

Better Play, More Fun: Modified Corner Kick Rule



The Rule Change at a Glance



What triggers a Corner Restart?

When the defending team touches the ball last before it crosses their own goal line (without a goal being scored), a corner restart is awarded.

New Ball Placement

The ball is no longer placed at the corner flag; it is now placed 5 yards up the sideline from the corner.



5 Yards
Up Sideline

Choice of Restart

The attacking player can choose to either dribble the ball directly into play or pass it to a teammate.



Why We Changed It



More "Ball-in-Play" Time

By allowing dribble-ins and moving the placement, restarts are quicker, reducing stagnant time during the match.

Increased Player Touches

The rule encourages more movement and active engagement, ensuring players get more experience with the ball at their feet.



Safety and Enjoyment

Simplified restarts reduce confusion for young players, focusing the experience on fun and skill development.

On-Field Execution



The Referee's Signal

The referee will clearly signal for a corner, and the ball must be placed at the designated 5-yard mark.

Defensive Positioning

Just like other restarts, defenders must give appropriate space to the player taking the corner.



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Additional Information?

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