



Ainslie Junior Football



Supporting your Child's Team – Parent Roles

Fact Sheet 4 – Boundary Umpire

This Fact Sheet sets out important information that you will need to know if you are performing the role of **Boundary Umpire** for your child's team. If you have any questions please speak to your Team Manager in the first instance.

Role

Your role as Boundary Umpire is to:

- be the sole judge of when the ball is out of bounds – fully crossed the boundary line
- adjudicate whether the ball has gone out of bounds or out of bounds on the full
- throw the ball back into play when out of bounds
- return the ball to the field umpire after a goal is scored; and
- monitor the centre square for players entering or leaving during a centre bounce (see *Central Square Infringements* below)

You will do this by observing and following the play from goal to goal and taking appropriate action.

You will carry out your role on one side of the ground. When two people are available from the team you can share the one side as it is easier to keep up with play.

Equipment

Before the game starts the Team Manager will provide you with a whistle to use while acting as Boundary Umpire. If you have not received your whistle before the start of the game please speak to the Team Manager. Please return your whistle to the Team Manager at the end of the game.

You should wear clothing suitable for running (eg tracksuit pants or shorts, not jeans) together with running shoes or football boots while acting as Boundary Umpire.

Positioning

As a Boundary Umpire you are required to follow the ball from goal to goal, avoid interfering with players and position yourself so that they have a good view of the boundary line when play is close to it.

When play is on the far side of the ground you can move inside the playing area, however no further than your side of the centre square.

You should not place yourself between the players and the ball.

When a player is taking a set shot at goal you should get into a position next to the Behind post.

Note: where there is a dispute, the Goal Umpire's decision over-rides the Boundary Umpire.

Out of Bounds

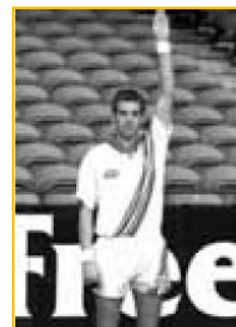
The ball is considered to be out of bounds when it is **completely outside** the boundary line. If any portion of the ball is on or above the line, or rolls onto the line and back into the playing field, it is still in play.

Similarly, if a player is inside the boundary line and holds the ball completely outside the boundary line the ball is out of bounds.

When a player attempts to mark the ball on or before it passes completely outside the boundary line, and the ball rebounds off the player's hands or chest and, is finally held after it has passed completely outside the boundary line, the ball is out of bounds. In such case the ball had not been marked until it was completely outside the boundary line and finally held by the player.

When a ball is out of bounds, you should blow your whistle loudly and signal by extending one arm straight up with an open hand.

After the Central Umpire acknowledges the call you then throw the ball in without waiting for the players to take up positions, at the spot where the ball crossed the boundary line.



You should stand on the boundary line with your back to the arena and throw the ball in over your head towards the centre of the ground. The ball should be thrown in to a distance of between 10-15 metres and not less than 3 metres high.

If the ball is not thrown in to a reasonable height and distance, the Central Umpire may stop play and request that you throw the ball in again.

Out on the Full, but Touched

You should blow your whistle loudly and signal by tapping your hands together above your head with arms vertical. After receiving confirmation from the Field Umpire you receive the ball and throw it back into play from where it crossed the line.

Out of Bounds on the Full

The ball is out of bounds on the full if it:

- has been kicked out
- lands completely outside the line and has not been touched by any player.

In the event that a ball is out of bounds on the full you should blow your whistle loudly and extend both arms horizontally straight out from the shoulder with open hands parallel to the boundary line.



The Central Umpire should confirm the free kick.

Play restarts with a free kick from where you indicate that the ball crossed the boundary line on the full.



A ball that lands on the line and then passes over the line is not out of bounds on the full. Play restarts when you throw the ball in.

Restarting Play with a Free Kick

Play will be started with a free kick when a ball:

- is out of bounds on the full (see above)
- crosses the boundary line from a Kick In after a Behind has been scored, without having been touched by any player.
- hits the Behind Post on the full or goes directly over the Behind Post from a kick without having been touched by a player. In this instance the Goal Umpire will usually indicate out of bounds on the full prior to the Boundary Umpire signalling.

Central Square Infringements

As a Manager-appointed Boundary Umpire you will not be required to monitor central square infringements unless asked to do so by the Central Umpire. If in doubt speak to the Central Umpire.

Should you be required to monitor the central square you need to be aware that four players from each team are allowed in the central square for centre re-starts. Other players are not permitted to enter the square until the ball leaves the Central Umpire's hands in the process of a bounce or a throw-up. A player can lean across a line but if his foot is completely across the line you should blow the whistle and inform the Central Umpire of the offending player. A free kick will then be awarded against that player's team.

Other

After a goal is scored you should help in retrieving the ball and returning it to the Central Umpire.

As a Manager-appointed Boundary Umpire you cannot report any players. If you think an event is serious enough to warrant an investigation you can submit a report to the Club.

As a Boundary Umpire you must not climb over the fence to retrieve a ball. If necessary, ask players/officials in the vicinity to retrieve it.