



# OFFICIAL EDUCATION

2026

Two Person Positioning



RECOGNIZED SPORT  
ORGANIZATION

# Goals of Two Person Positioning



To put us in the best position to make the calls that allow us to keep the game safe and fair.

To work as a TEAM to cover all areas of the field efficiently and consistently.

# Role of Officials

Ensure the game is...

Safe

Fair

Fun

Fluid!



Should be the more experienced of the team

Will run the Coaches'/Captains' Meeting

Will discuss responsibilities with the Timer and Scorer

## SCORER'S TABLE

### Table Side Official

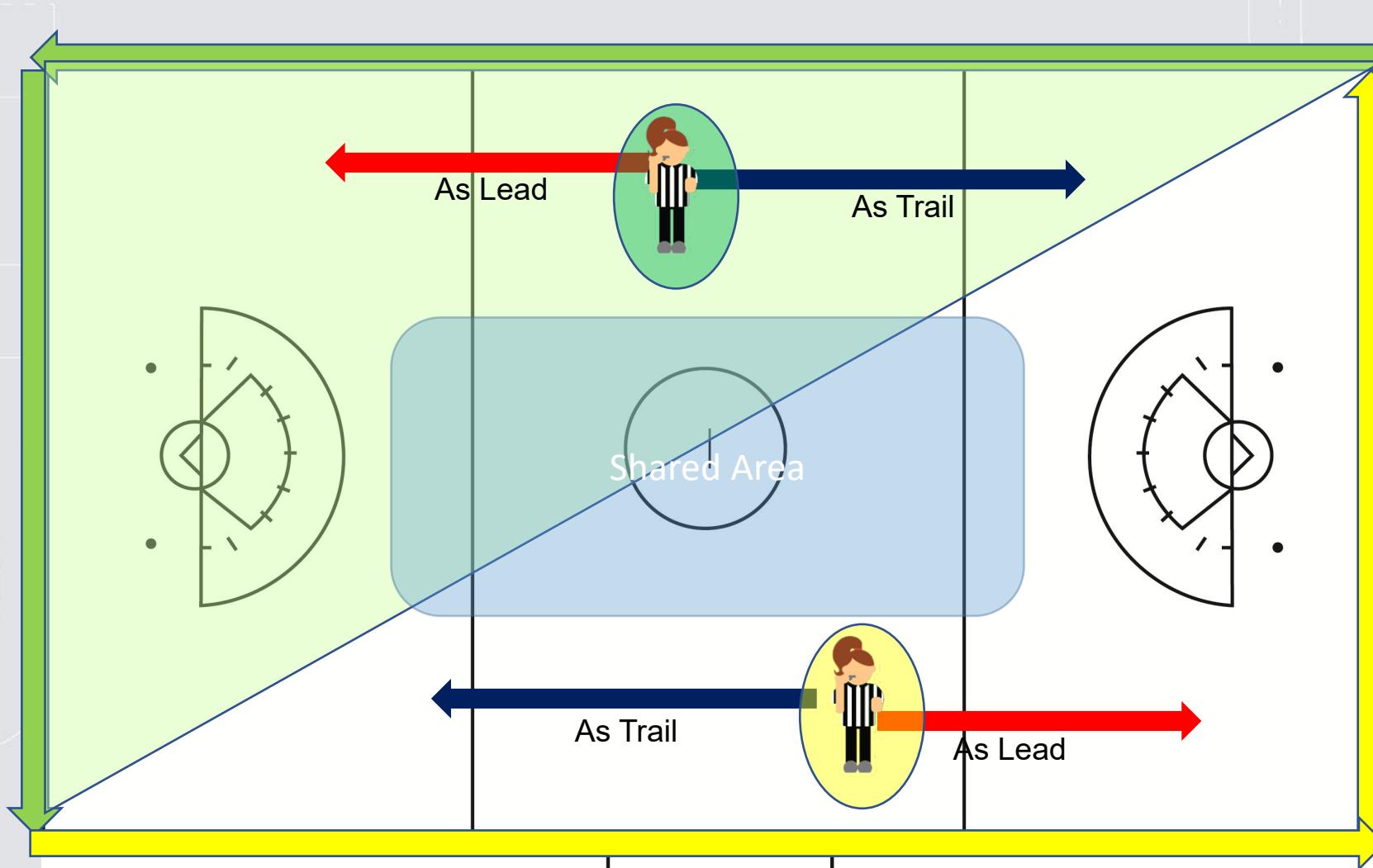


### "Far Side" Official

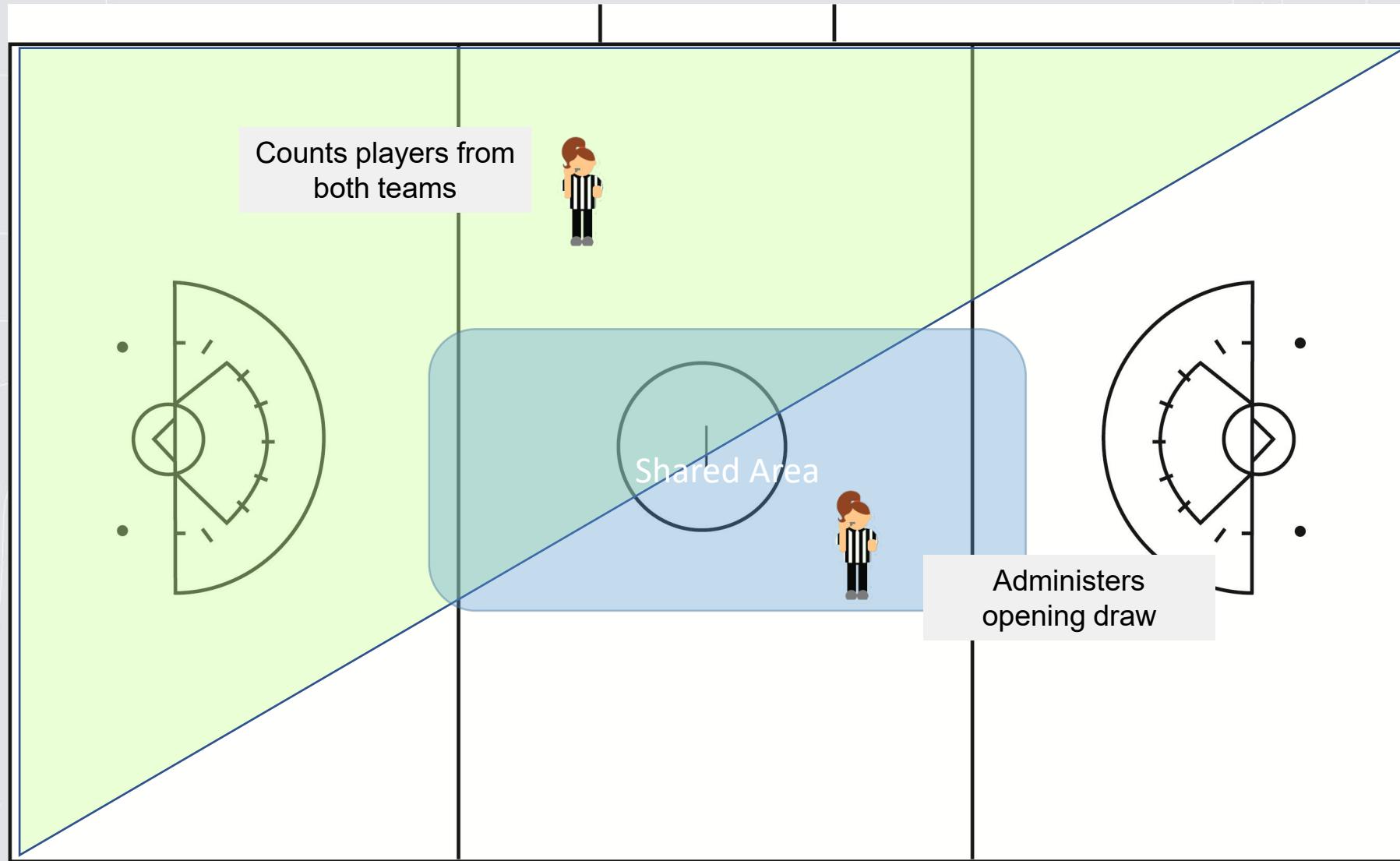


May be less experienced  
Will participate in all pre-game discussions and meetings

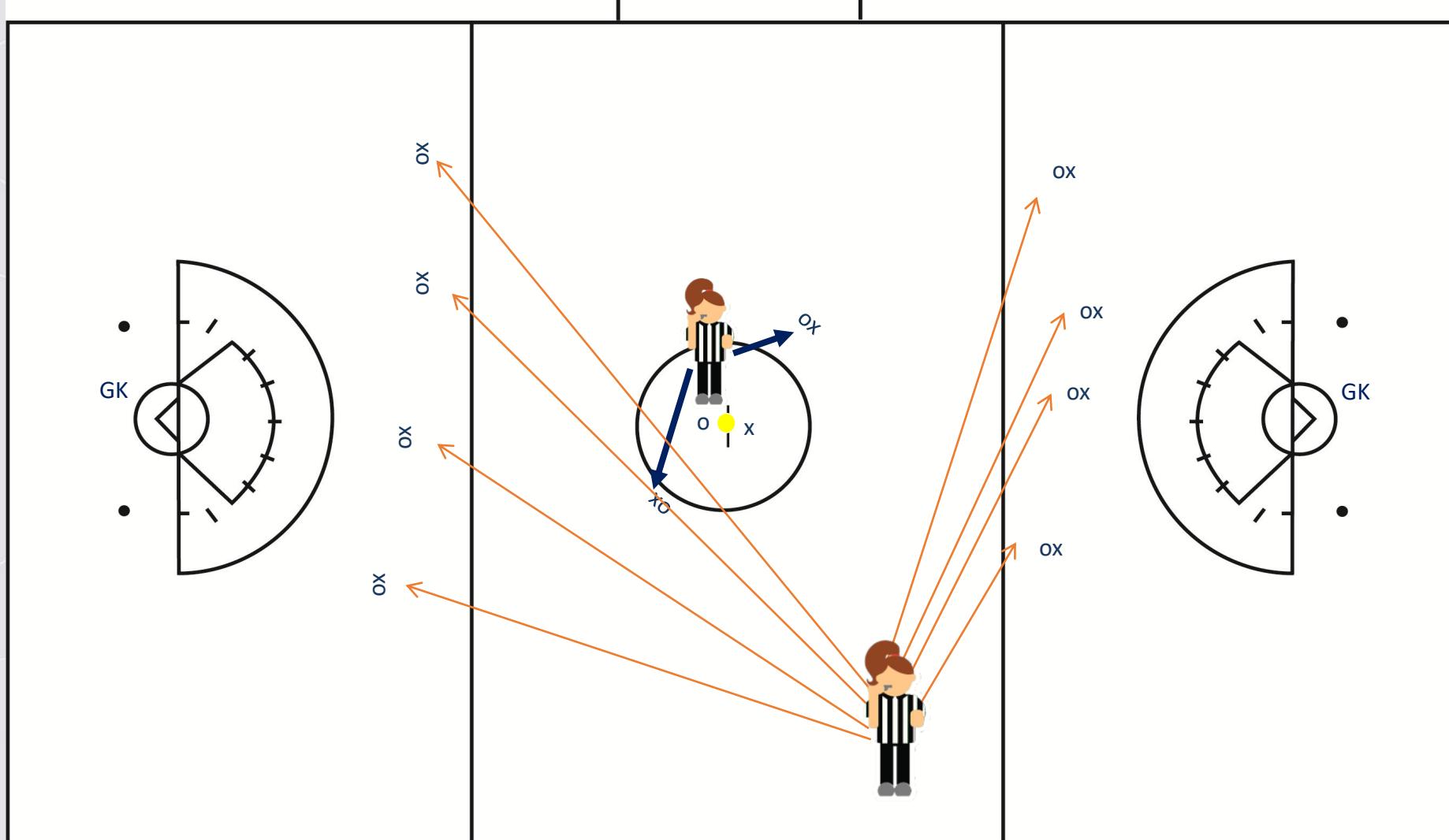
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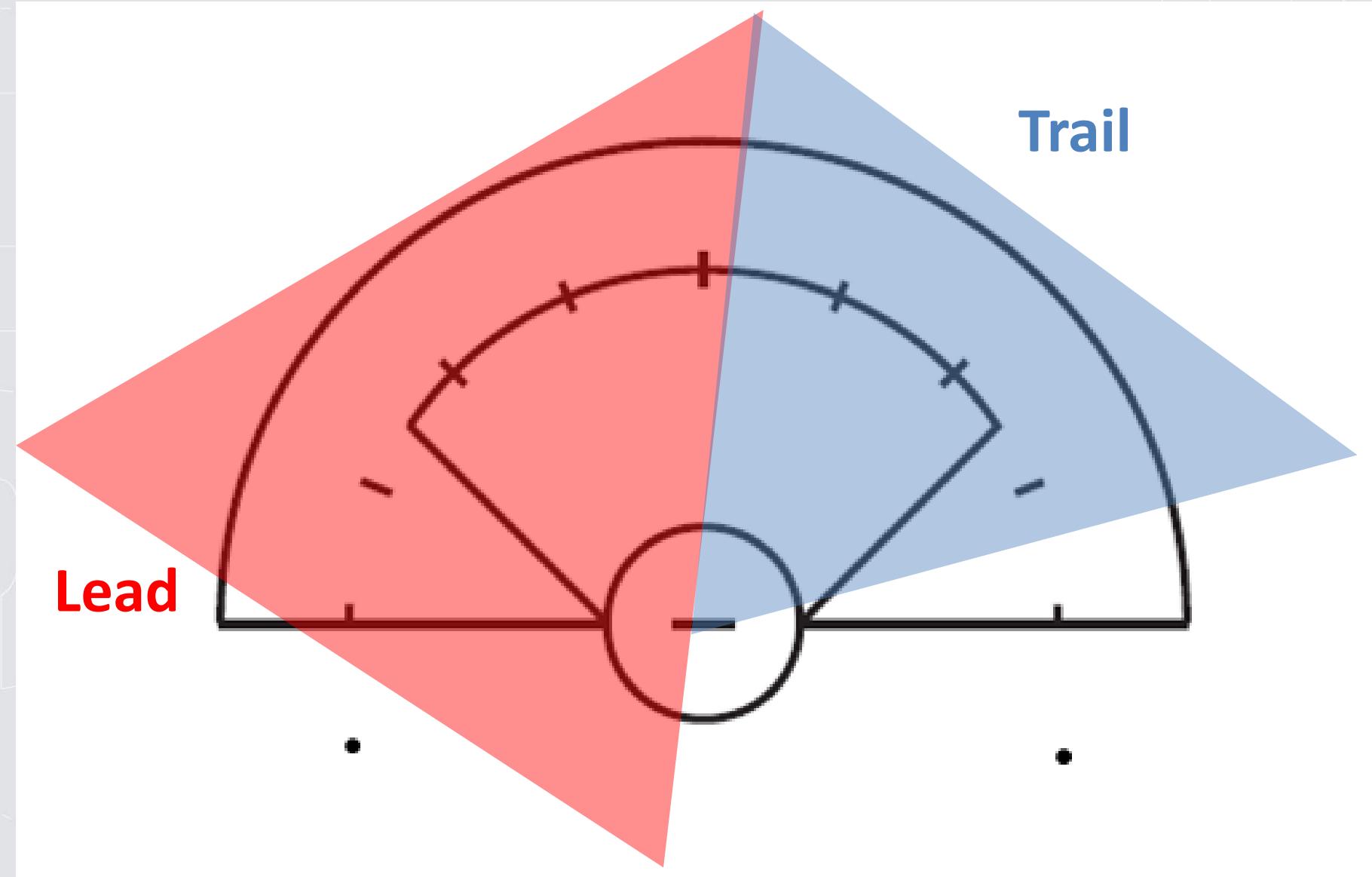
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# CSA Responsibilities



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## Lead

- ✓ On-Ball Fouls
- ✓ Shooting Space on your side of the Arc
- ✓ Goal Circle Activity
- ✓ Endline and Sideline Boundaries
- ✓ Off Ball Fouls on your side of the Arc

## Trail

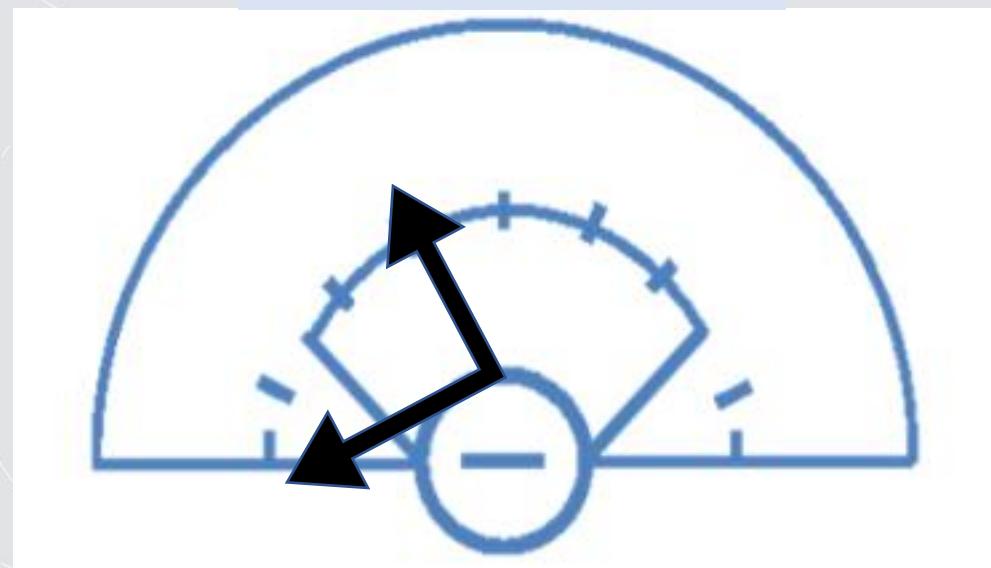
- ✓ Off-Ball Fouls
- ✓ Shooting Space on your side of the Arc
- ✓ Restraining Line Violations
- ✓ Dangerous Propelling/Dangerous Follow Through



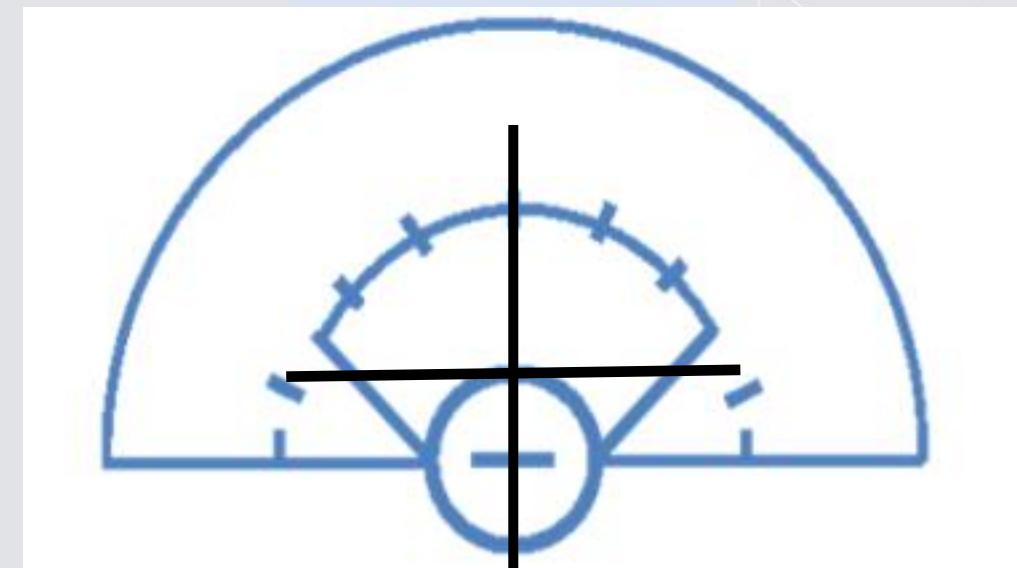
# Lead Positioning

The Lead's purpose of movement is to see the ball and space between the ball carrier and her defenders

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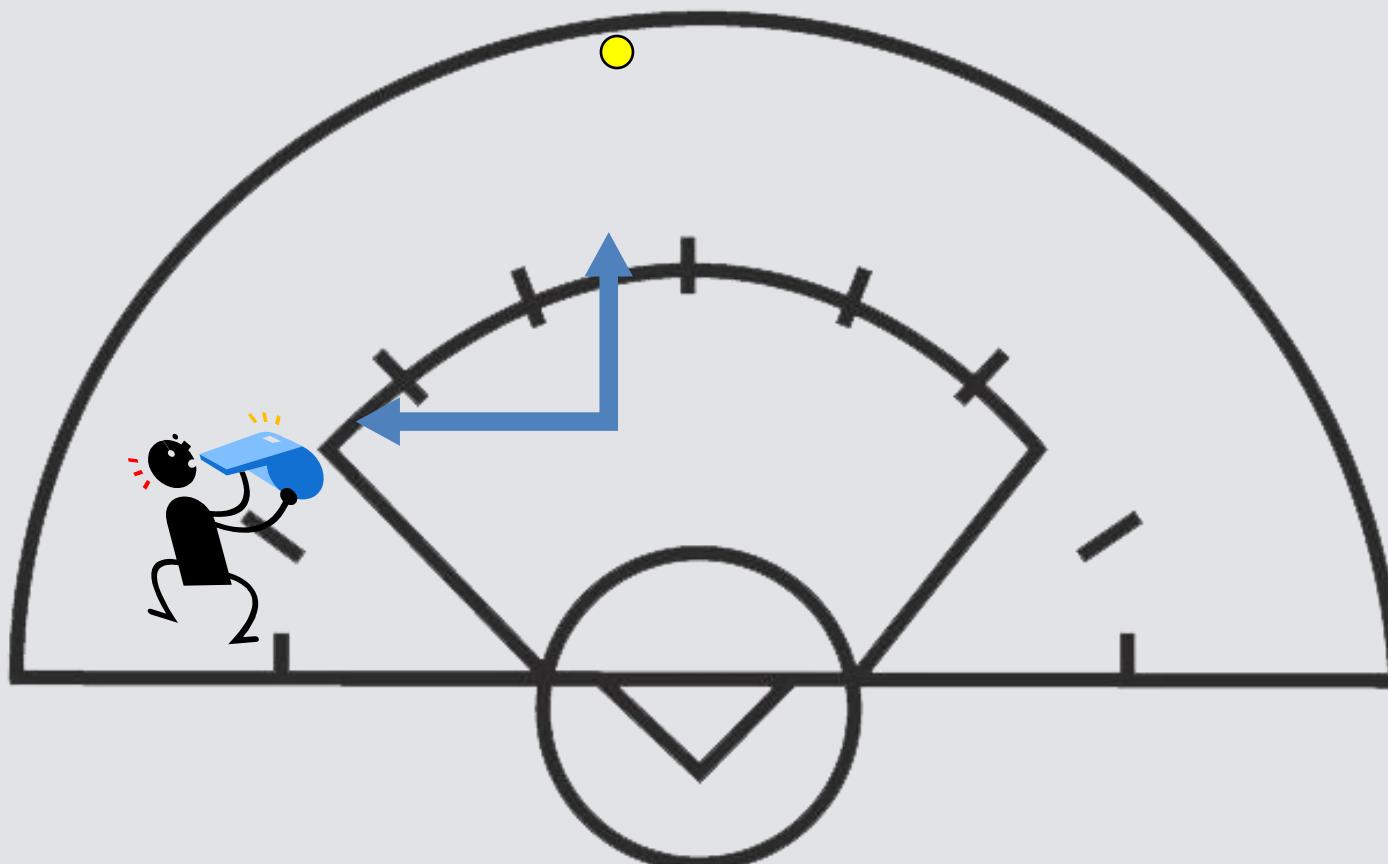


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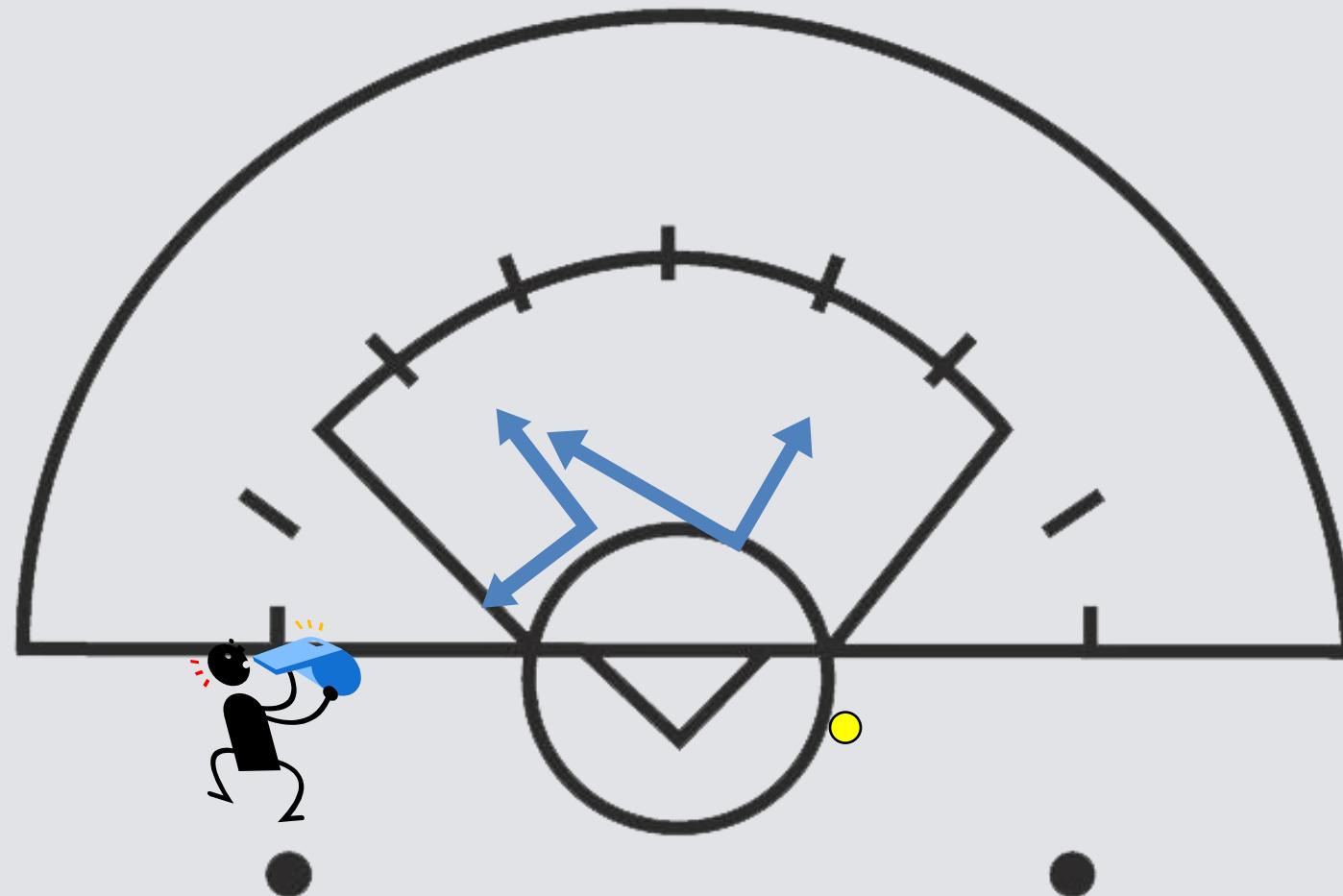


Use the approach that works best for you!

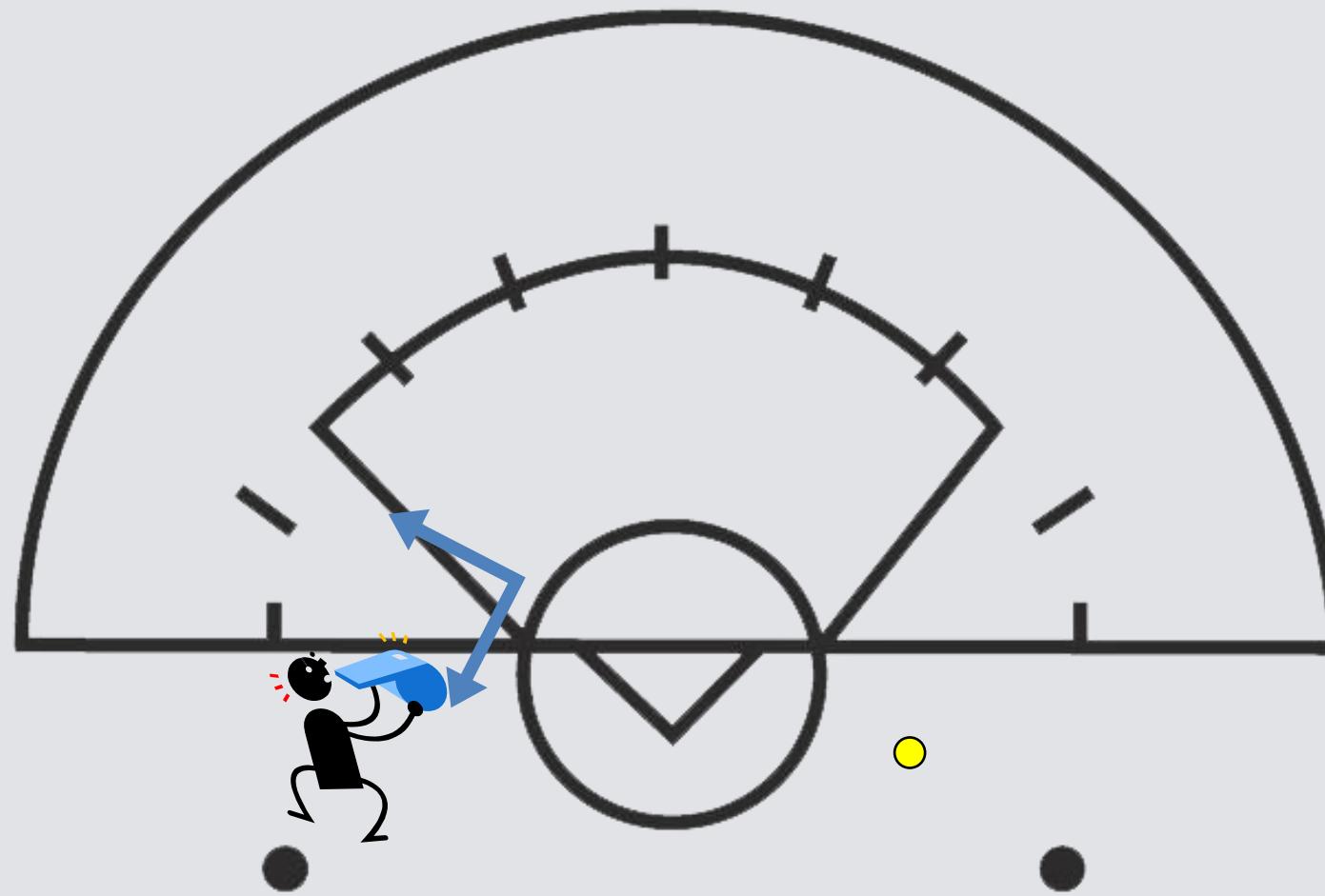
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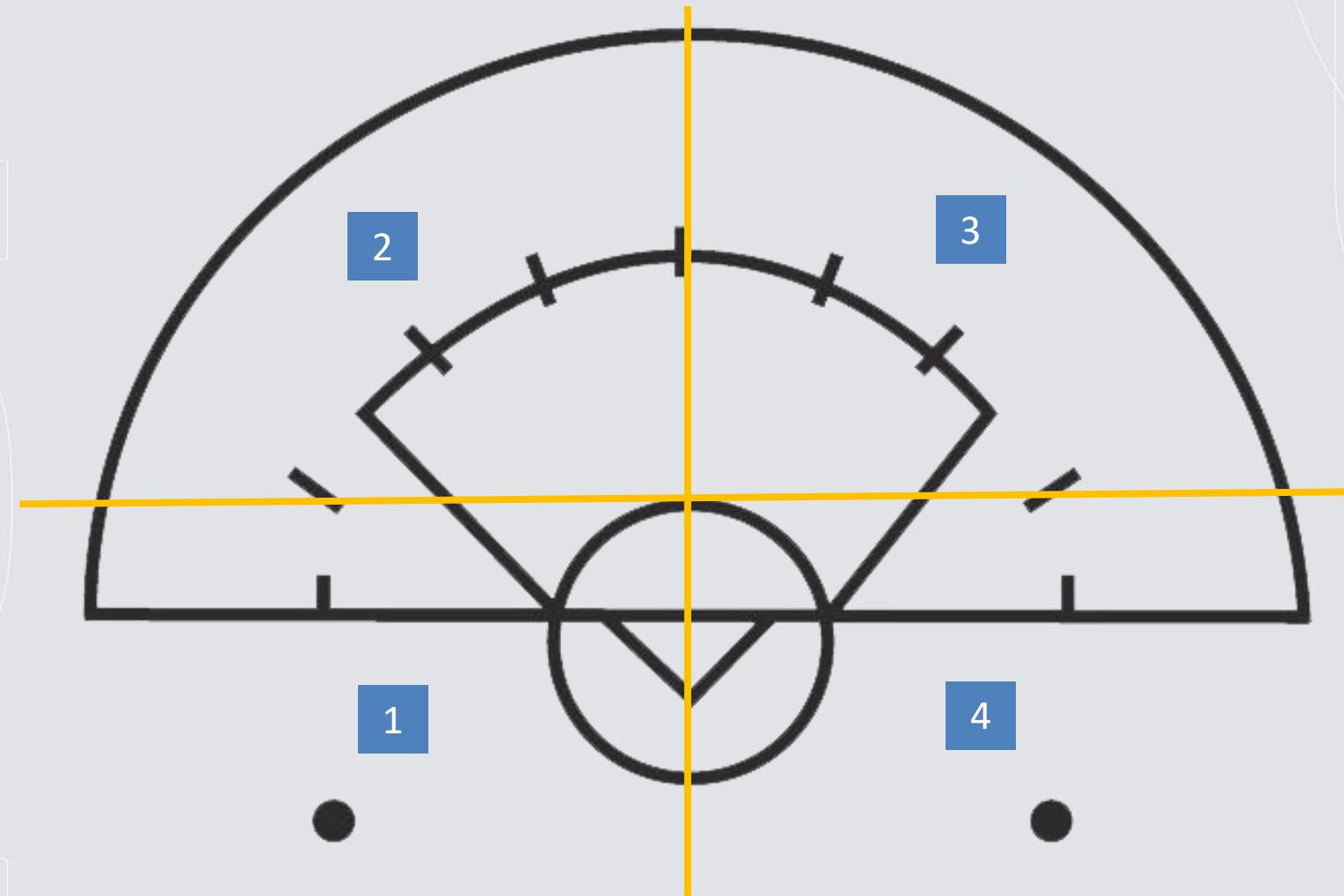
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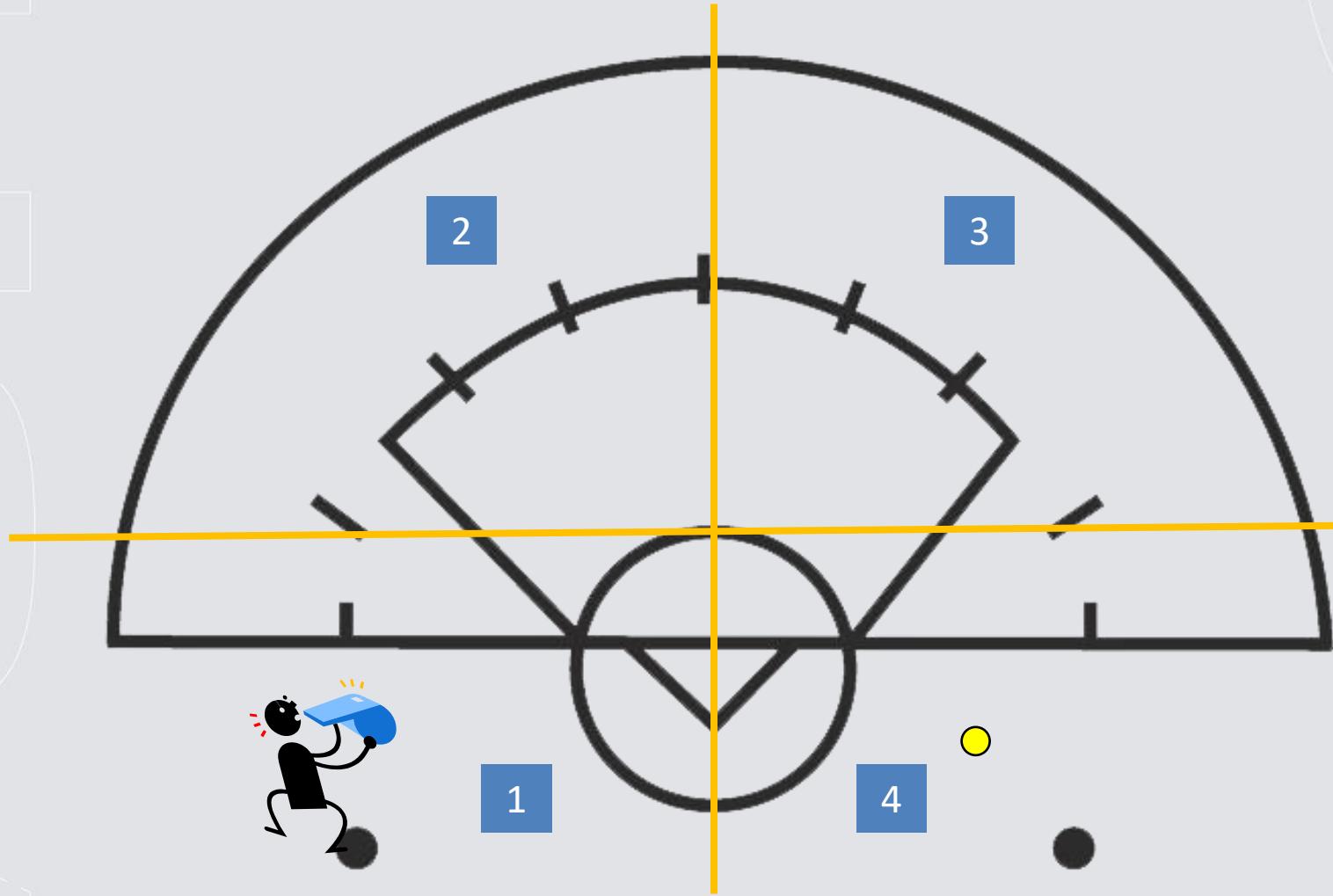
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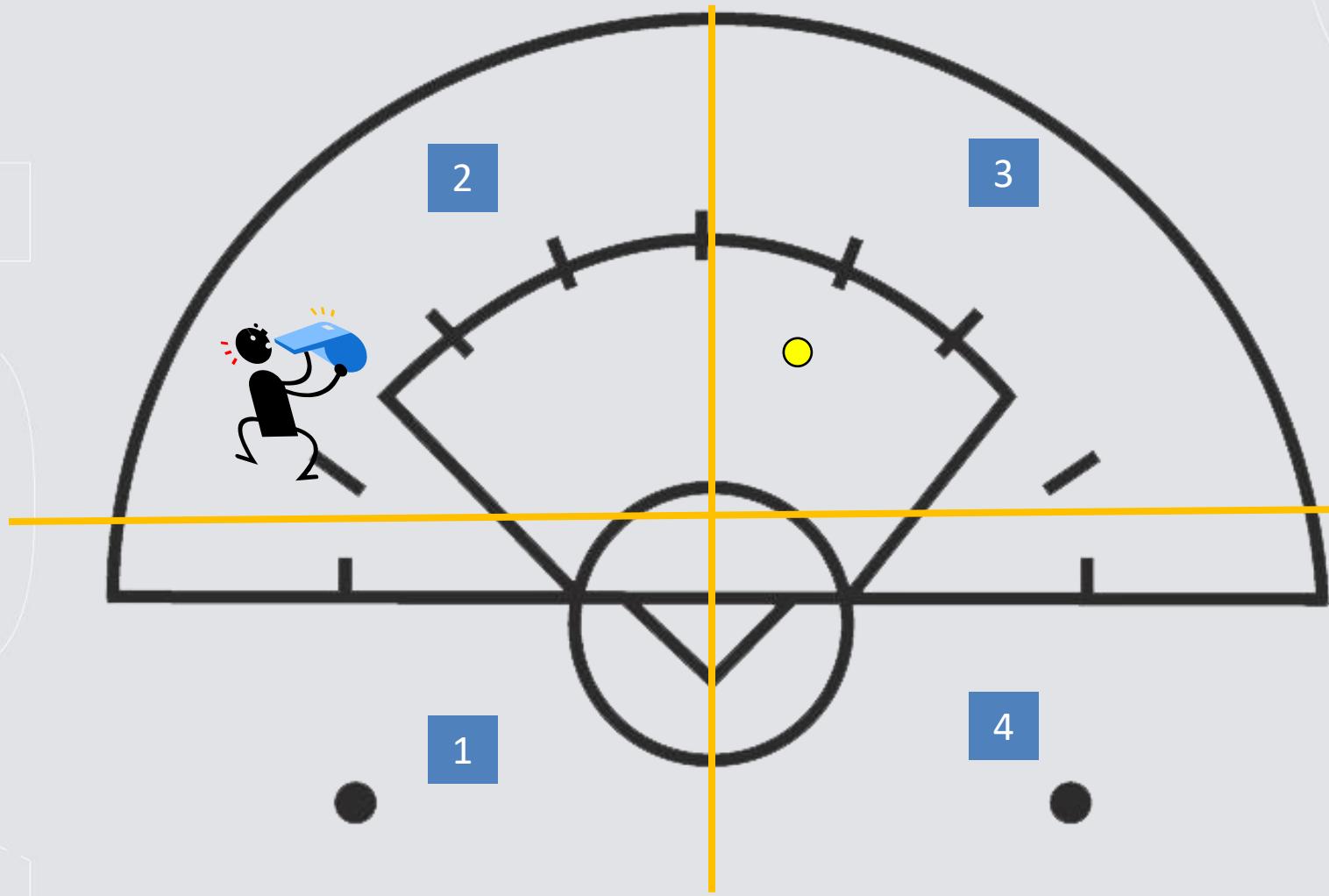
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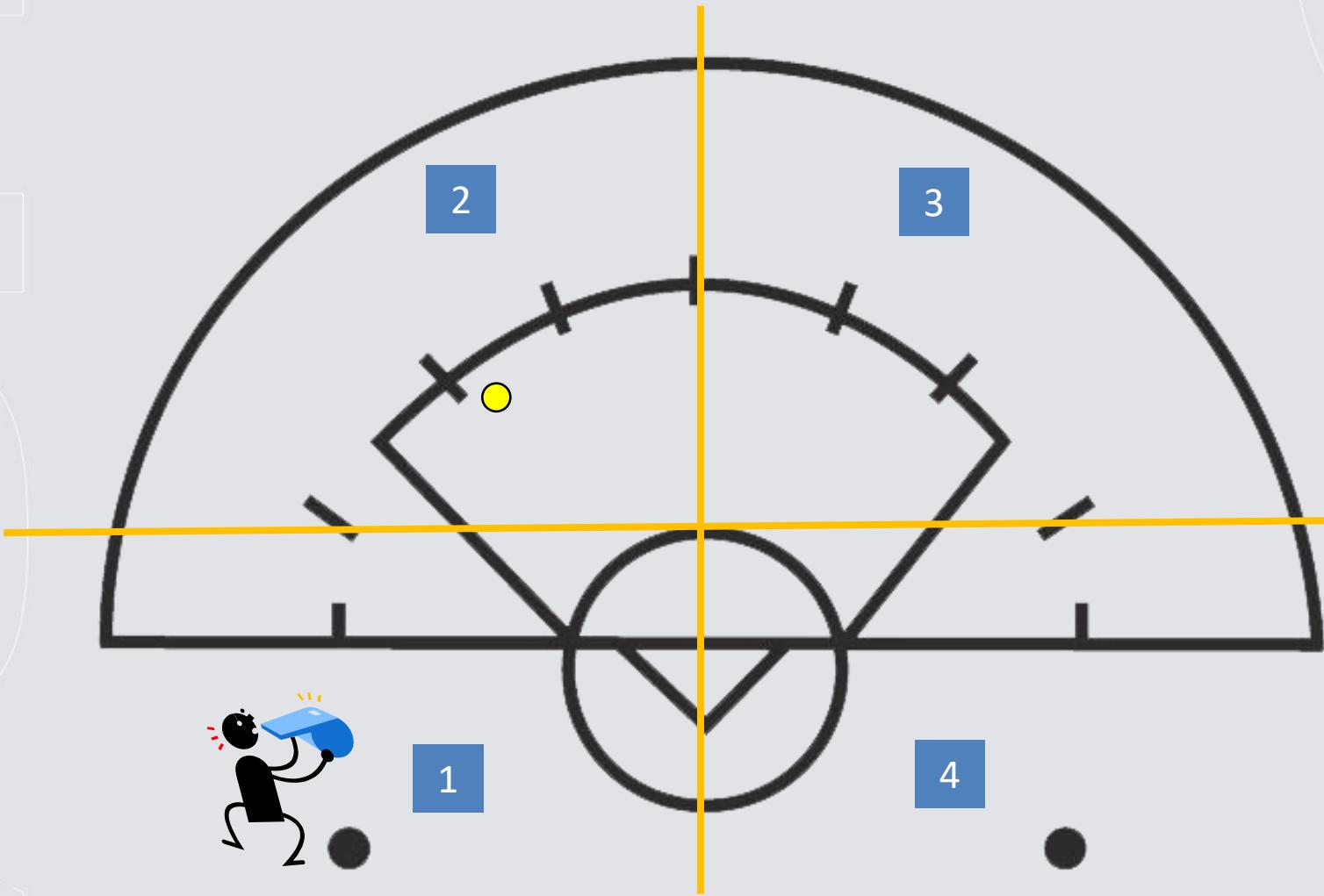
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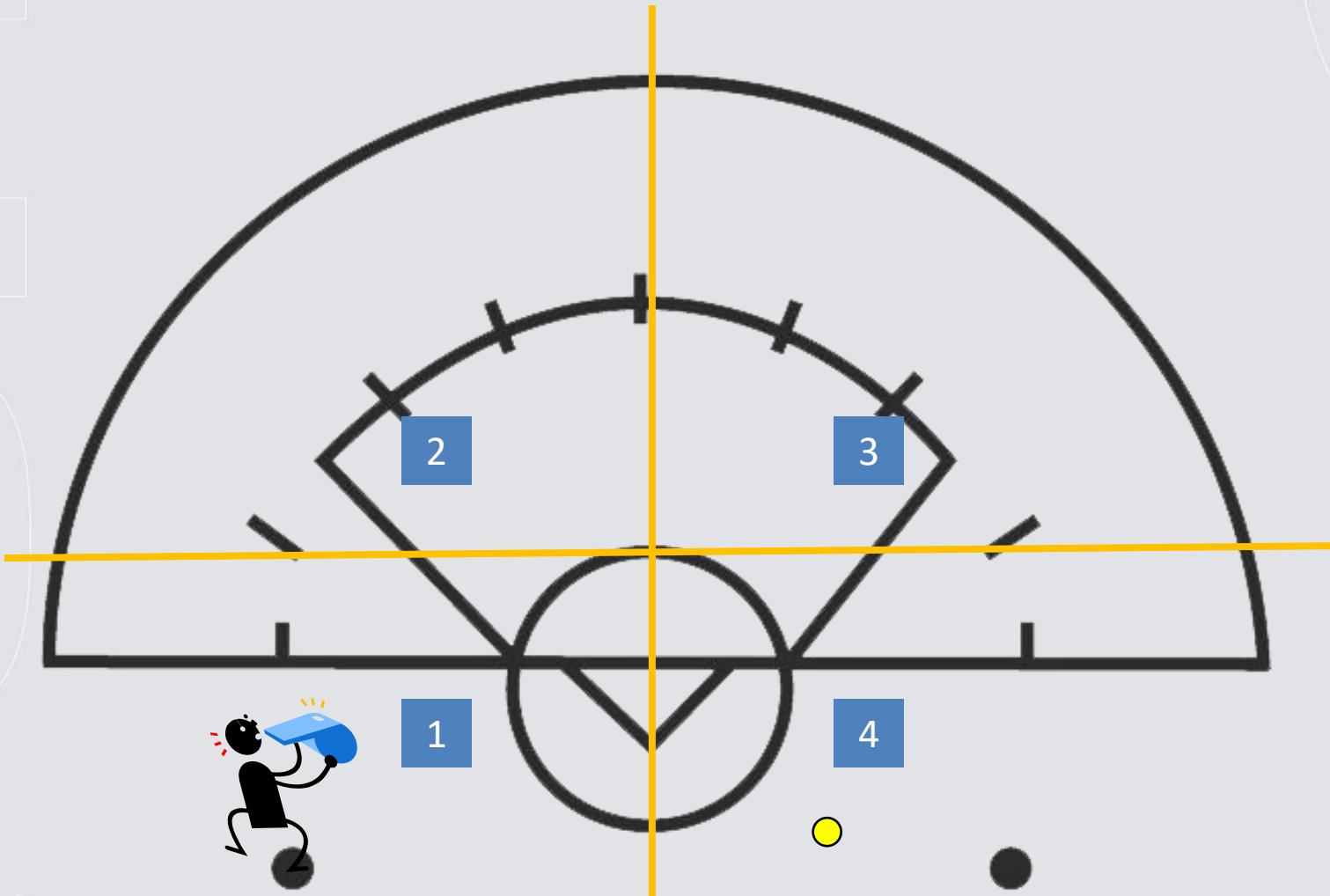
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# Transition



Trail to  
Lead

Lead to  
Trail

- Stay ahead of and outside the ball
- Position your body to keep play and players in your vision
- Maintain a “view” of the action into CSA

- Count players ahead of you
- Stay up with play, run through restraining line
- Anticipate where the play is going

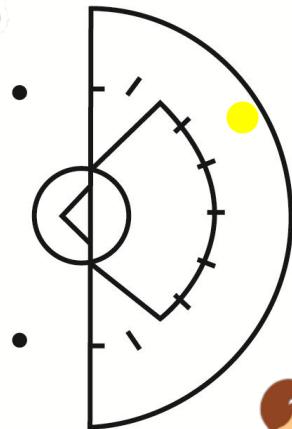
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Officials in Transition

# Responsibility in Transition

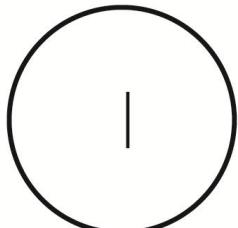
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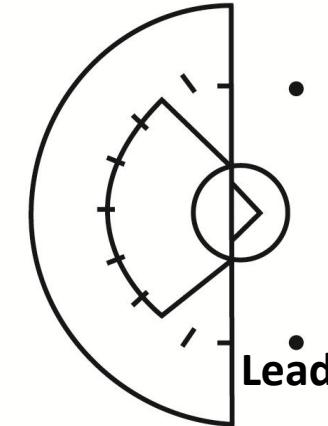
**Lead to Trail**



**Trail to Lead**



**Trail**



**Lead**

# Restart Guidelines

Officials manage restarts in their “third” of the field

Each official **always** manages restarts on their sideline and endline boundary

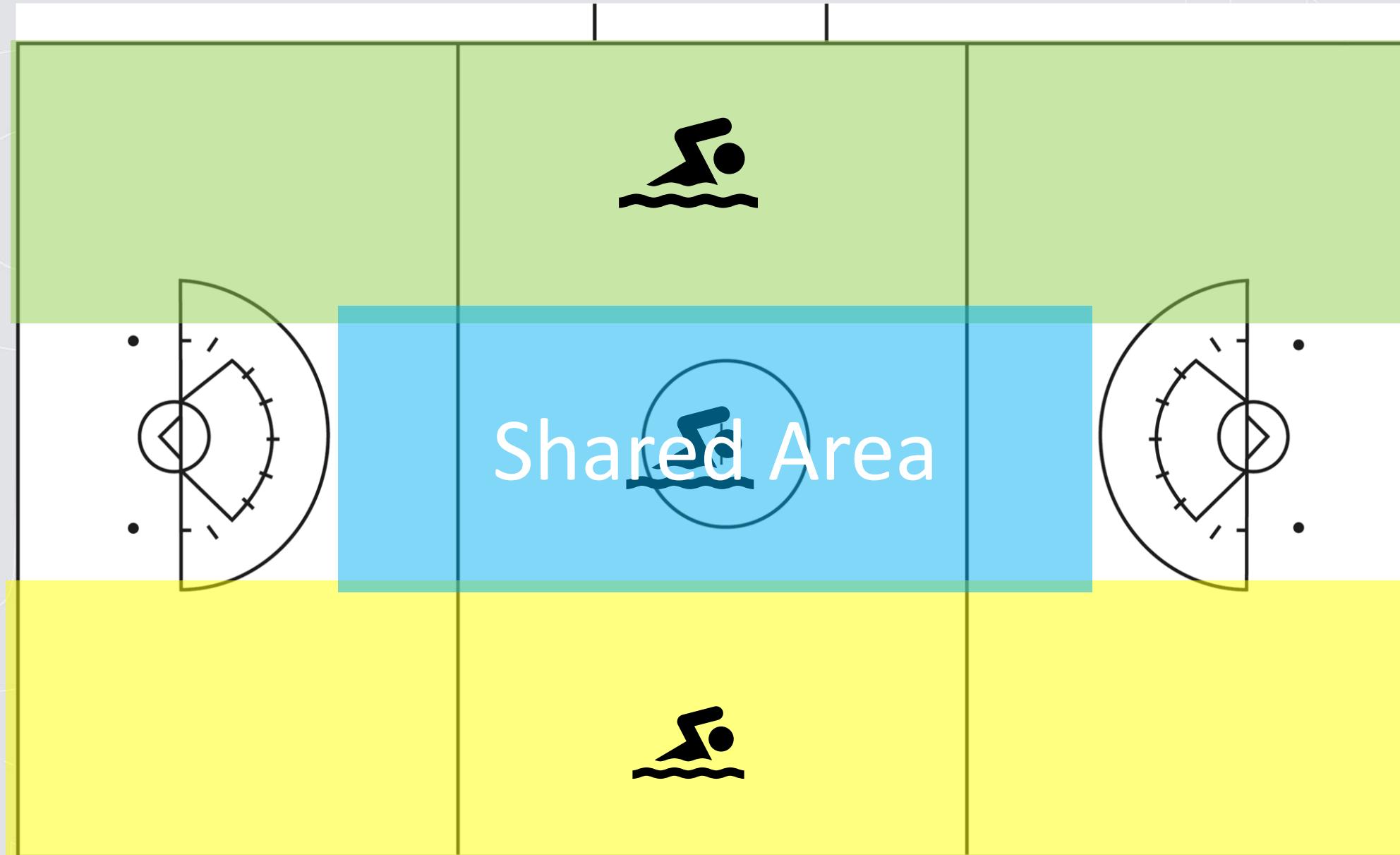
Lead Official whistles all restarts in the CSA

Know when to release monitoring restart to partner

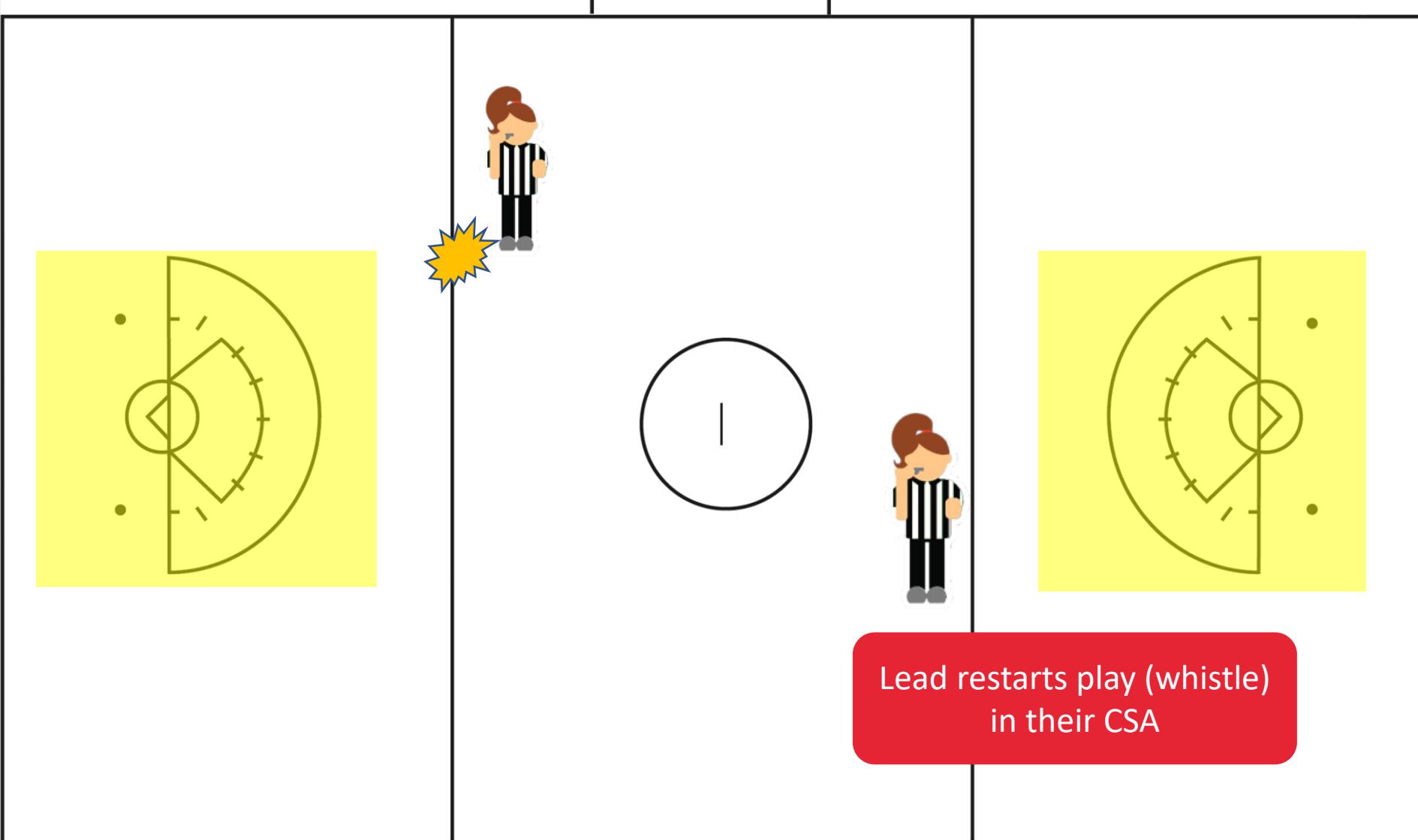
Step up as Trail to manage restarts when your partner is transitioning to Lead



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# Teamwork and Communication

## Girls' Lacrosse Pre-game Checklist

<b>Officials' Attire and Equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Striped shirt in good condition. Black shorts/kilt/pants, black shoes (in good condition/fit properly)</li><li>Whistle, yellow flag, cards, NFHS Rule Book, tape measure, pen or pencil, watch, golf ball, coin.</li><li>Black Accessories: hat/visor, jacket, gloves, turtleneck, etc.</li><li>Be neat/presentable (shirt tucked in, clean uniform, on time, etc.)</li></ul>	<b>Key Rule Changes in 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The free position for one player drawing illegally will be administered at the spot of the ball. Any player may restart.</li><li>Stick check requests may only occur during a quarter break, halftime, a team time-out, prior to the start of overtime, prior to a draw and following the goal at the end of regulation or overtime.</li><li>For a goal circle <u>violation</u> the offender will move 4 meters away from the restart.</li><li>Following a possession time-out called in the CSA, the ball will restart at the dot.</li></ul>																					
<b>Walk the Field Together</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the color of all lines.</li><li>check the nets for holes; ensure the goal is lined up correctly (back of goal posts on back on goal line)</li><li>check the field for correct markings (pace off 8m Arc and 12m fan)</li><li>Flags at corners of field and cones defining substitution area.</li><li>Note any hazards on the field (holes, protruding sprinkler heads, etc.)</li><li>Have a thorough discussion with partner(s) (suggested topics on back)</li></ul>																						
<b>Suggested Pregame Protocol</b> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Real Time</th><th>Clock Time</th><th>Activity</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>4:20</td><td>30:00</td><td>Field Open</td></tr><tr><td>4:45</td><td>05:00</td><td>Captains' Meeting</td></tr><tr><td>4:50</td><td>00:00</td><td>Clear field/stick checks</td></tr><tr><td>4:55</td><td>00:00</td><td>Lineups Announced</td></tr><tr><td>4:57</td><td>00:00</td><td>National Anthem</td></tr><tr><td>5:00</td><td>00:00</td><td>Opening Draw</td></tr></tbody></table>	Real Time	Clock Time	Activity	4:20	30:00	Field Open	4:45	05:00	Captains' Meeting	4:50	00:00	Clear field/stick checks	4:55	00:00	Lineups Announced	4:57	00:00	National Anthem	5:00	00:00	Opening Draw	<b>Coaches' and Captains' Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduce self to coaches and players. Ask players to introduce themselves to other team.</li><li>Coaches must certify that all players are legally equipped, and that equipment is NOCSAE- and ASTM-certified: Goggles ASTM 3077; Headgear ASTM 3137</li><li>Identify all lines/boundaries for visiting team.</li><li>Conduct coin toss. Winning team chooses first Alternate Possession OR end of field they want to defend for first quarter.</li><li>Ask if coaches/players have any questions.</li></ul>
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## Establishes:

- ✓ Common understanding
- ✓ Efficient transitions
- ✓ Professional Presence
- ✓ Partner Support

**HAND OUT:**  
*Two Person Pregame Checklist*



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