

## RULE 9 – THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

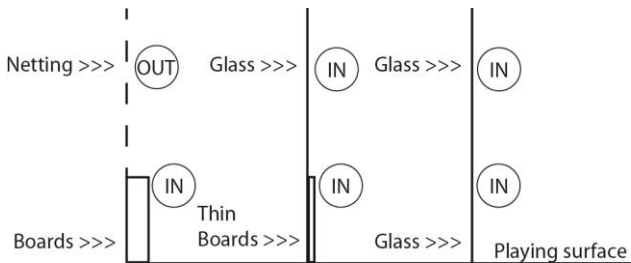
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### Ball Out of Play

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The ball is out of play when:

- play has been stopped by the referee
- it has wholly crossed a perimeter wall, or has touched the side netting
- it strikes the netting or any structure above or overhanging the field of play. This includes any netting at the top of a full-length glass perimeter wall
- The glass above 'thin' boards is now in play, as it is difficult to judge a ball in or out at the joint of boards and glass



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### Ball in Play

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The ball is in play at all other times, including when:

- it rebounds off a goalpost, crossbar or perimeter wall and remains in the field of play
- it rebounds off the referee
- it touches a player who has technically left the field by being within the restart line and between the gates to the bench, and who is being replaced by a substitute, but who is not intentionally interfering with play
- it touches any part of the glass on a full-length glass perimeter wall, or glass above 'thin' boards.