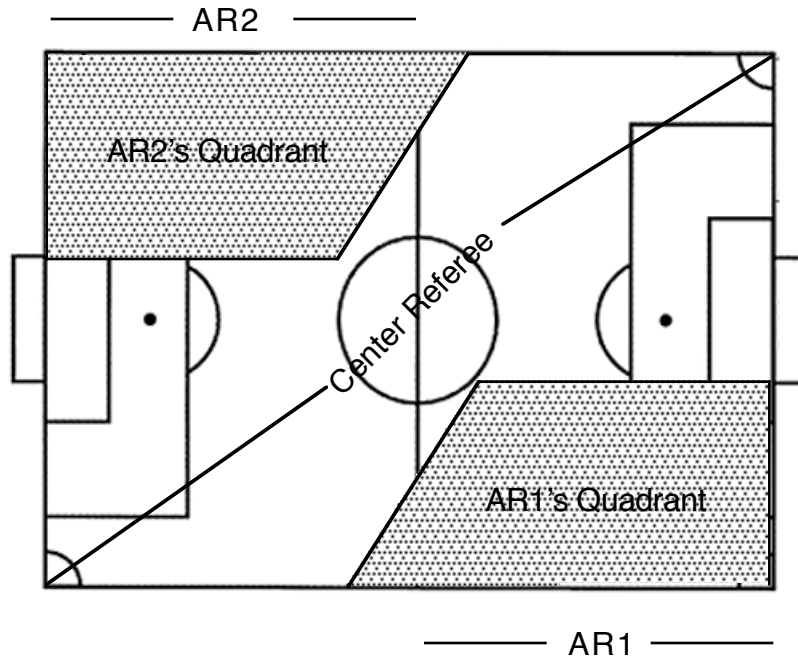


In the traditional three-man DSC system, the center referee and ARs have, for purposes of foul recognition, their areas of influence divided into quadrants, and the closer the play is to the AR, the more responsibility the AR has to call fouls. The lines indicate the typical running pattern of each official.

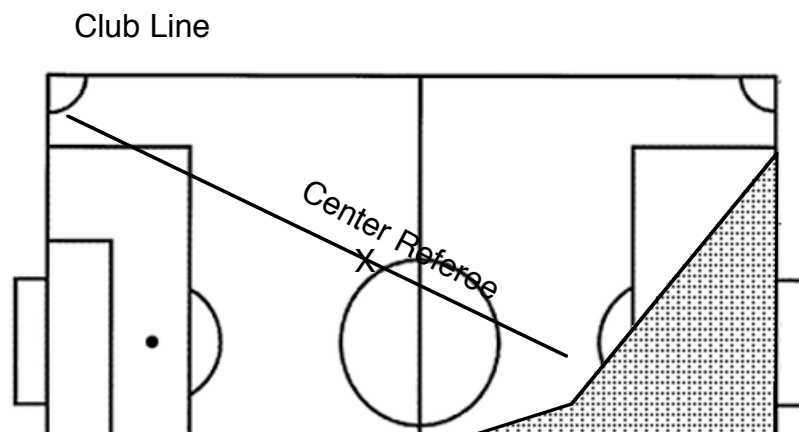


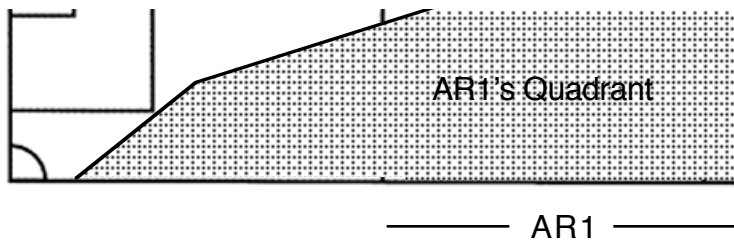
When a Club Line is used, they cannot call fouls, offside, or even the direction of a restart. Since they can only call balls out-of-play, running a traditional DSC is unfair for the teams involved, and could even be dangerous if the center referee ignores one of the quadrants. Therefore, some changes to what the Center and Assistant Referee look for is in order.

All signals and mechanics remain the same!

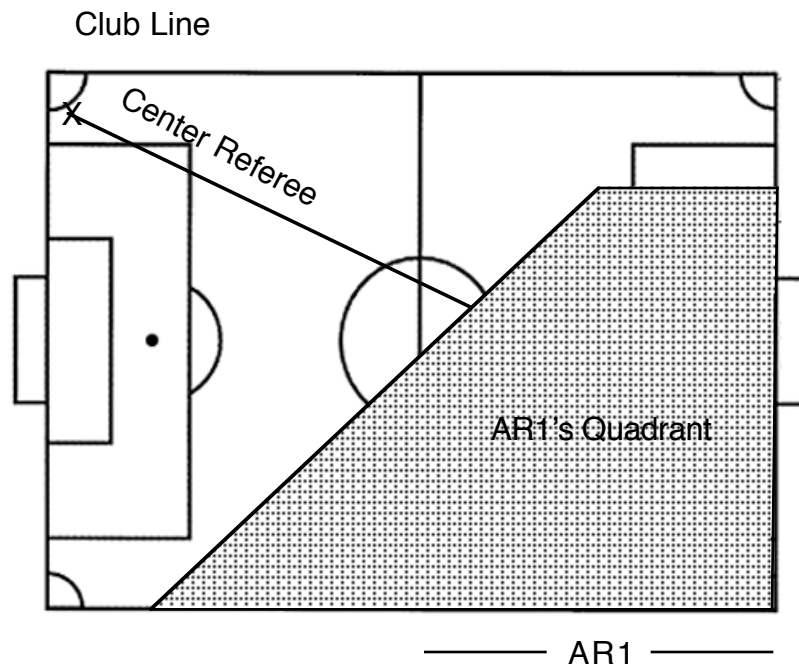
The Assistant Referee continues to run the same line as he would in a fully-staffed crew, but looks much further down the line for fouls, as well as further across the field.

The Center referee adopts a Dual-System of Control-like position, because he needs to judge offside (the Club Line cannot), but still needs to get into the other half of the field, and as deeply as possible. Typically, as the center moves back into the Club Line's half, he moves closer to the touch-line, to best stay out of play, and correctly judge offside.





The "Quadrant" for the AR is actually going to shift quite a bit. If the Center is at the "X", the AR's responsibility would include the shaded area. But if the center in the corner, at a packed penalty area, the AR needs to take much more area into account. Ideally, there is less going on over this wider geographical range.



The most important thing that the referee team can do during the game is communicate with each other: eye contact with your partner is essential, as well as taking any slow moment to talk to each other about the game, where things are happening, and where you expect to be much of the game. Remember, a team that has an offside trap (and there are some that will) is going to demand more attention from the official the trap is on, and the other referee will need to step-up and assume more geography in his or her quadrant.

Hopefully this will help you prepare for the game with a Club Line. Concentrate: you have a lot more space to cover for this game, and won't necessarily be in the best position to see things. Your attitude and outward confidence coming into this game will have just as much to do with its outcome as your calls.