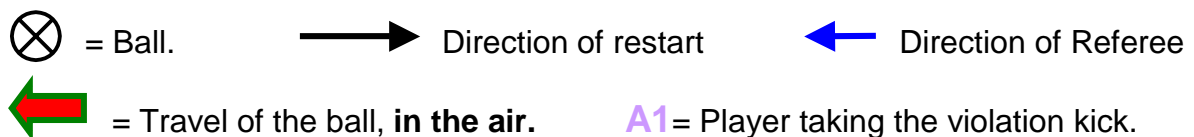


Three-Line Violation



While most facilities have eliminated the three-line violation, it may be in-use for tournaments or at some indoor facilities. Referees are advised to check the "house rules" before they attempt to officiate, especially if they are new to a facility.

In the example above, A1 has kicked the ball **IN THE AIR** completely over the three lines that comprise the center of the field area. It does not matter whether the ball was live, in-play, or that the restart was from a dead-ball. What matters is that the ball clears three lines completely in the air. R2, in proper position to see that the kick started from his side of the zone line, would raise his/her arm straight up --- to signal to R1, at the lead, that the kick originated from within the first zone. R1, in proper position in line with the last zone line, will clearly be able to determine if the ball goes completely over the third line. If it does, as this case illustrates, R1 then blows the whistle to stop play. R1 retrieves the ball and then tosses it to R2 who has gone to the center of the nearest zone line from where the kick began. R1, would then sprint on ahead to take up his/her position as the lead referee for the restart kick. R2, after placing the ball, has the restart whistle....and then would move wide and away from the ball, to take up the trail position opposite R1.