



Umpires Positioning and Movement

1. Keep level with or slightly ahead of play, including restarting.
2. Maintain a wide angle of vision – know where to look and what to look for, take a step back.
3. Read the game and play and move accordingly.
4. Movement to goal line is consistent throughout the game.
5. Get to the goal line before or as the ball arrives in circle.
6. Use space behind goal line to widen vision.
7. Readjust position quickly when play changes direction or pace, including the goal line.
8. Vary foot patterns: cut the corner, position and reposition. Avoid a wide stance.
9. After a goal is scored take the shortest route back to centre by cutting the corner.
10. When cutting the corner in play use your change of pace and make sure that you do not interfere in any way with the players moving to and from the goal line.
11. Good positioning to give accurate Throw in decisions and in a position to take a Toss up especially if you are the nearer umpire.
12. When play is in the other half move to the transverse line to be ready for any appeal or request from your co-umpire.
13. Keep outside the court, except to take a Tossup.
14. Fitness.

Whistle protocol

Warning Whistles before play is to restart:

30 seconds – medium whistle roll.

10 seconds – more urgent whistle.

Start of play (beginning of quarter/half or following a stoppage);
Slightly longer whistle than for an infringement.

Stoppage for injury/illness:

Medium whistle roll

End of quarter/game:

Long whistle roll.