

1. Player Standing the Mark

The defending Player will only be permitted to stand (or jump up and down vertically) on a fixed location denoting the mark as directed by the umpire.

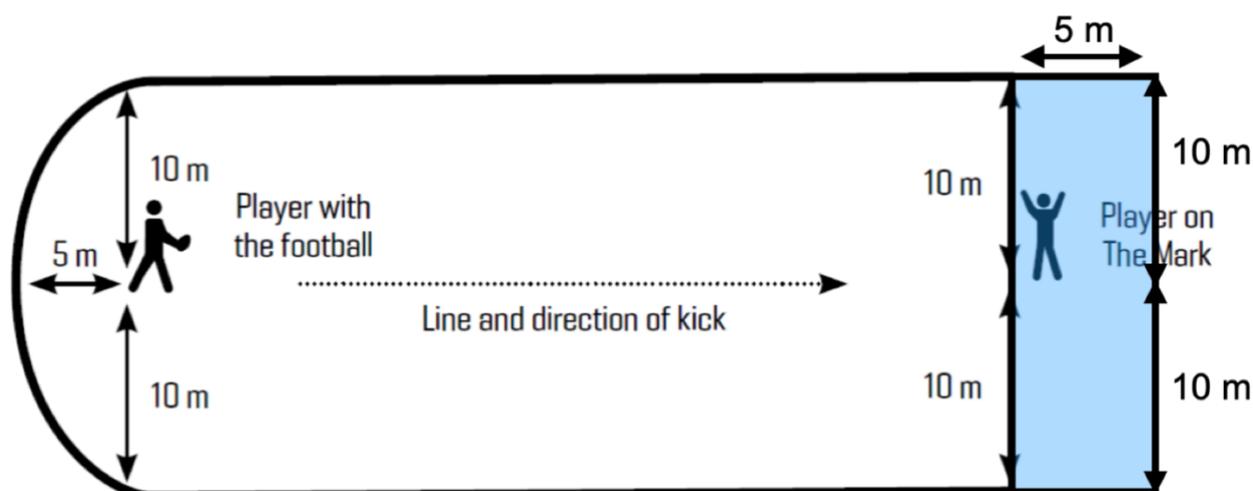
If the defending player moves off the mark in any direction prior to "Play On" being called, a 50-metre penalty will apply.

The defensive team is unable to substitute the player on the mark.

There is an additional protective area behind the player on the mark. No player can enter this area.

Umpire Application:

1. Once the mark has been determined, the umpire will yell out "stand" so the player knows the mark is fixed. Umpires will also use hand indication to match the "stand" call
2. If the defending player is in the protected area when the umpire yells out "stand" (eg; infringing player or in the marking contest) they will not be allowed to move from the mark until the disposal occurs, or "play on" is called by the umpire. Ie: they can't leave or be replaced on the mark by another player (No handovers).
3. If no opposition player is inside the PA or nominated by an umpire to "stand" they do not have to attend the mark (obviously the PA rules apply).
4. The only movement the player on the mark can make is jumping up and down on the spot. No lateral, forward or back displacement.
5. There is now a protected area behind the player on the mark (see figure below). No player is to enter this area so no shepherding on the mark can occur. Ie; a set shot on goal will have one stationary player on the mark and everyone else outside the protected area.
6. For DOOB, OOB on the full and shots on goal, the sport for the mark will be as directed by the umpire.
7. Players who are located laterally outside the 10m PA are allowed to move freely.
8. The penalty for breaching any of the above is a 50m penalty.



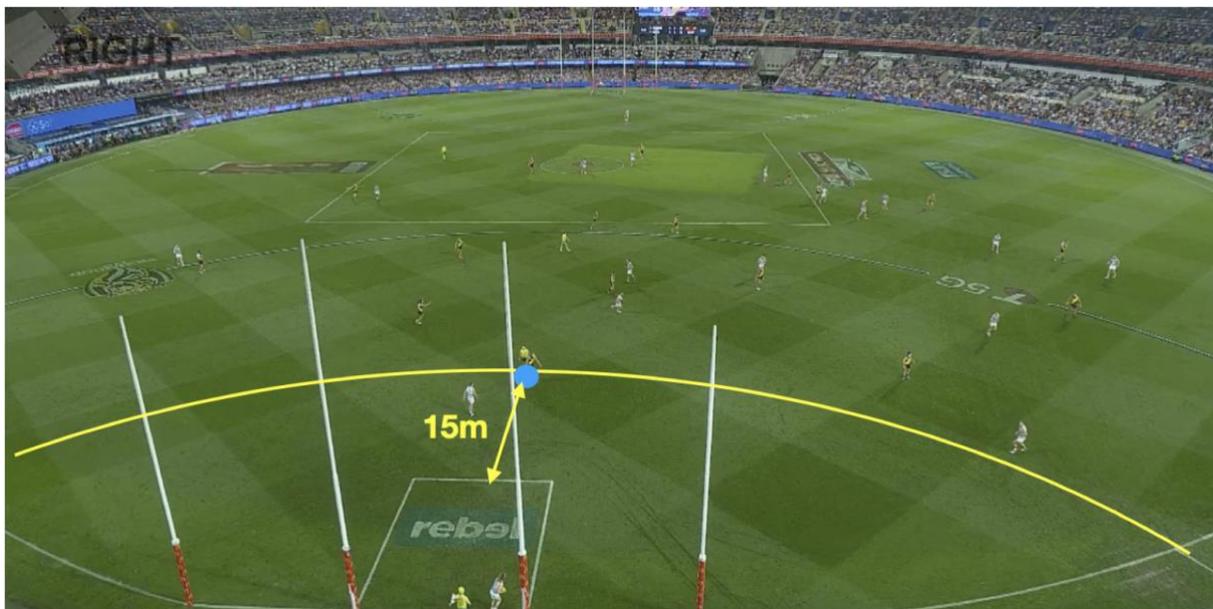
2. Location of The Mark at Kick Ins

The Mark shall be set at 15m from the centre of the kick-off line towards the centre of the ground at Kick Ins. This was previously set at 10m.

The protected area will extend to as shown in the diagram below, all players will be required to clear the protected area.

If a 50m Penalty is applied the mark will be advanced 50 metres (74m from the goal line)

All other rules from the 2020 will apply



2021 RULE ADJUSTMENT FAQ's

Please find below FAQs for the new Rule Adjustments relating to Standing on the Mark and Bringing the Ball into Play after a Behind

| QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| The umpire sets up behind the mark so as to not block the player if a quick play on occurs. Players often then step back toward the umpire in such instances. If the umpire has called 'stand', yet the player takes 2-3 steps back toward the umpire. Is this OK? | Once the umpire uses the term "stand", the player should not move. Misunderstanding is not an excuse and a 50m penalty will apply. |
| Where is the mark set when a FK or mark 1m inside field of play is paid? | At the spot of the FK or mark (i.e., 1m inside) |
| Where is the mark set when a FK is awarded for "OOB on the full" or "insufficient intent"? | The mark is set on the actual spot of where the ball crossed the boundary line. |
| Once an umpire calls "stand" to a specific player on the mark, is he allowed to be swapped with another player? | No |
| Is the player on the mark allowed to be swapped when a 50m penalty is implemented? | Yes |
| What happens when the player on the mark sets up 2–3m laterally off the mark i.e., on a 45 degree angle? | If the player cribs the spot of the mark, 50m needs to be paid for cribbing or encroachment of the mark. If a player sets up 2 – 3 m laterally off the spot of the mark, and the umpire is unable to get the player on the correct spot (due to time, distance from play, not obvious etc), the umpire will call 'stand' and the PA will be adjusted to the new mark. |
| Does the umpire have to get the player with the ball to be in-line with the goals, therefore slowing the play up? | Time will dictate whether this is possible or not. Similar to previous seasons, umpires don't have to be pedantic with this (with exception of a shot on goal) so in short, if a player is not obviously off the correct line of kick, there is no need to stop the play to get player on the correct line. |
| If a player chooses not to go to the mark, how far back from the actual spot do they need to be before they're allowed to 'move'? | Players have to be outside the 5m PA behind the spot of the mark and 10m laterally off the mark. |
| The blue dot for kick ins is now at 15m from the top of the goal square. So when/if a player stands on the 'blue dot', they're on the mark and therefore have to 'stand'. However, if a player elects not to stand on the blue dot | The players simply need to be outside the PA to be free to move (the lined arc in diagrams). |

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| how far behind it would they have to be to be free to move? | |
| Can an opponent stand just behind the player on the blue dot to block them when play on is called, given that there doesn't seem to be a 5m extension of the PA behind the player on the mark at a kick in? | Yes |
| Where is the PA now at a kick in from behind? Is it the media line that runs off the boundary line? Can an umpire pay a mark that travels 15m but is within PA? | The PA will be an imagery arc from 15m from one behind post, to the blue dot, and then around to the opposite point 15m from the other behind post. Yes – you a mark can be paid that travels 15m and is within the PA. |
| Can an offensive player come into the PA to receive a forward handball or run through the PA to receive a handball? | Consistent with previous seasons, umpires will do their best to clear the PA. A player cannot accept a handball through the player on the mark and kicker, but it is permitted if a teammate wraps around the kicker (and now behind the player on the mark). |
| If the mark is free, how long will the umpire give the player to come in to stand the mark? | As long as the player comes to stand the mark from outside the PA a player can attend the mark at any time (same as in 2020). |
| In what circumstances can there be a 'switch' of the player on the mark? | If all players vacate the spot of the mark immediately without the umpire having a chance to say 'stand', any player can then become the player on the mark as long as they adhere to the PA rules. But in short, once an umpire has said 'stand' no switching is allowed. |