

RULE 15 – BALL OUT OF PLAY: CEILING OR SIDE

A free kick is awarded:

- to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball when the whole of the ball crosses the touch wall or touches the side netting. The free kick is taken on the restart line, or between the restart line and the touch wall, closest to the point where the ball crossed the touch wall.
- to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball when the ball strikes the netting or structure above the field of play. The free kick is taken at the restart mark at the centre of the defensive line closest to where the ball was last touched or played.

Procedure

- the ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves
- all opponents must be at least 15 feet from the ball

Infringements and Sanctions

If, after the ball is in play, the kicker touches the ball a again before it touches another player, a free kick is awarded to the opposing team, the kick to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred (see Rule 13 – Position of Free Kick).

In the event of any other infringement of this rule:

- the kick is retaken