

# **IOU Officiating Certification**

## **Section 2: Positioning and Procedure**

# Pre-Game Procedures

- Arrive no later than 15 minutes before the game starts
- Make sure to introduce yourself to managers and scorekeeper

# Field Inspection

- Ensure field is free of debris
- Make sure lines are plainly marked and properly measured
- Ensure both goals are regulation size, structurally sound, and centered

# Weather Check

- Check to make sure there is not lightning within 10 miles of playing surface
- Check temperature
  - If heat is too high for your liking, you can enforce water breaks at stoppages
  - If it's too hot or too cold, play may be dangerous and it may be wise to postpone or cancel match
- Check for extreme winds

# Game Sheet

- Have both managers fill out the game sheet with their starting VIII
- Fill out the location and date sections of the sheet

# Scorekeeper

- Ensure scorekeeper has sheet and writing utensil before game
- Make sure scorekeeper knows what to write and how to record statistics

# Meet the Captains

- Bring together the captains for each team
- If there is a certain way you intend to officiate, or anything you would like to emphasize, tell them at this point
- Ask the visiting captain which side of the field they would like to defend, and remember their decision
- Shake each of the players' hands, encourage them to shake each other's, then be on your way

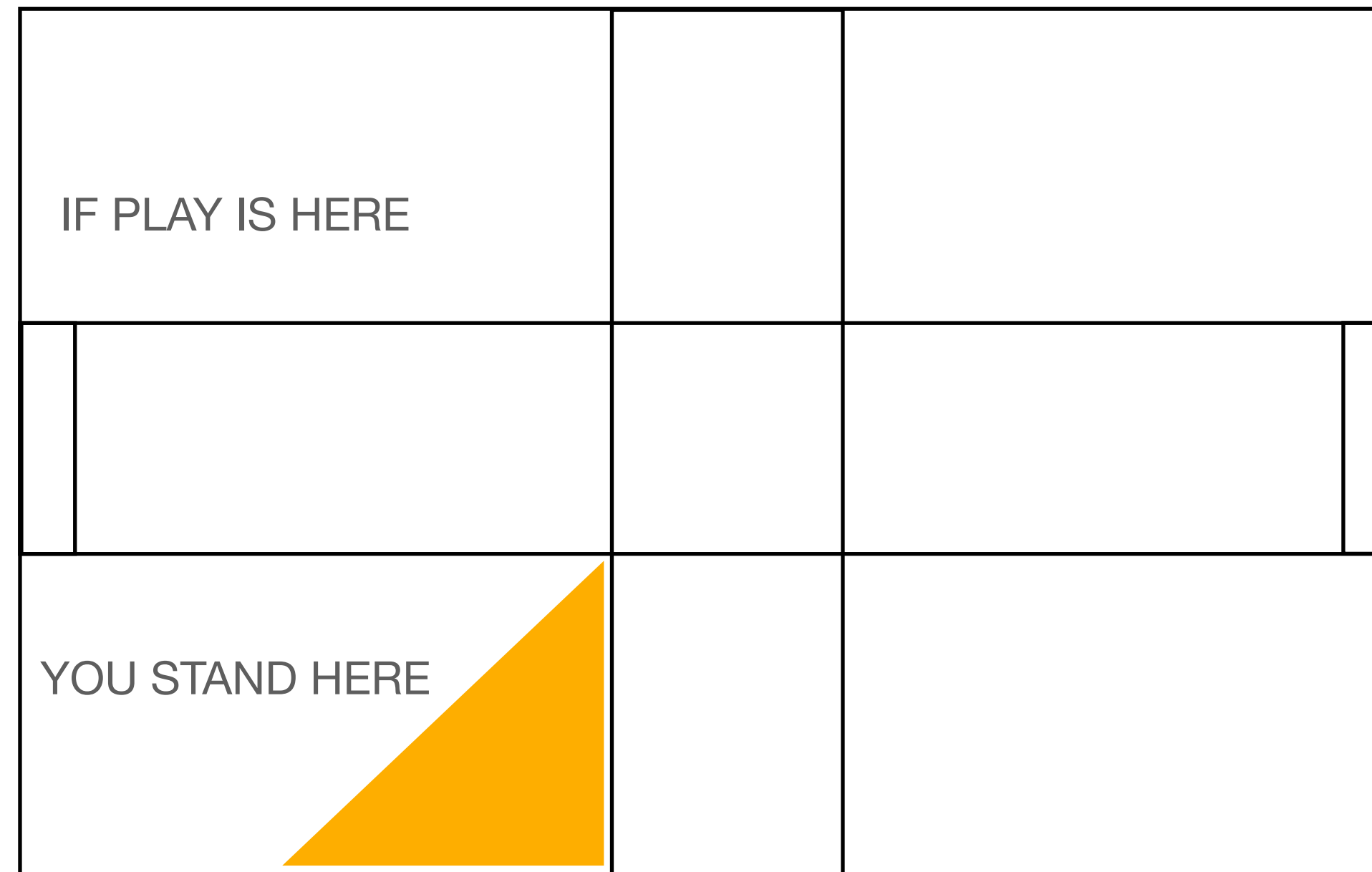
# During Game

- Avoid interfering with play as much as possible
- Try not to let players get behind you
- Communicate with players
- Stay focused on the game
- If the ball hits you, it is still live. Stop play if you have a reaction that propels the ball rather than letting it bounce off of you and re-start it with a face-off
- If the game is interrupted for any reason (such as an animal or spectator interference) stop play and re-start it with a face-off



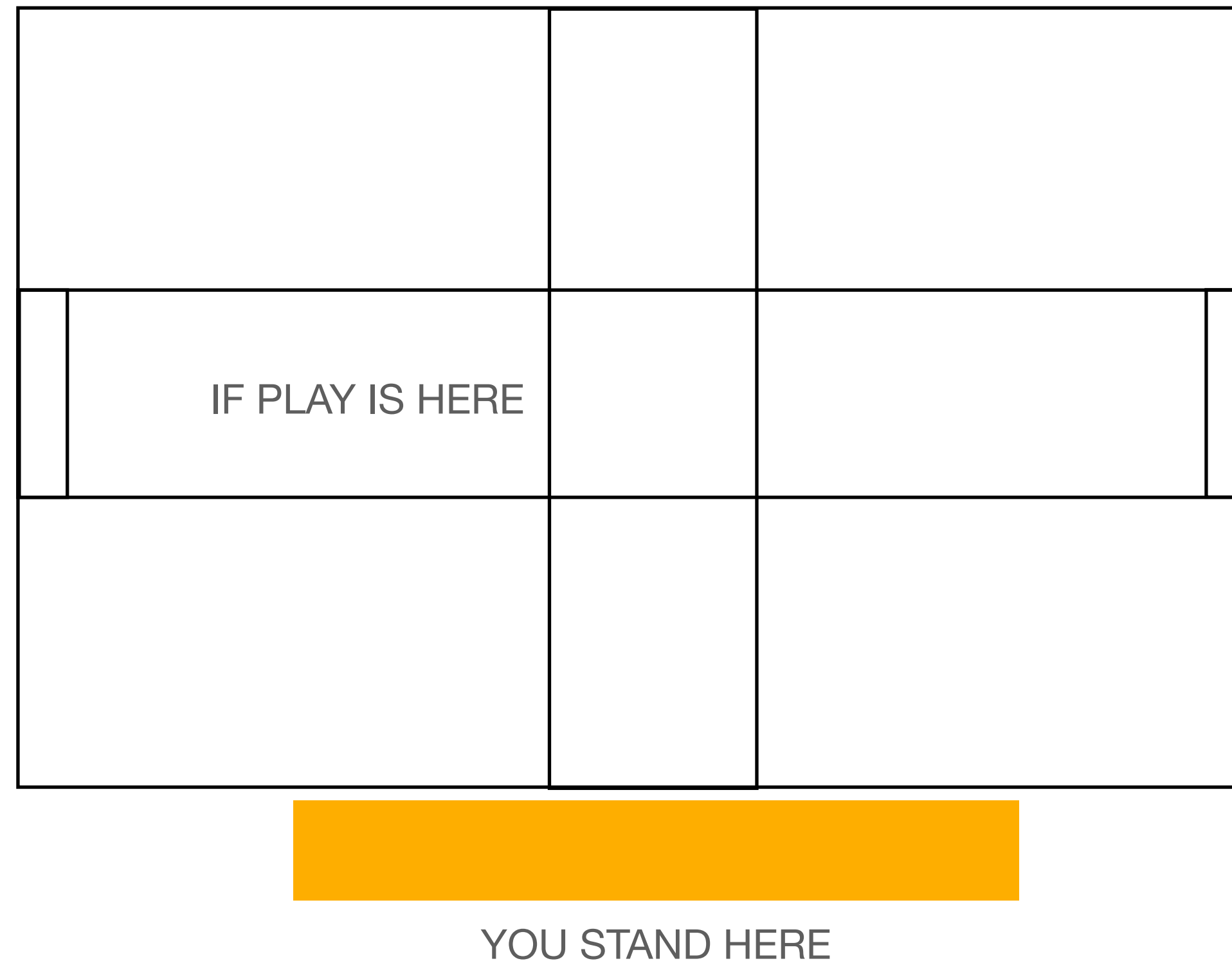
# In-Zone Positioning

- When play is in one side of the field in an offensive zone
- Identify the “Golden Triangle” and stand in it
- Imaginary triangle formed by 45-degree line from center square to sideline on weak side of the field
- From here, you should be able to see play clearly without interfering with it



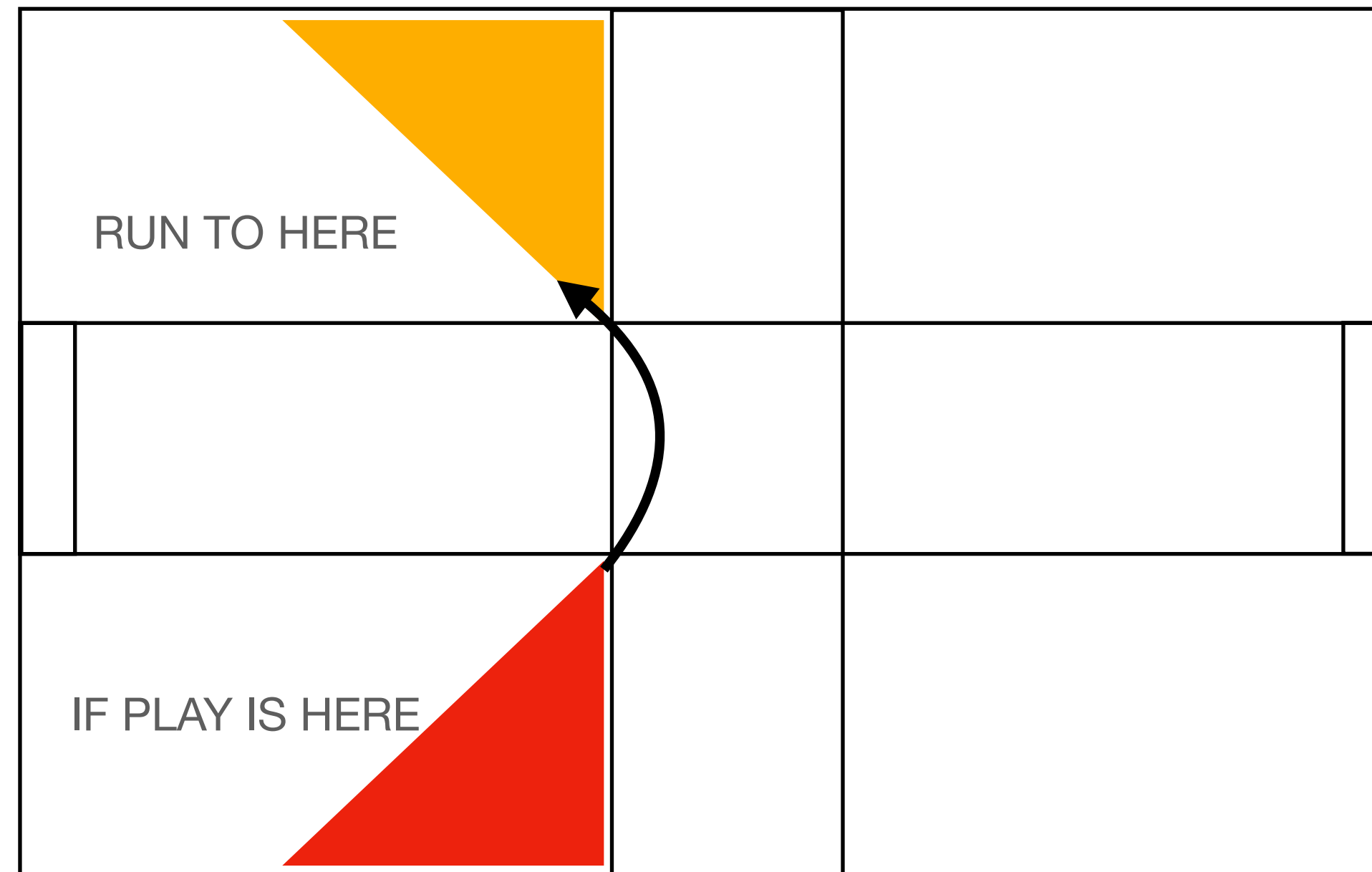
# Transition Positioning

- If play enters the central channel, step off the sideline near the neutral zone
- Stay on the same side of the field as your previous golden triangle



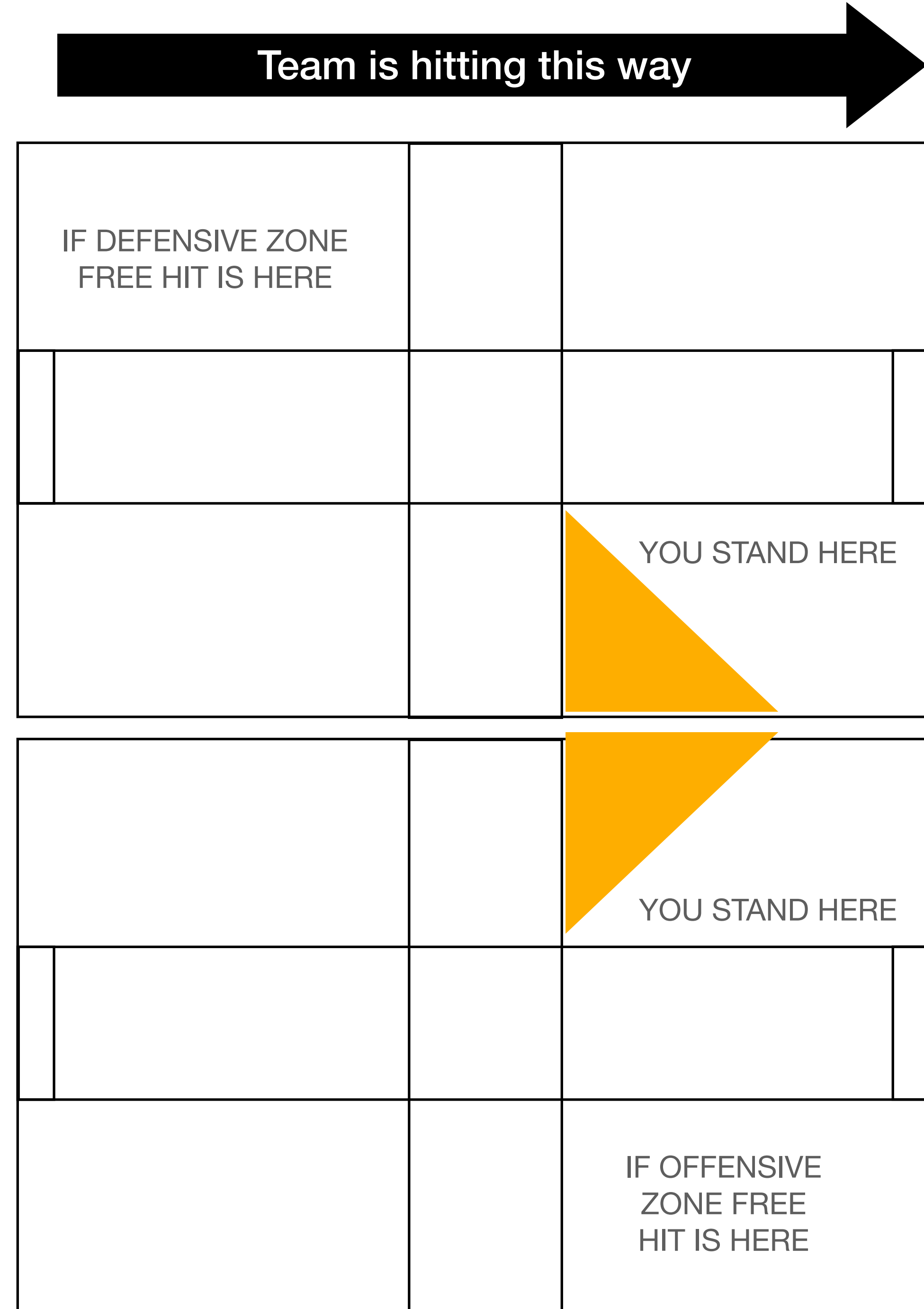
# Switching Sides

- If play switches sides and looks like it will stay, take a path to the opposite side's "golden triangle"
- Cross through the center square
- Cross behind any players



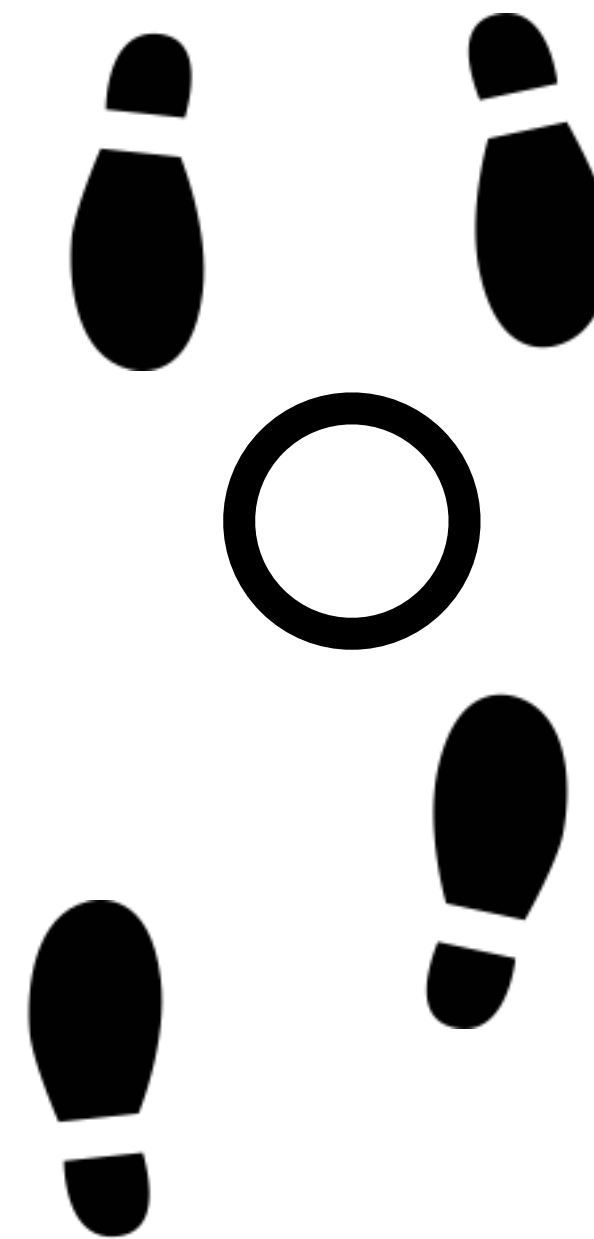
# Free Hit Positioning

- Off of a free hit, you should position yourself in the “golden triangle” away from where the ball is expected to land
- If the ball is struck before you can reach your “golden triangle” just try to avoid the flight path and make your way to the face-off position



# Face-Off Positioning

- Before the face-off, position yourself to the side of the ball. Watch for illegal substitutions
- Once a player from either team lines up, start counting to 10. If the opposite player does not arrive, blow the whistle to start play
- If both players have lined up, make sure their feet are square- both feet's toes should point to the far end line. Neither player's stick should be touching the ball.
- Back away 5 paces, facing the play, and blow your whistle
- If the face-off is near the goal, stand to the side which puts you farther from the goal
- If the face-off is near the sideline, stand off the field of play



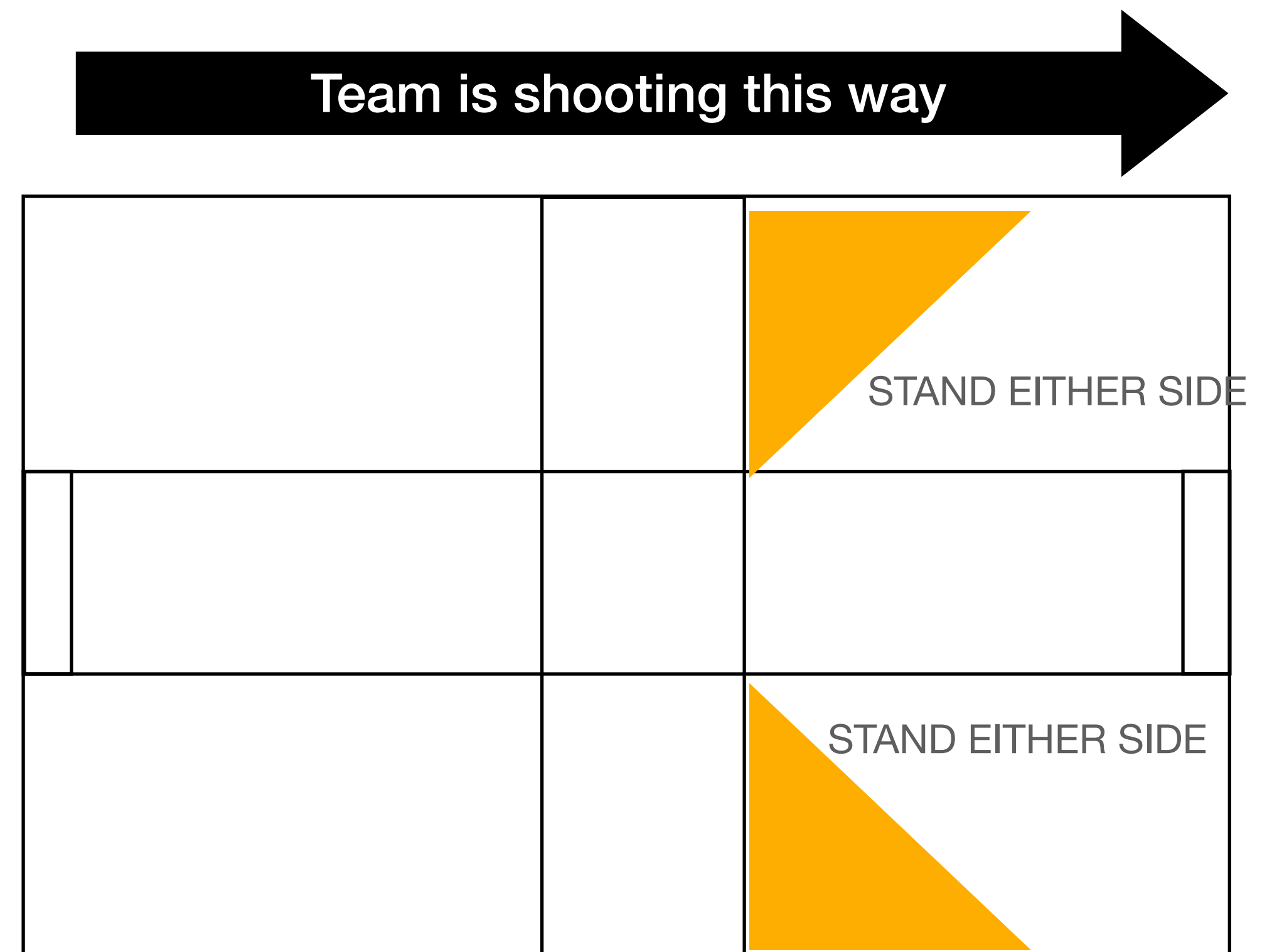
Even with staggered feet, the toes are square



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# Penalty Shot Positioning

- First speak to each team to be sure who is taking the shot and who is defending
- Make sure the defender knows not to leave the crease until the ball is struck
- Make sure the shooter understands how play will proceed
- Once the shooter has spotted the ball, send all other players to the opposite side of the square. Pay close attention to them, they must not infringe into the neutral zone at all.
- Choose a “golden triangle” to either side of the center square, anticipating that play will continue on the shooting side

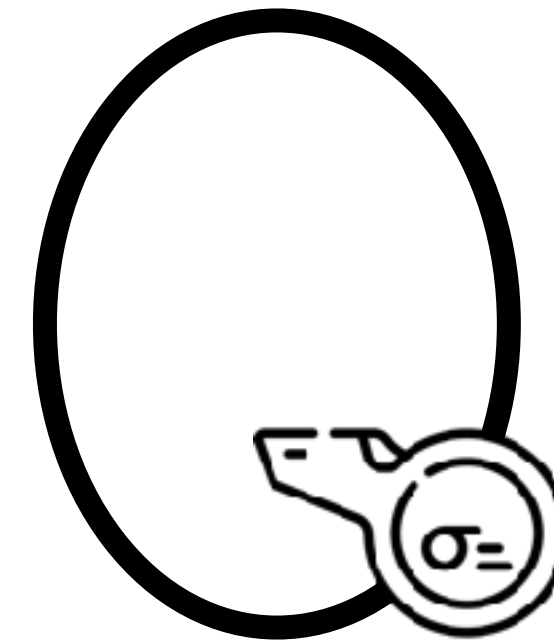


# Hand Signals

- Hand signals make it easier to communicate with far away players and with spectators
- Always communicate verbally too
- Always explain your reason for stopping play (e.g. “Two Touch” or “Foul”)

# Goal

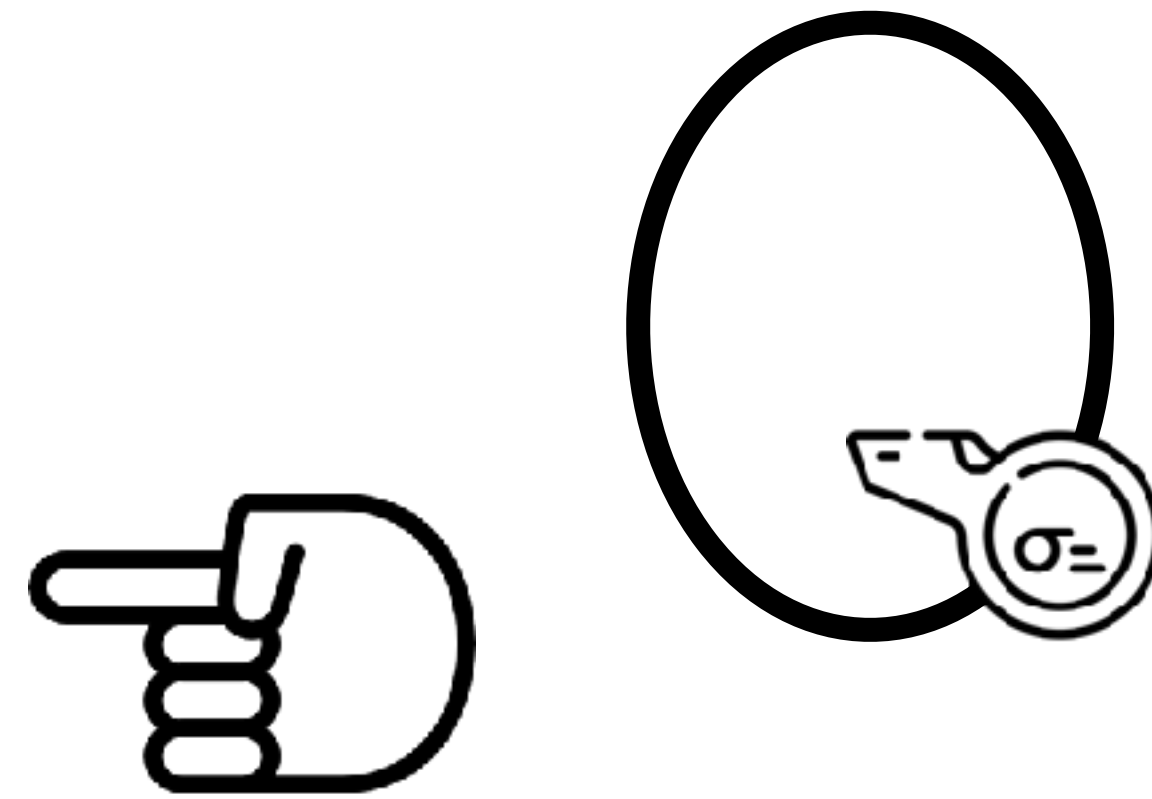
- Open hand with all fingers pointing towards goal





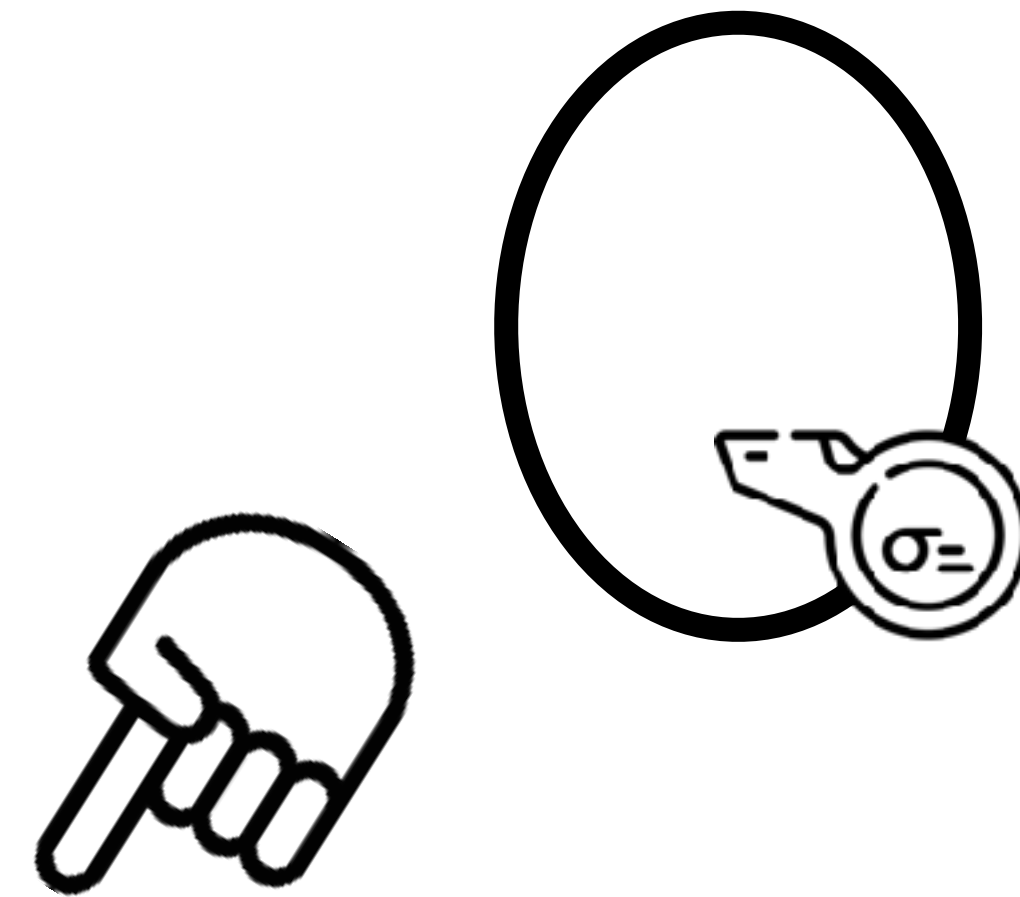
# Free Hit

- One finger point towards the end line of the team which gets the free hit



# Stoppage with Face-Off instead of Free Hit

- One finger points to the ball



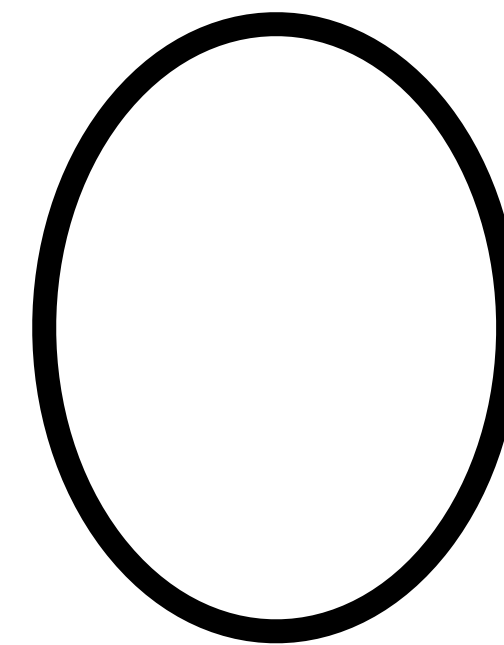
# Time-Out

- One open hand held vertically and one held horizontally to form a “T”



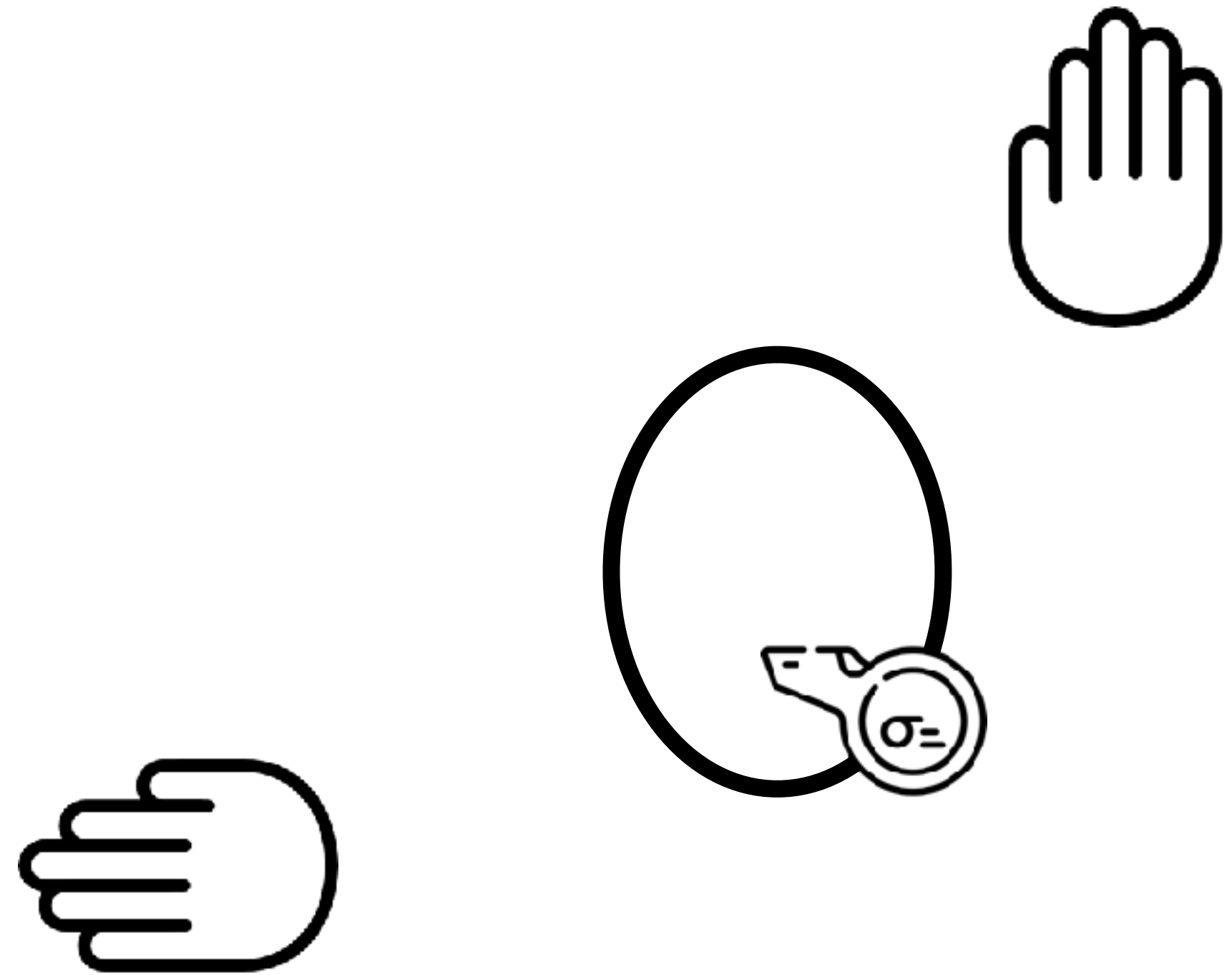
# Delayed Foul

- Arm with open hand held overhead



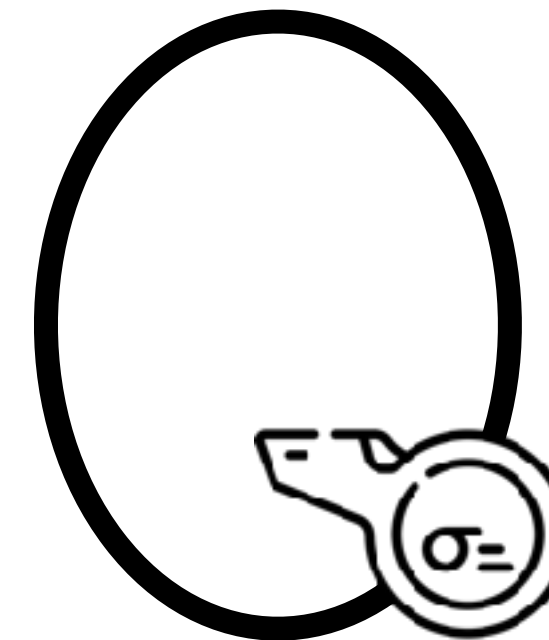
# Foul

- One arm overhead, the other pointing at the offending player
- Both hands open



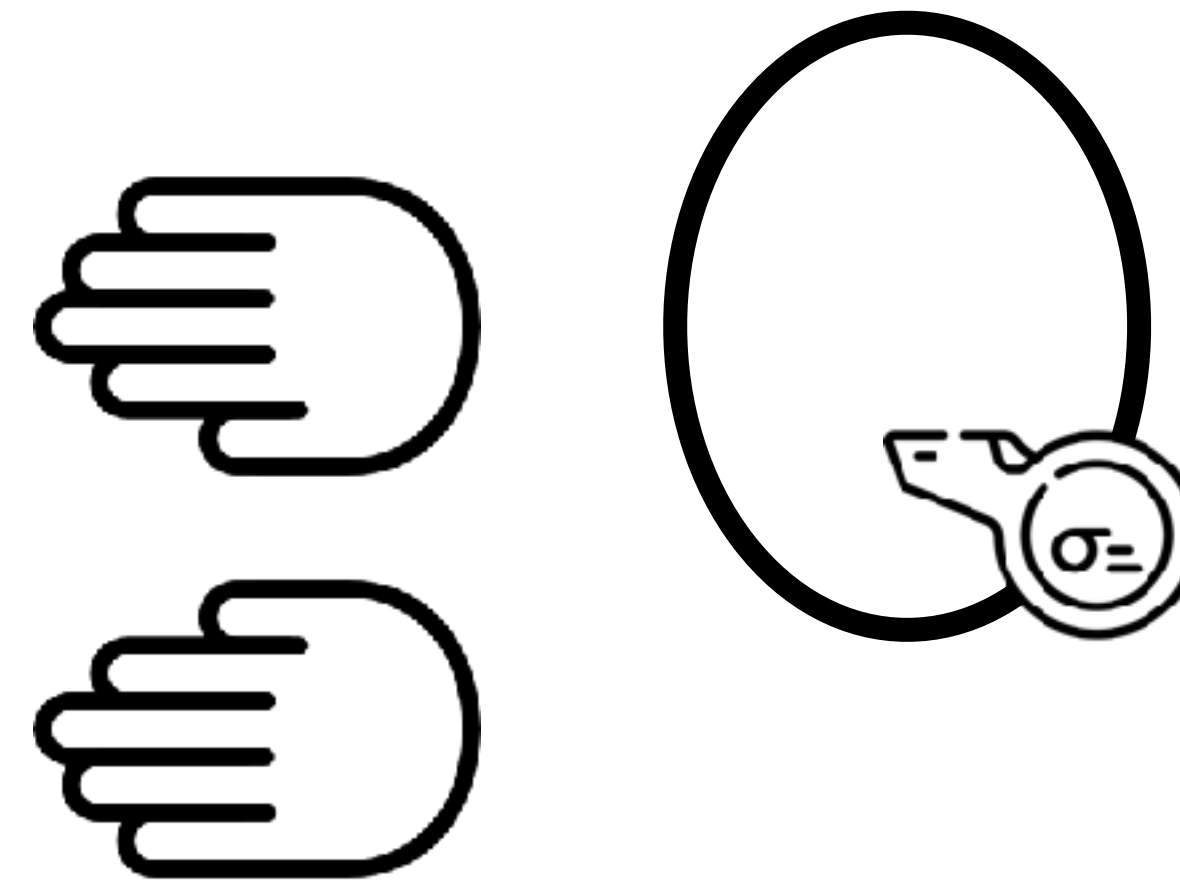
# Minor Foul- Warning

- Both hands raised overhead, facing the bench of the team which committed the foul
- Both hands open



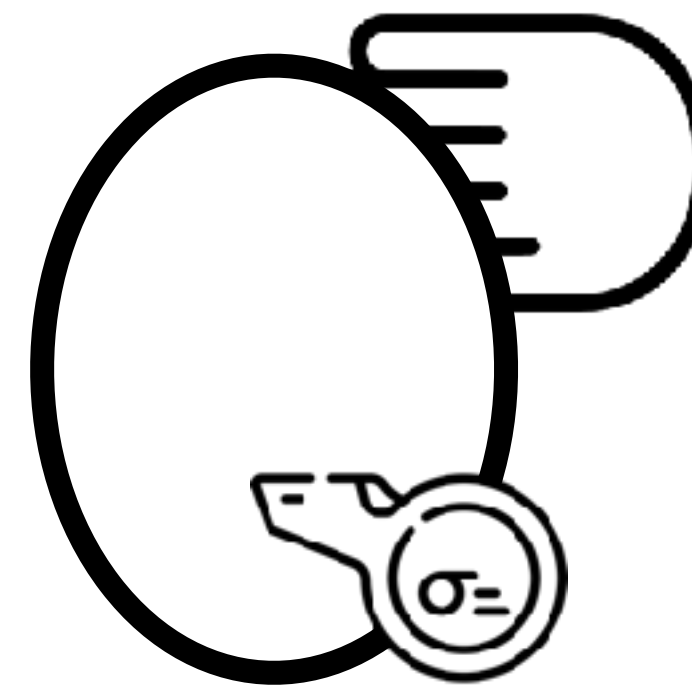
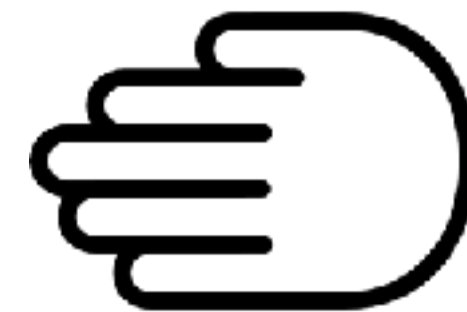
# Foul- Sin Bin

- Both hands point to sin bin area, open hands
- Go to scorekeeper to verbally indicate reason for foul and length of foul



# Match Foul- Ejection

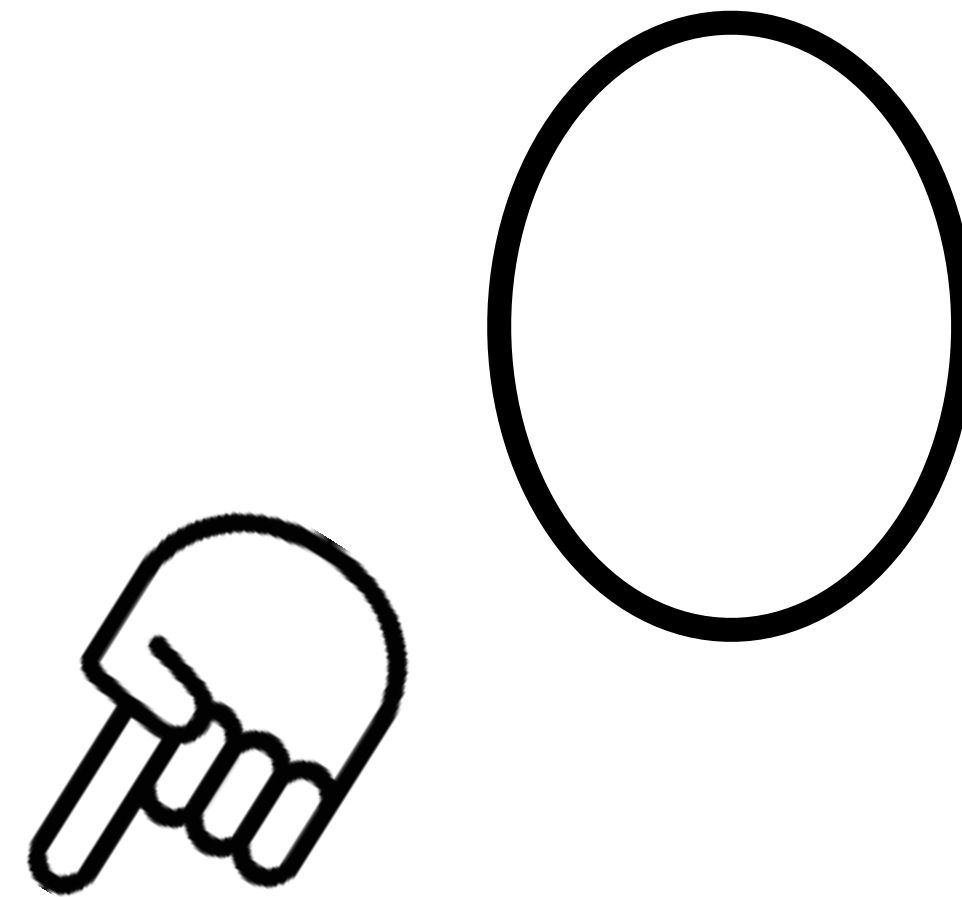
- One hand touching head, other pointing to exit of playing area with open hand





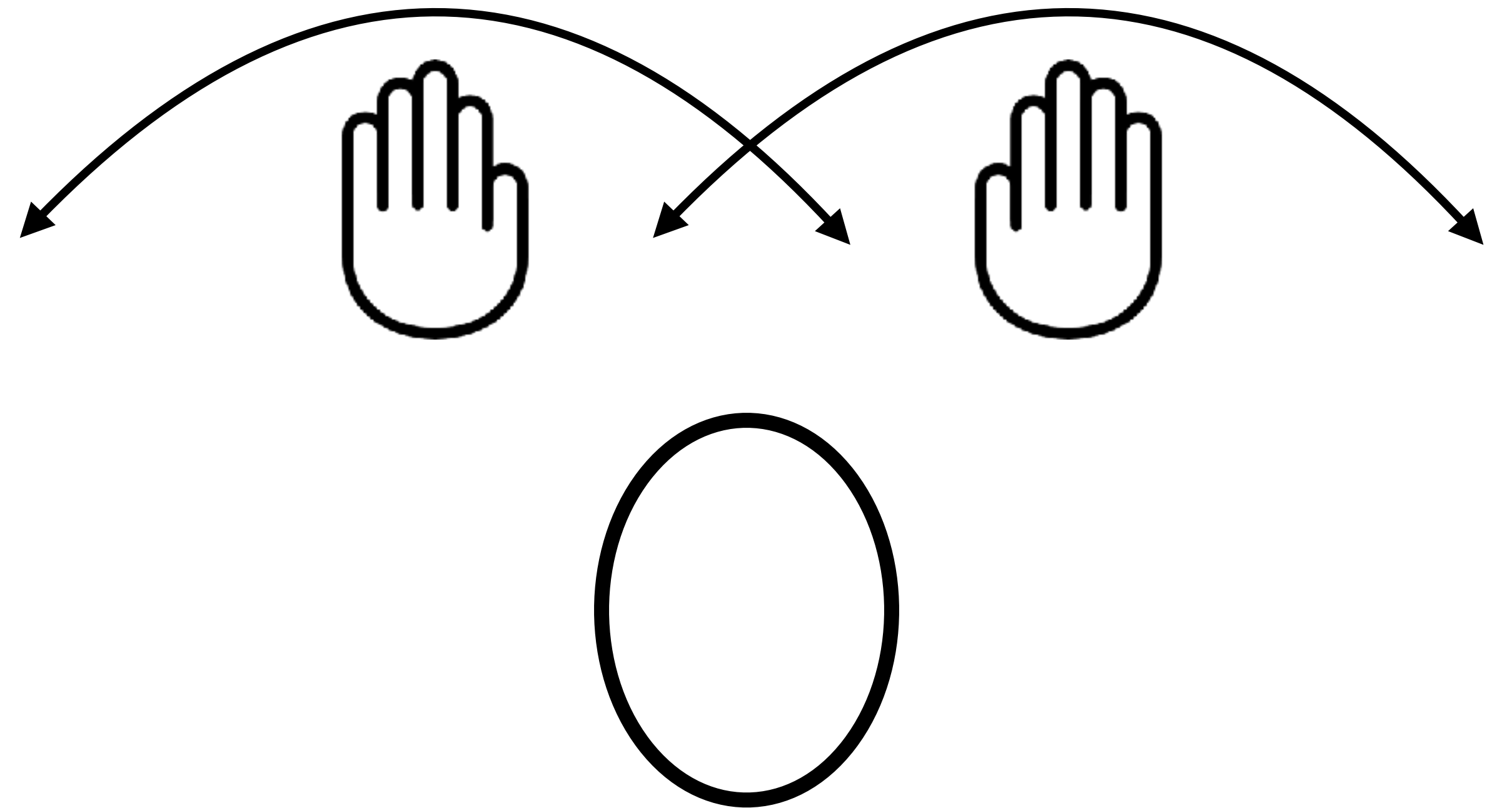
# Penalty Shot

- One finger points to the center square



# Interchange Substitution

- Both hands waved over the head, crossing over each other in the center



# Whistling Procedures

- Start play (face-off, penalty shot): One short whistle
- Stop play: One long whistle

# Post-Game

# End of Game Positioning

- Stand between both benches
- Players or managers may wish to shake your hand, but the purpose of standing in this position is to prevent players from either team from causing problems after the game

# Review of Game Sheet

- Take the scoresheet from the scorekeeper and review it for any notable mistakes
- Correct any mistakes
- Once everything looks good, sign off on the scoresheet. Take a picture of it and e-mail it to your governing body (either the club hosting the event or the league that scheduled the game). The entire document should be readable in the picture.