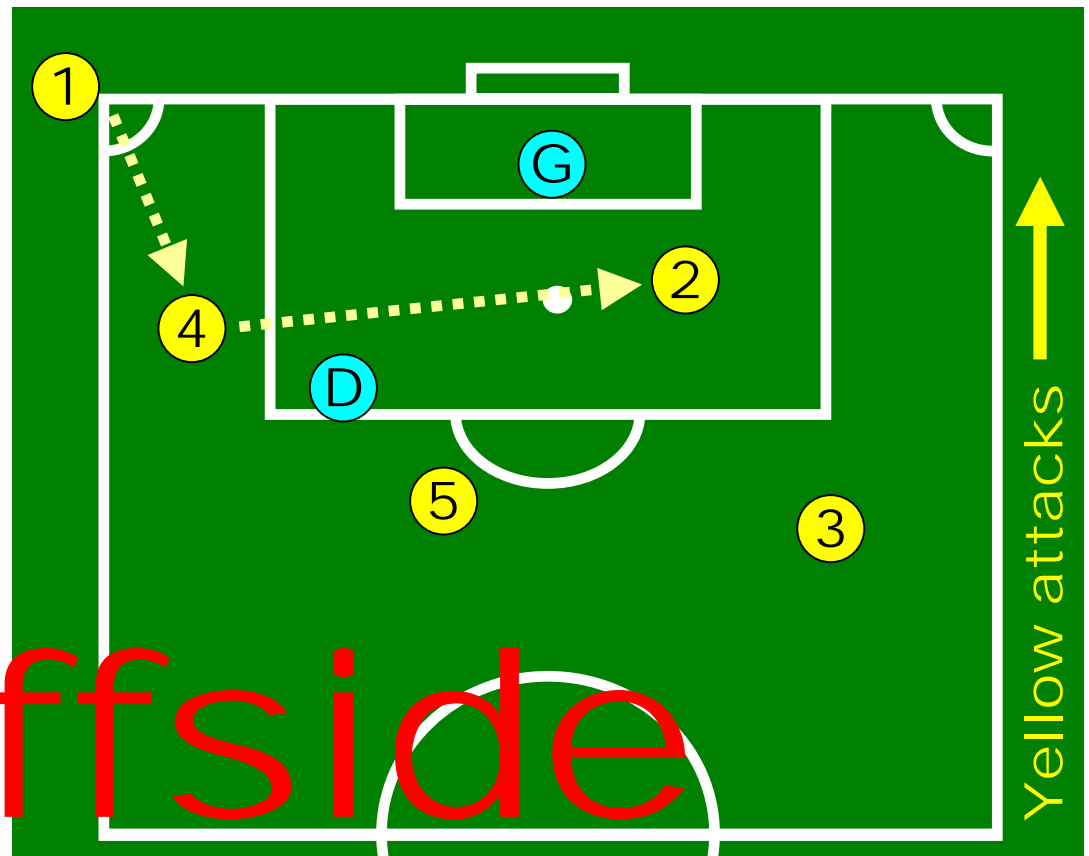
Not Offside

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Player 1 takes a corner kick that goes directly to player 4.

Player 4 passes to player 2.



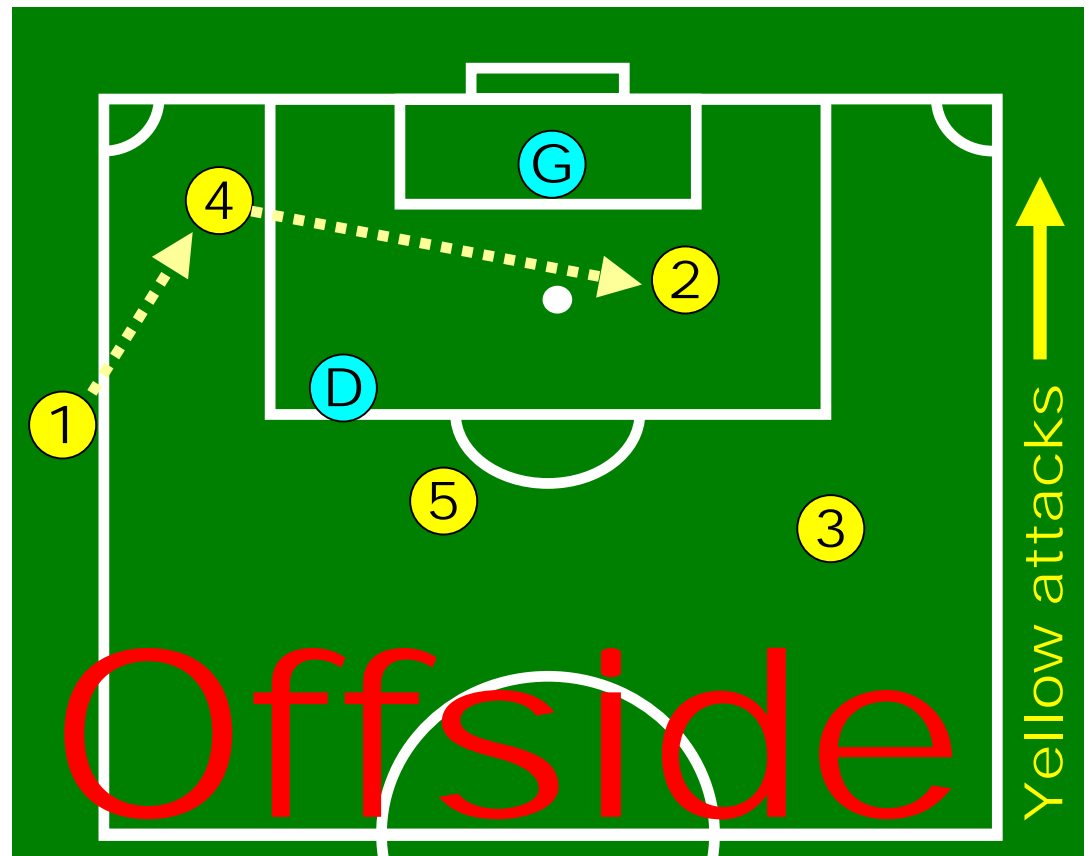
Offside or not?

#3

Player 1 takes a throw-in that goes directly to player 4.

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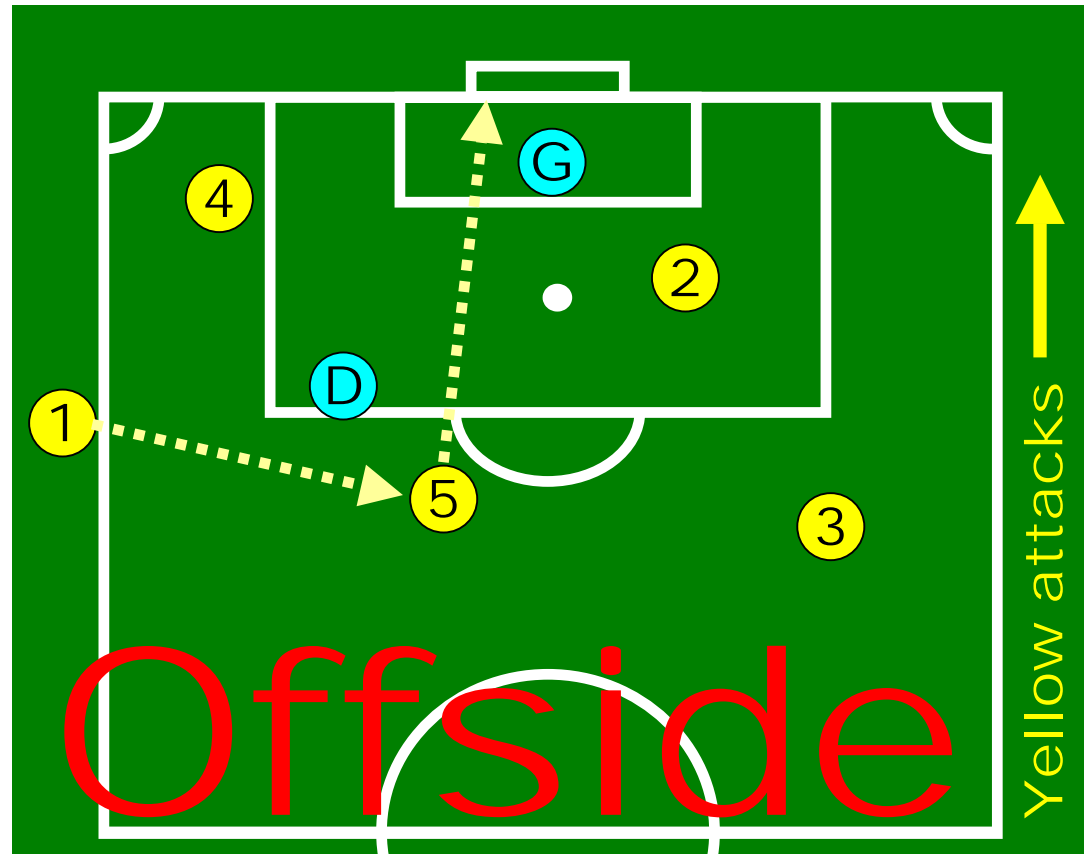
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#4

Player 1 takes a throw-in that goes directly to player 5.

Player 5 takes a shot on goal that goes in.

Not Offside



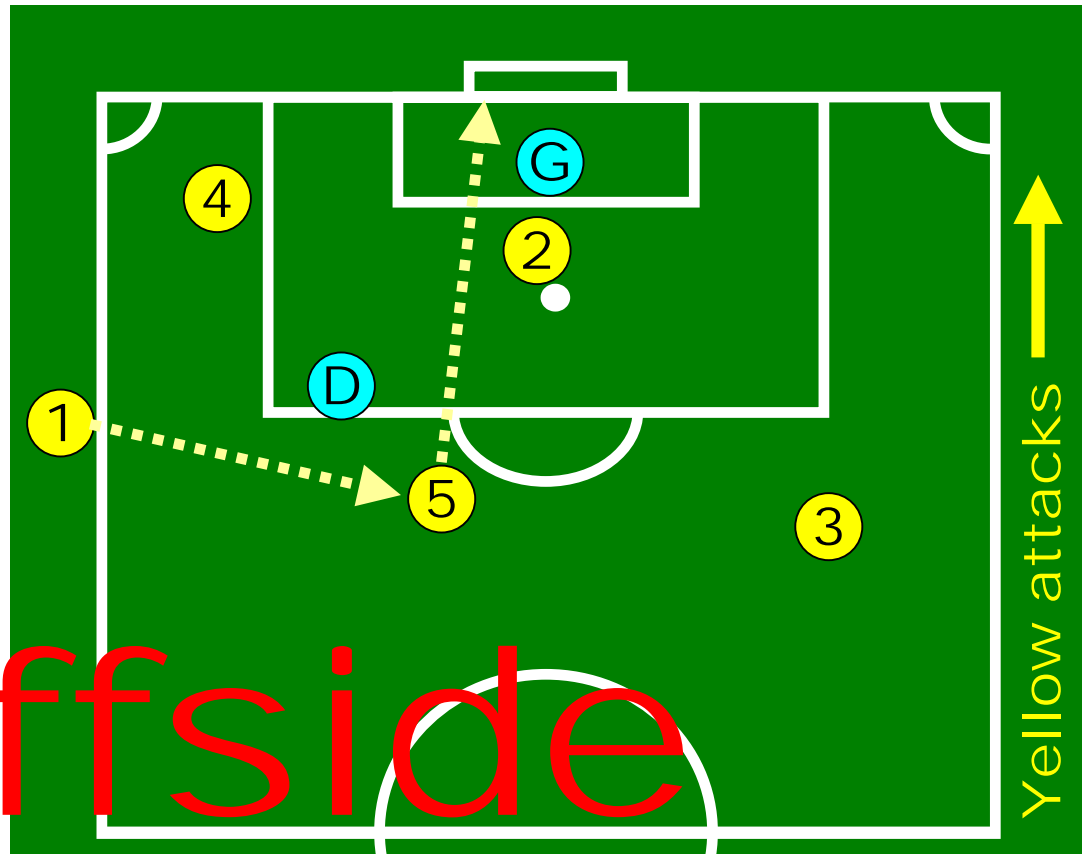
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#5

Player 1 takes a throw-in that goes directly to player 5.

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Player 2 is in front of the keeper but does not move or attempt to play the ball.

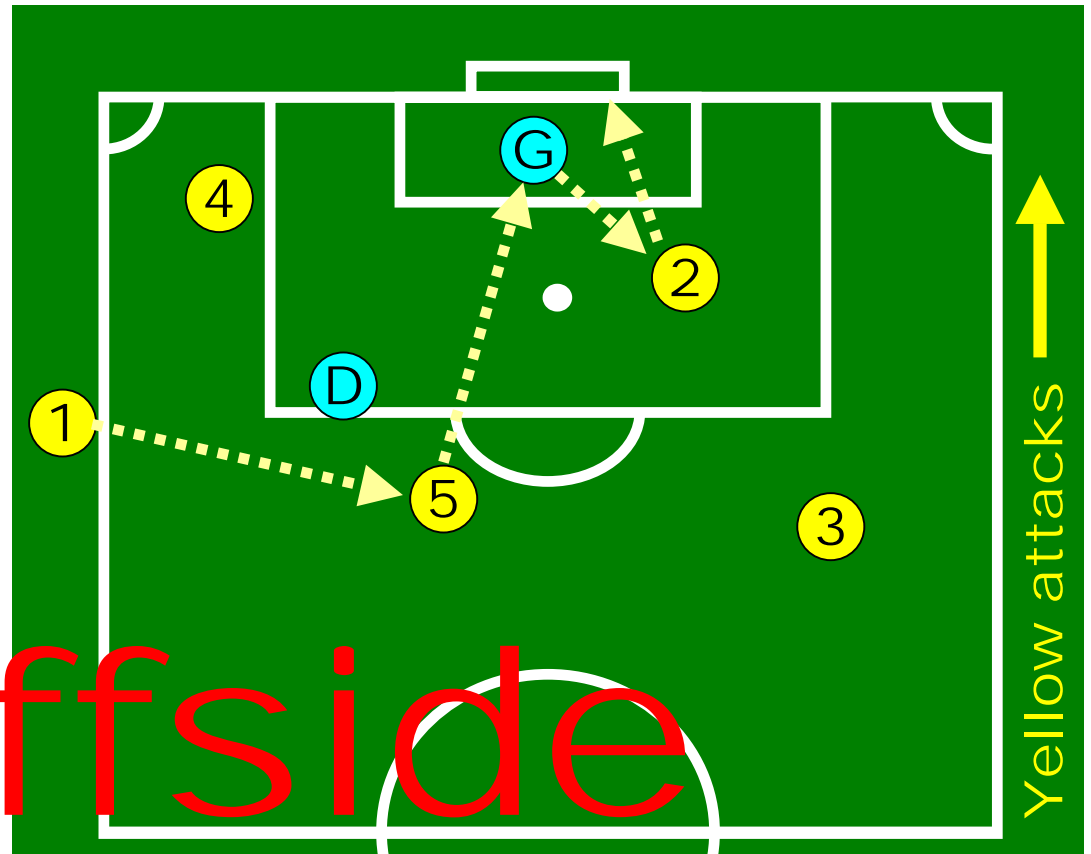


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#6

Player 1 takes a throw-in that goes directly to player 5.

Player 5 takes a shot on goal that rebounds off the keeper to player 2 who scores.



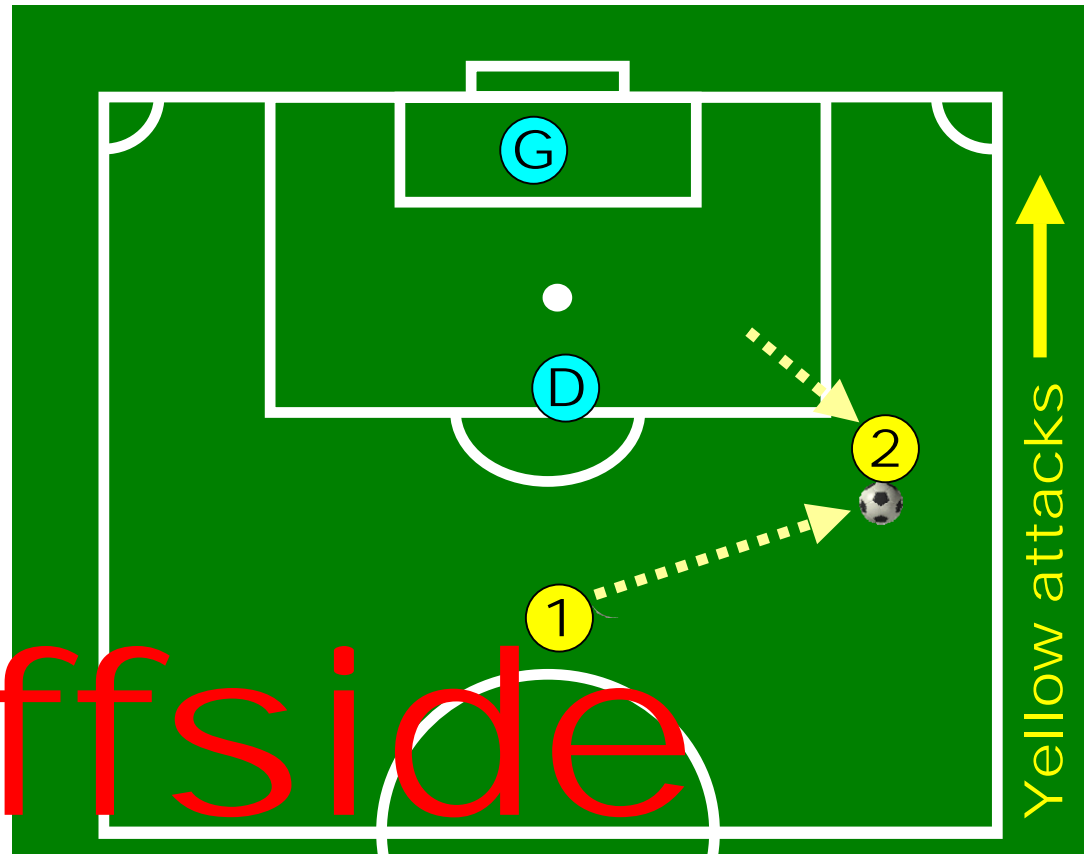
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#7

Player 1 passes the ball wide.

Player 2 runs from behind the defender to receive the ball.

Player 2's first touch on the ball is in an onside position.

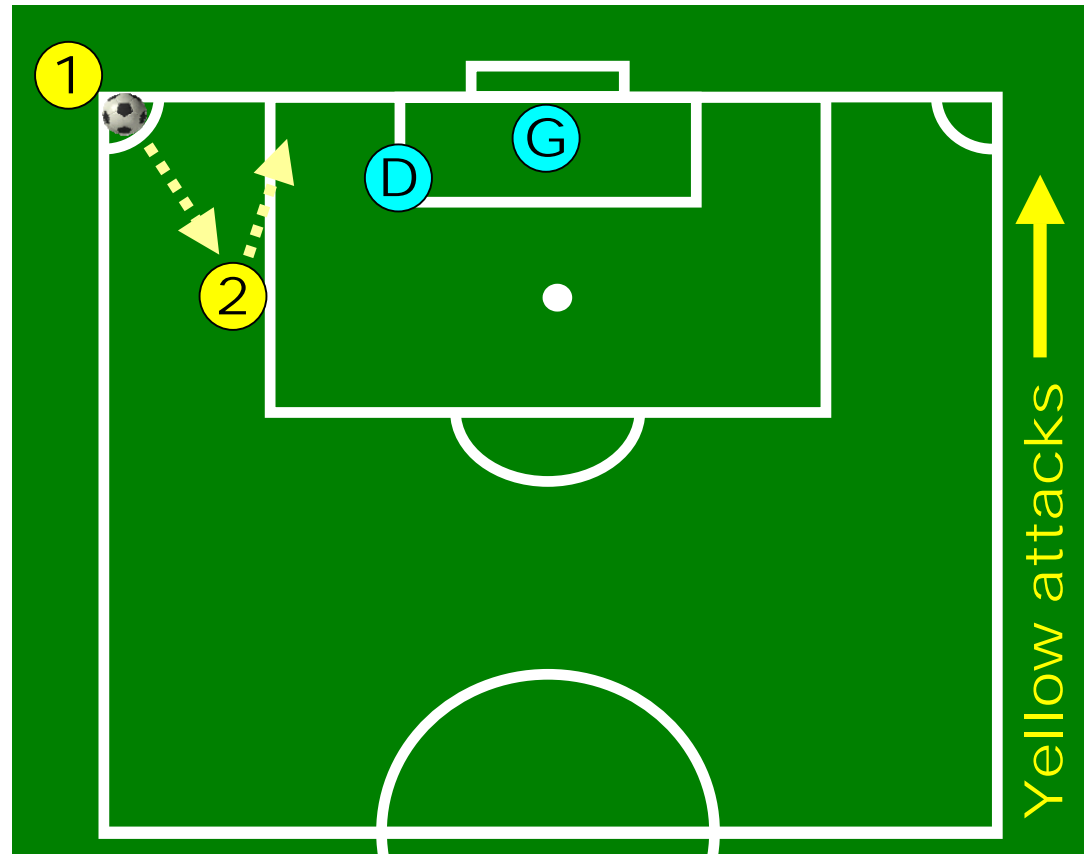


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Player 2 passes the ball back to player 1 who is moving towards goal.

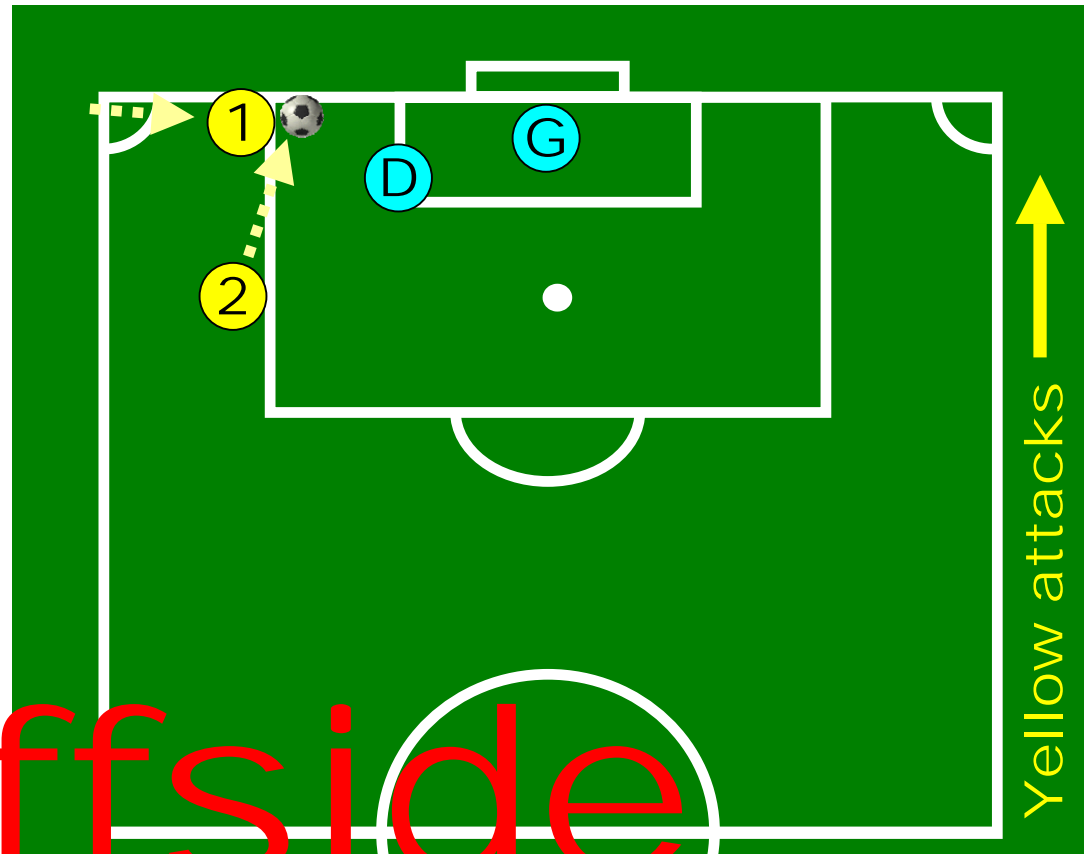


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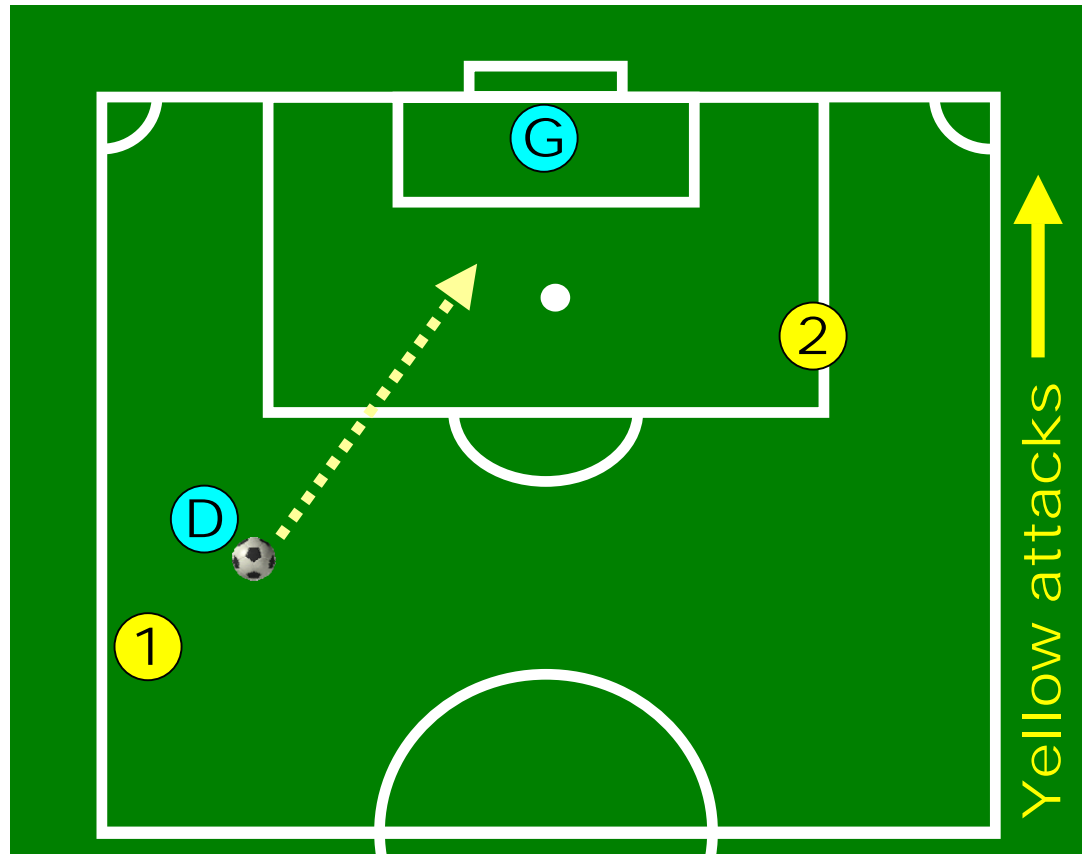


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Player 2 comes from an offside position to intercept the pass and score.

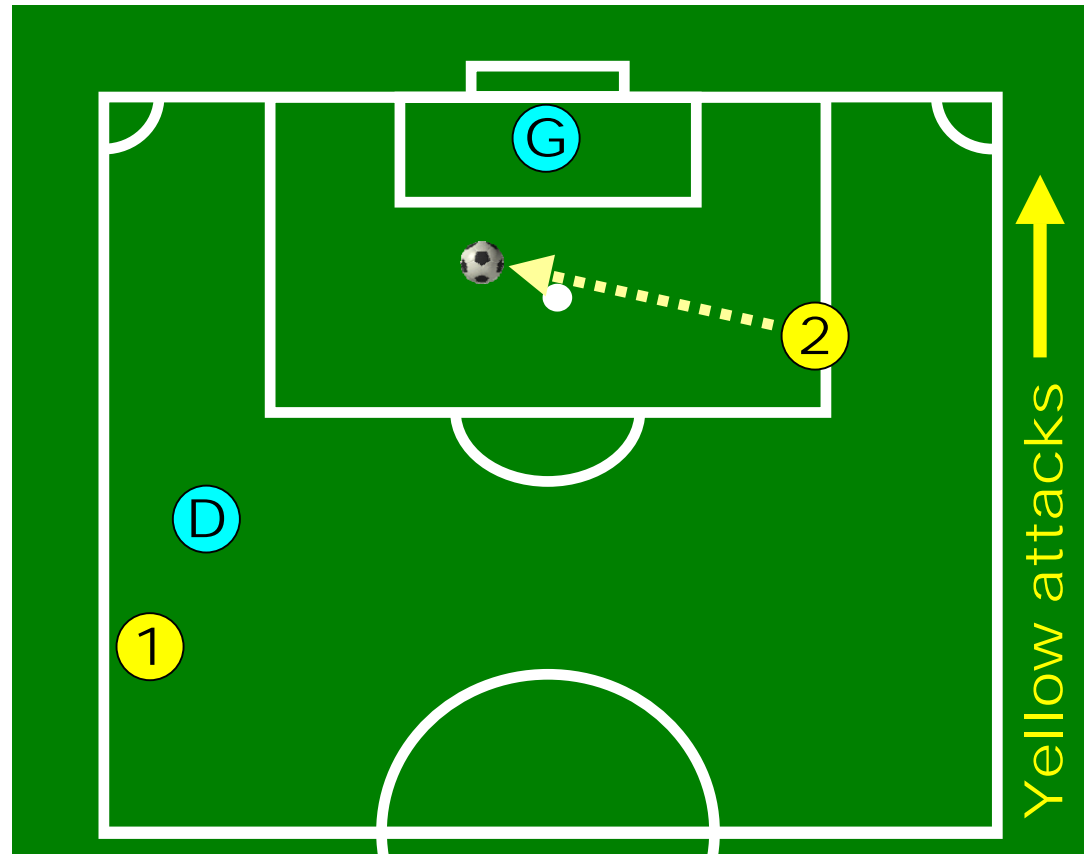


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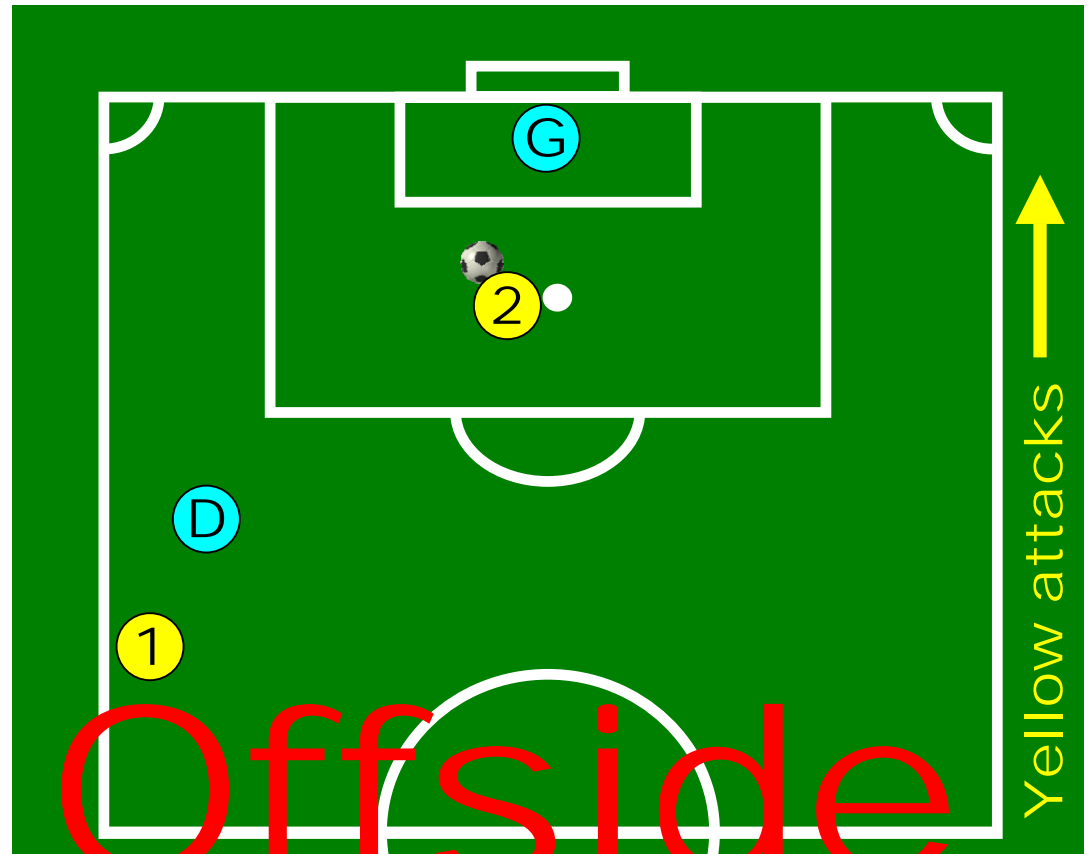
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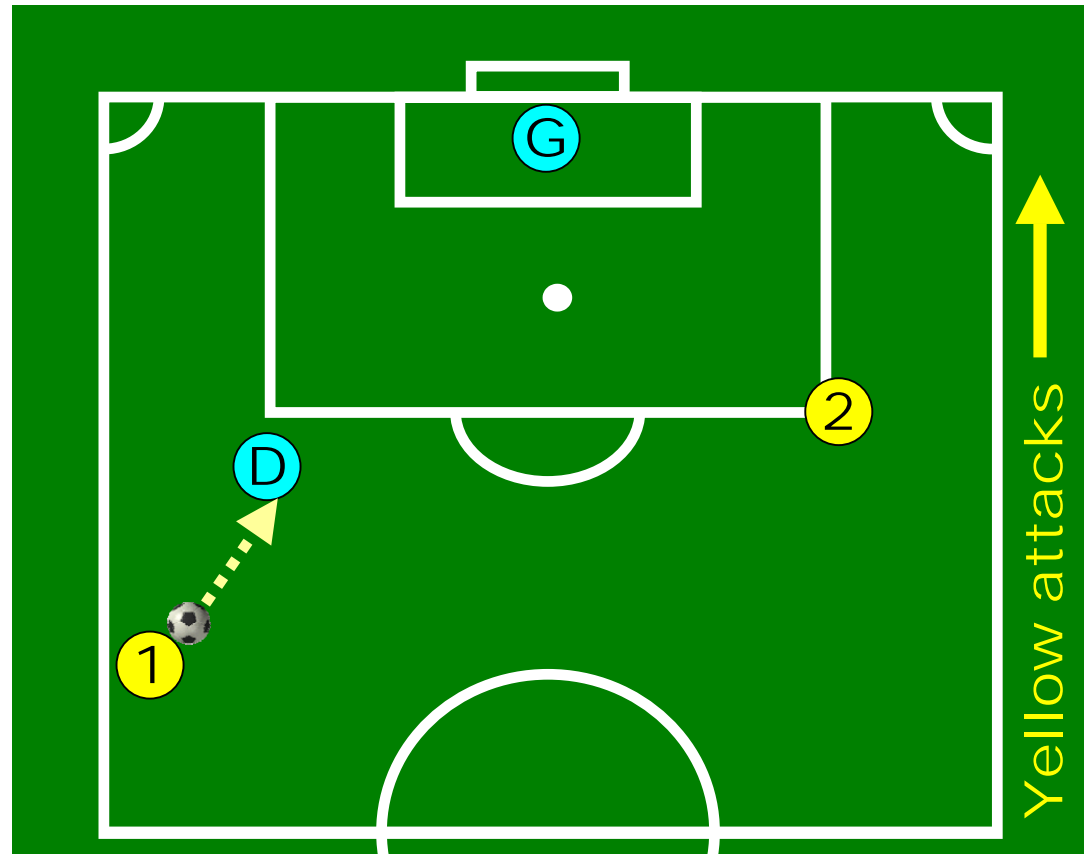


Offside or not?

#10

Player 1 kicks the ball towards goal.

The ball deflects off the defender.



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Player 2 plays the deflected ball.

