

Crease Dives

Rule 4-9-2-n. Goal Not Awarded if an attacking player **deliberately** leaves his feet by jumping or diving and **his momentum** carries him into the crease area, regardless of where he lands in the crease, **before or after** the ball enters the goal (See also Rule 4-20-1 Crease Prohibitions).

No Goal Scenarios:

- Player A1 advances towards goal, leaves his prior to, or in while in the act of shooting. A1 first lands/touches within the crease before or after the ball crossed the goal line. **No Goal**
- A1 dives or jumps into the crease area and is illegally pushed or checked while ball is in the air and scores. **No Goal, Flag Down, assess penalty, Team A's ball.**
- A1 dives or jumps into the crease area and is legally pushed or checked while ball is in the air and scores. **No Goal, Team B's ball.**
- A1 dives or jumps into the crease area and is illegally pushed or checked while ball is in the air and does not score. **Assess penalty, Team A's ball.**
- A1 dives or jumps into the crease area and is legally pushed or checked while ball is in the air and does not score. **Play on or Team B's ball.**

- A1 dives or jumps OVER the crease with potential to land outside the crease and is legally checked (first lands) into the crease. **No goal if ball enters goal. Play on or Team B's ball if ball does not enter goal.**
- A1 dives or jumps OVER the crease with potential to land outside the crease and makes contact with, or is contacted by the GK, who is in the crease. **No goal if ball enters goal. Play on or Team B's ball if ball does not enter goal.**
- A1 jumps or dives, shoots and scores and lands or 'first touches' outside the crease. **Count the Goal for Team A.**
- A1 dives or jumps or dives outside crease area and is illegally pushed or checked while ball is in the air and scores.
 - **Flag Down, No Goal if A1 lands in crease PRIOR to ball crossing**
 - **Flag Down, Count Goal if A1 lands in crease AFTER ball crosses. Assess penalty (live ball personal foul) or waive flag (technical foul)**
- A1 advances, shoots and scores and subsequently runs through or falls into crease (never left his feet to go airborne). **Goal Counts! Play was over when ball crossed.**

Officiating Around the Crease

- **Player In The Crease. Ask: HOW DID HE GET THERE?**
- **Player advances toward crease/covering official: OFFICIATE THE FEET**

- **Player advances toward crease/away from covering official: OFFICIATE THE BACK**

- **If lead official is not 100% sure how he got there (crease), look to partner**
 - **No response from partner – call crease violation**
 - **Partner provides “push” signal – call push (loose ball)**
 - **Note: If OFF official knows it’s a push THEN MAKE THE CALL! Don’t leave partner in a bind. Bail him out and sell the call.**

- **Team B (defensive team) commits a foul – push, hold, interference, that causes attacking team to enter crease = Throw & Blow. THIS IS SIMULTANEOUS TECHNICAL FOULS. Team B serves 30, Team A gets ball**

- **You can NEVER award a goal if an attacker is in the crease prior to the ball entering the ball even if he was put there illegally.**

- **Lead official position yourself as close to the crease as possible without interfering with play-of-the game and players buzzing the ‘hive’.**

- **Trail official has about a 1%-5% chance of making a crease call, and only when a violation has occurred on the Trail’s side of the field and is 100% OBVIOUS that Team A was in crease and gained and/or advantage.**

- **Signaling goal:**
 - **If Lead is pushed out away from crease, blow whistle, angle towards players in front of crease area, signal goal, then retrieve ball**
 - **If Lead is close to or advancing towards crease, blow whistle, step into crease, angle towards players in front of crease, signal goal, then retrieve ball**

- **DO NOT** run into crease, blow whistle, grab ball, signal goal
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- **DO NOT** turn 90-degrees looking up field (at nothing) while signaling goal

- **Flags Down Around Crease**
 - **Throw flag Immediately** if Shooter/Scorer was illegally fouled
 - **Don't throw flag** if goal is scored and flag was not thrown immediately for loose ball push – Avoid the “and one” expectation
 - **Coach asks: “Yes, coach he was pushed, flag is waived anyway”**
 - **Remember: He is the “Happy” coach. He gets a goal. You make the Happy coach less happy when you provide him reason that there's more to it than just the goal.**