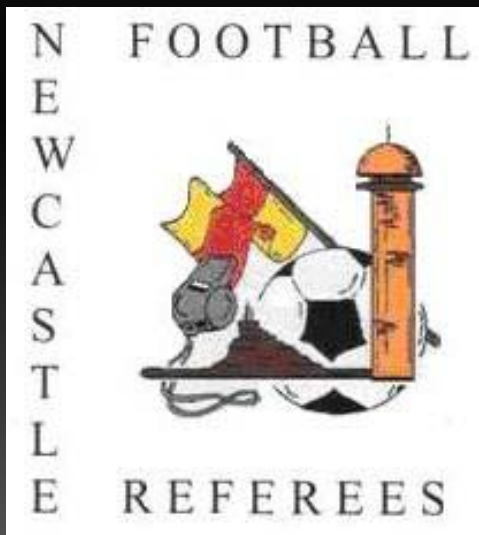




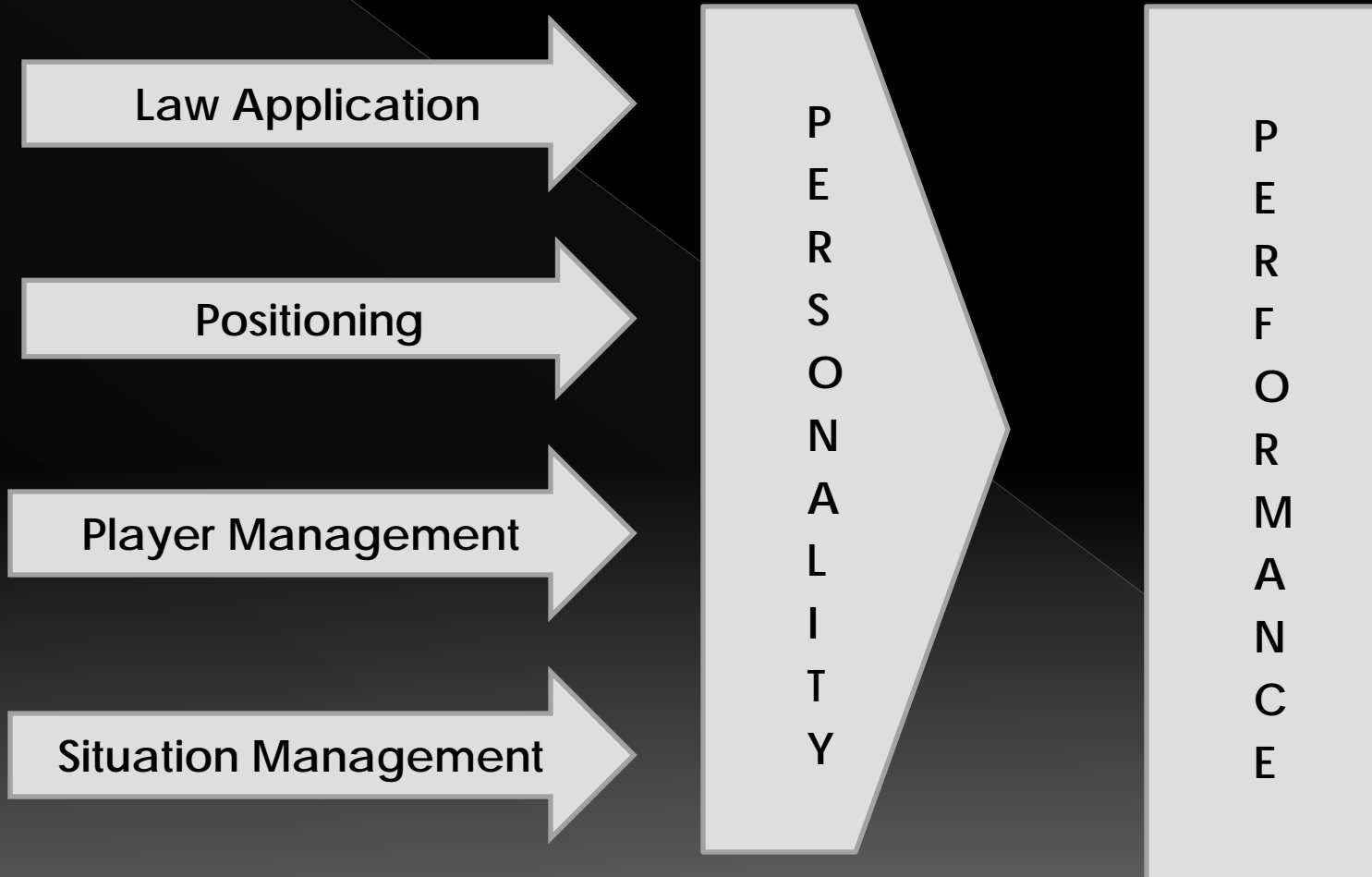
Modern Trends

Basic Positioning



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Definition of Positioning

- A position is one in which the referee can make the right decision.
- Good positioning is the place with the best view, close enough to react effectively.

Positioning is a tool Not a rule!!

- ◎ Positioning is not static. It is determined by the ebb and flow of the game.
- ◎ There is no such thing as a single position that is perfect every time.

Positioning Elements

1. An **ANGLED** view through the point of contact
2. **CLOSE** (15 – 20 metres)
3. Referee – **BALL** – Assistant Referee

Positioning Elements

➤ **ANGLE** is the most important aspect

➤ First priority

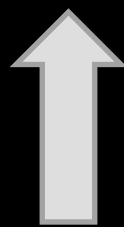
- External angle

- Left of play
- See through the point of contact
- Majority of players in view
- Play between the referee and the assistant

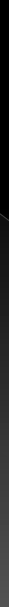
- Internal angle

The referee should be:

- 45 degrees (angle)
- 15 – 20 metres from the ball (close)
- Left of the ball (R-B-AR)



R



Positioning Elements

- ◎ Anticipation is vital to achieve good position.
- ◎ WWG
 - > **W**here is play going?
 - > **W**here do I need to go to get the best view
 - > **G**o there now

Summary - Strategy

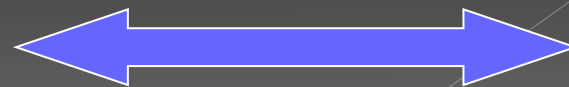
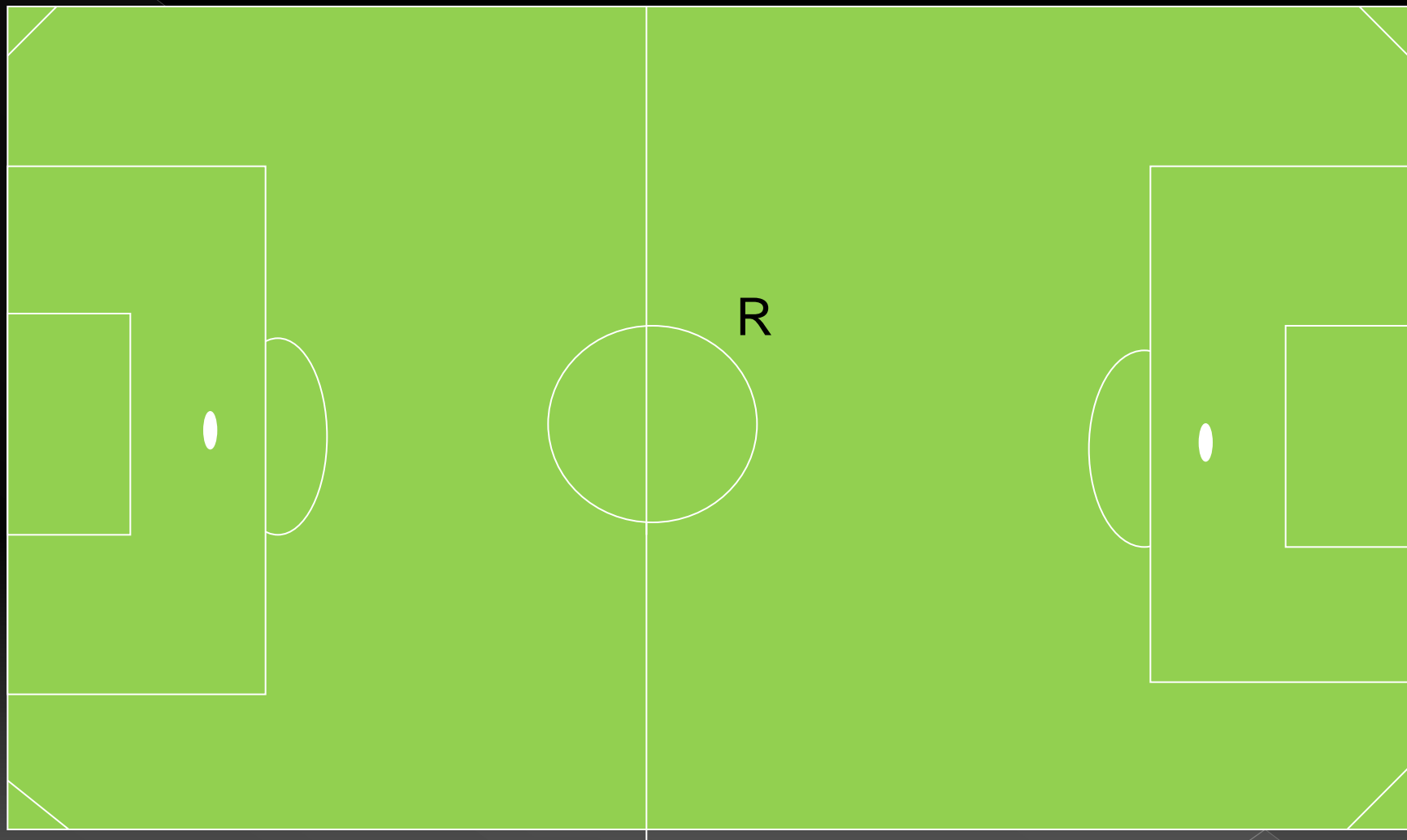
- Get ANGLE first!!!!!!
 - Think LEFT, LEFT, LEFT
- Once you can **See** through the point of contact ...
- then get close

**If you cannot see you
cannot referee**

AR



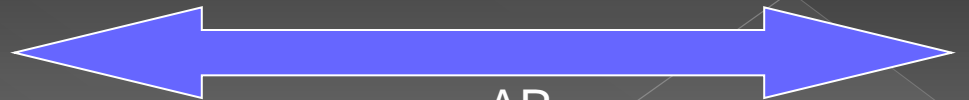
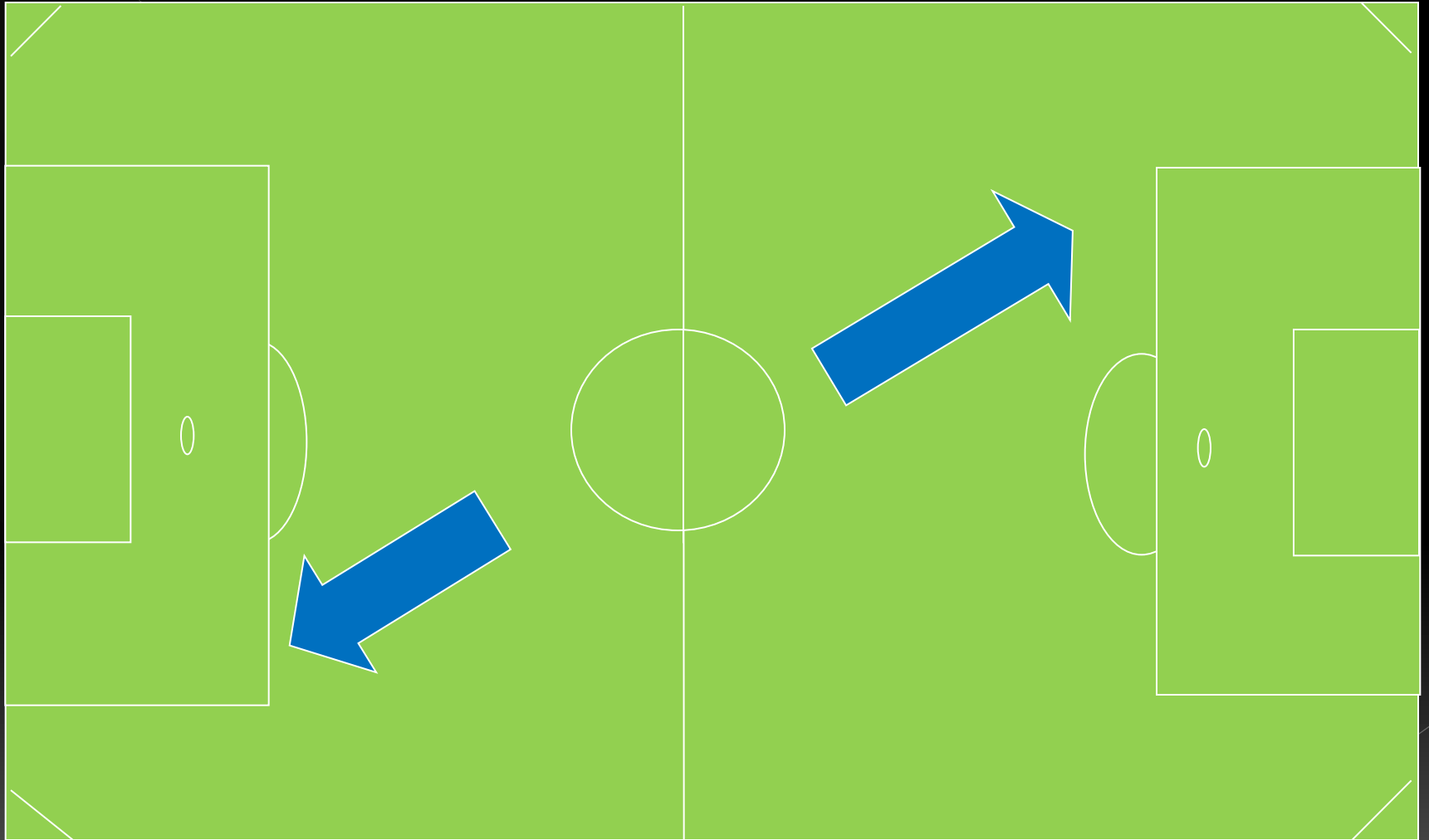
AR's patrol their appointed touchline



AR

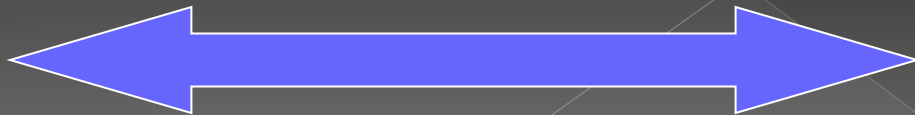
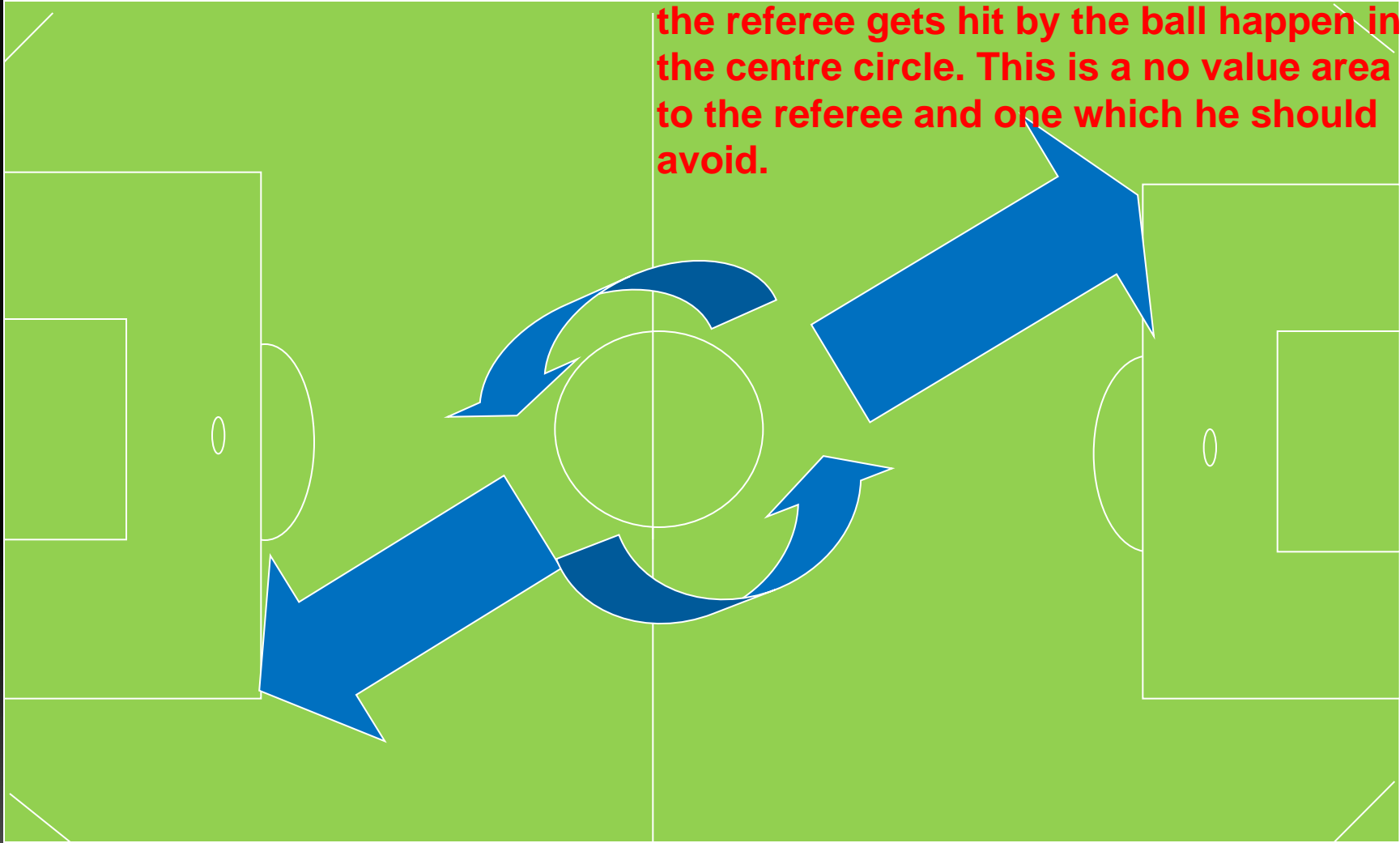
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Referee has a definite pattern of movement.
This is not rigid and referees are encouraged to
move off this pattern if play dictates.



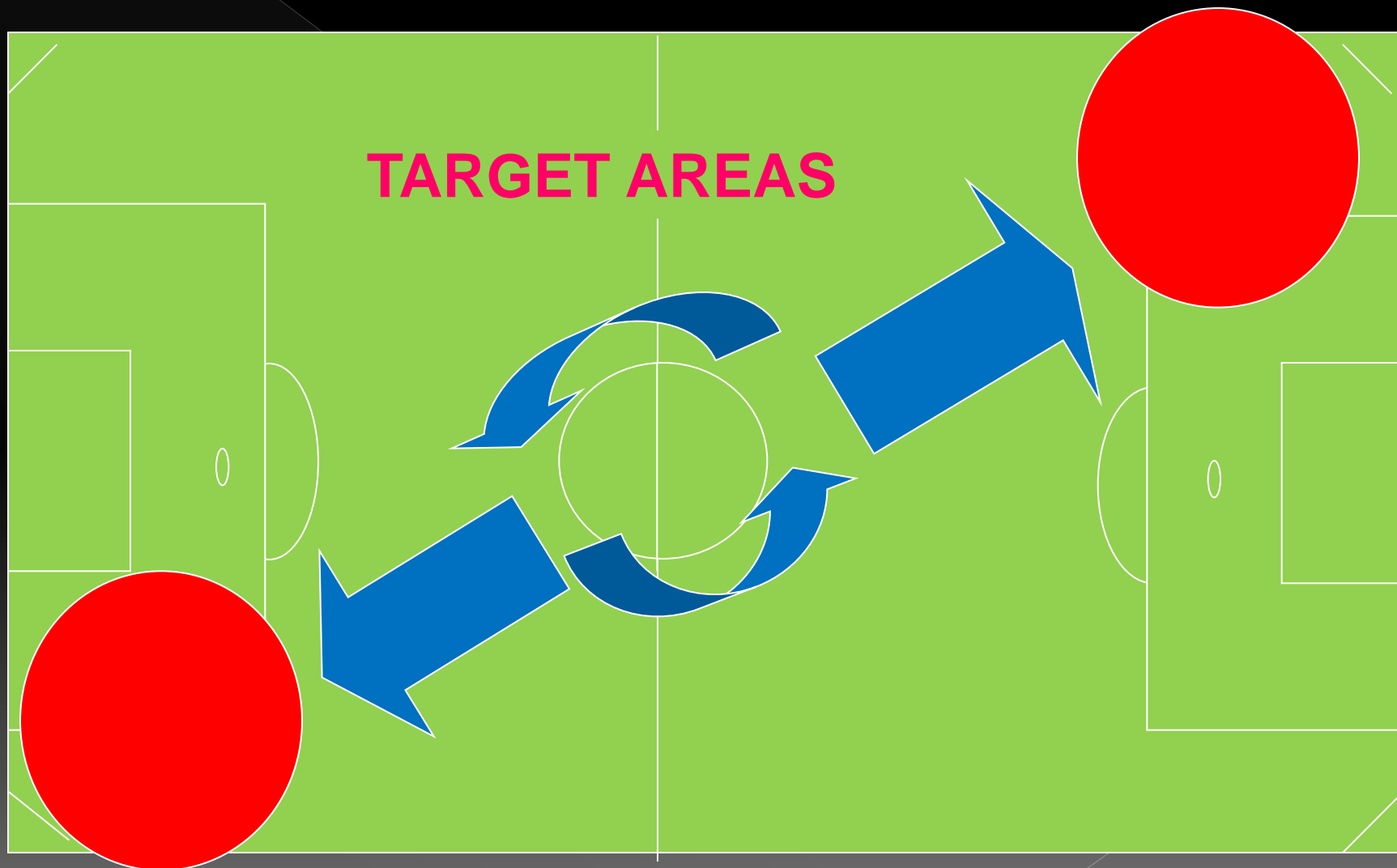
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Referees are encouraged to keep out of the centre circle. 70% of the times when the referee gets hit by the ball happen in the centre circle. This is a no value area to the referee and one which he should avoid.

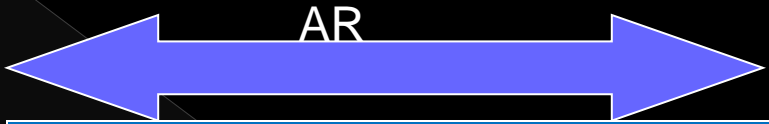


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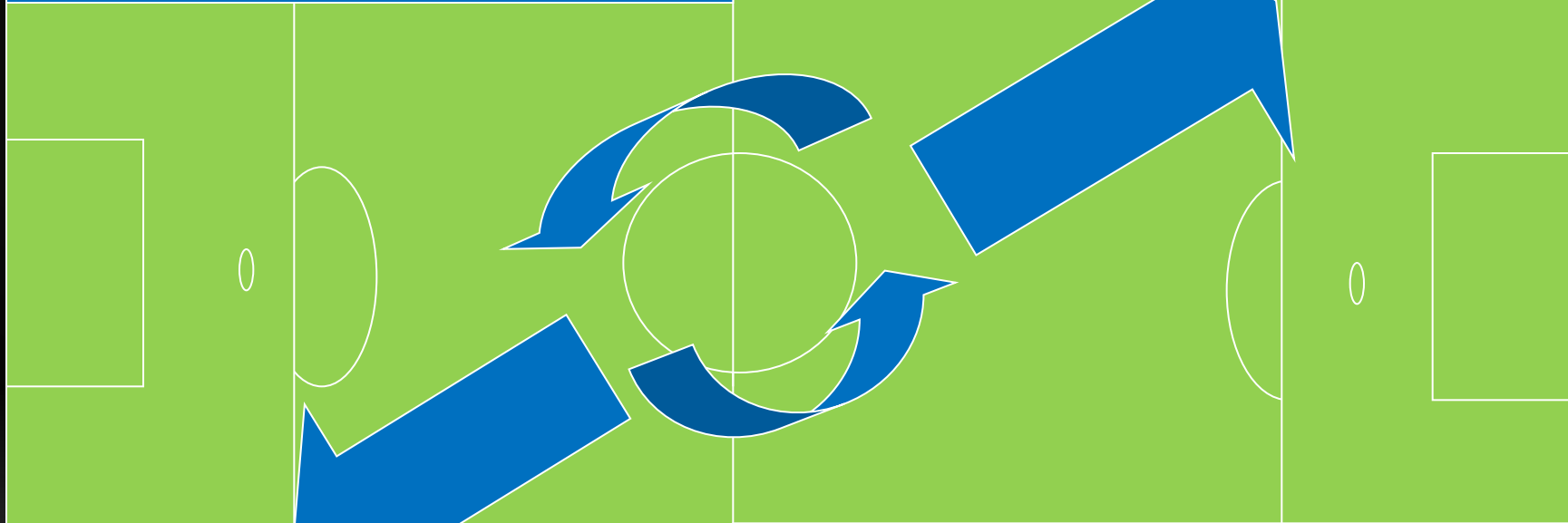
This is the area the referee should strive to attain. It gives him a good view of action in the penalty area, it is close to the action without getting in the way and it offers a good chance to react favourably to the next phase in play should the attack break down.



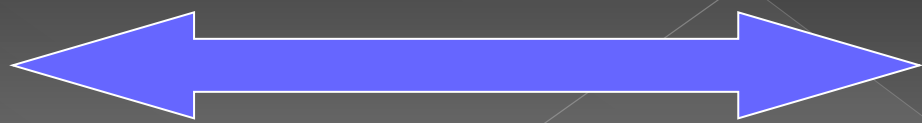
This is the area where the assistant referee is encouraged to become active in the decision making process. This requires the referee to actively encourage the AR to make decisions in this area



Area of responsibility



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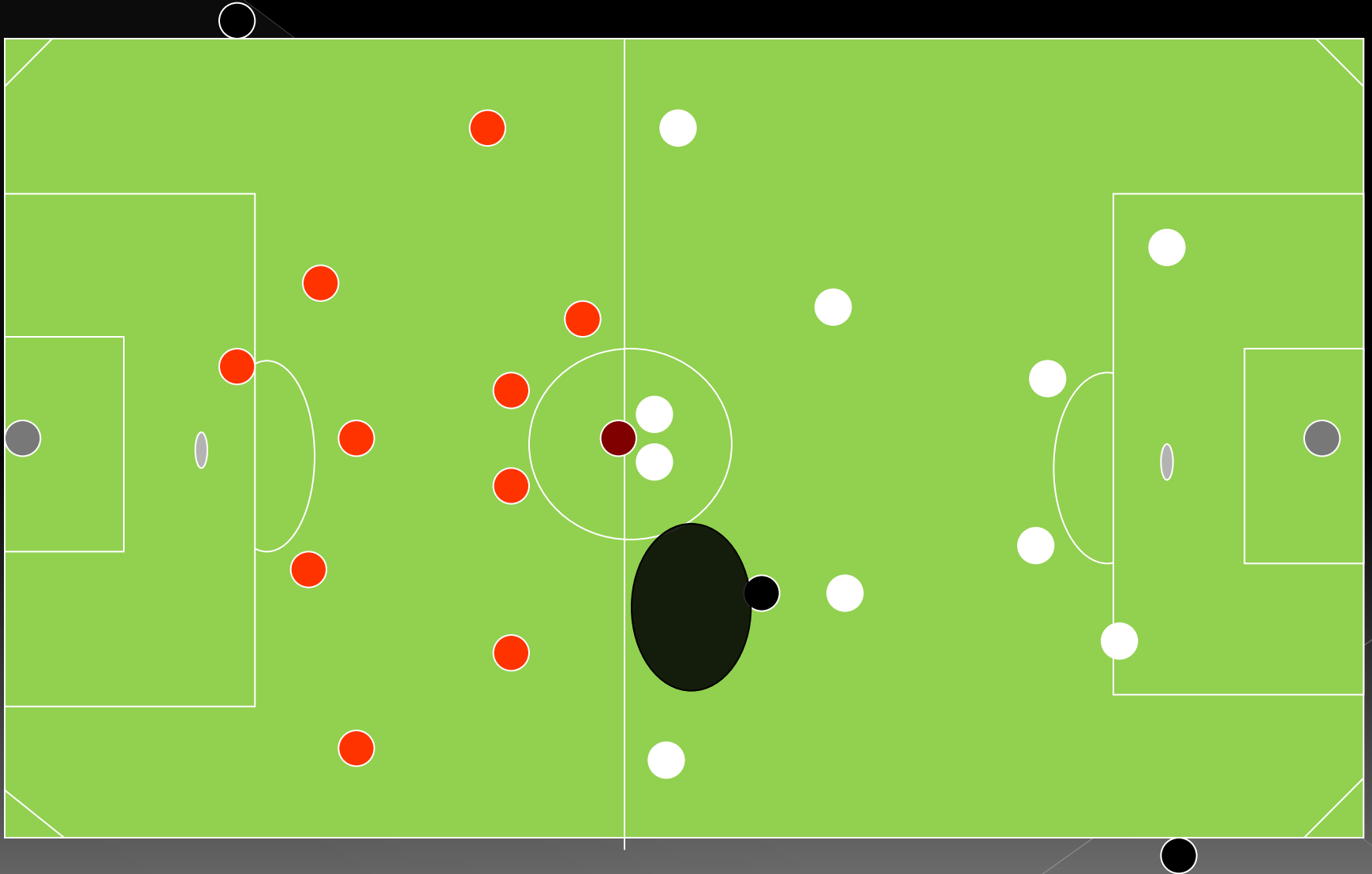


Set play positioning

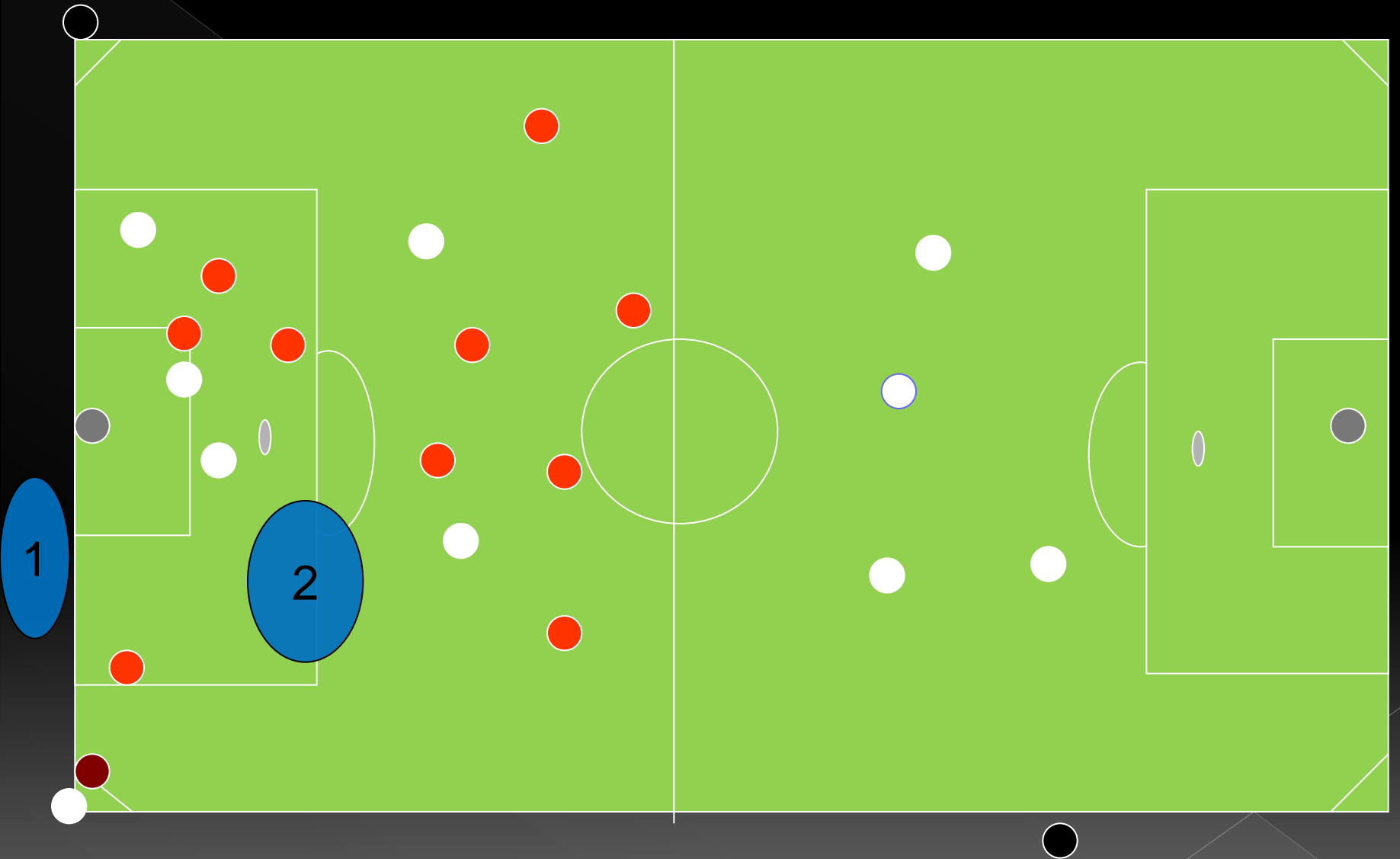
- ◉ This is a guide only
 - Kick off
 - Corner kick
 - Goal kick
 - Penalty kick
 - Free kicks (around penalty area)

KICK OFF

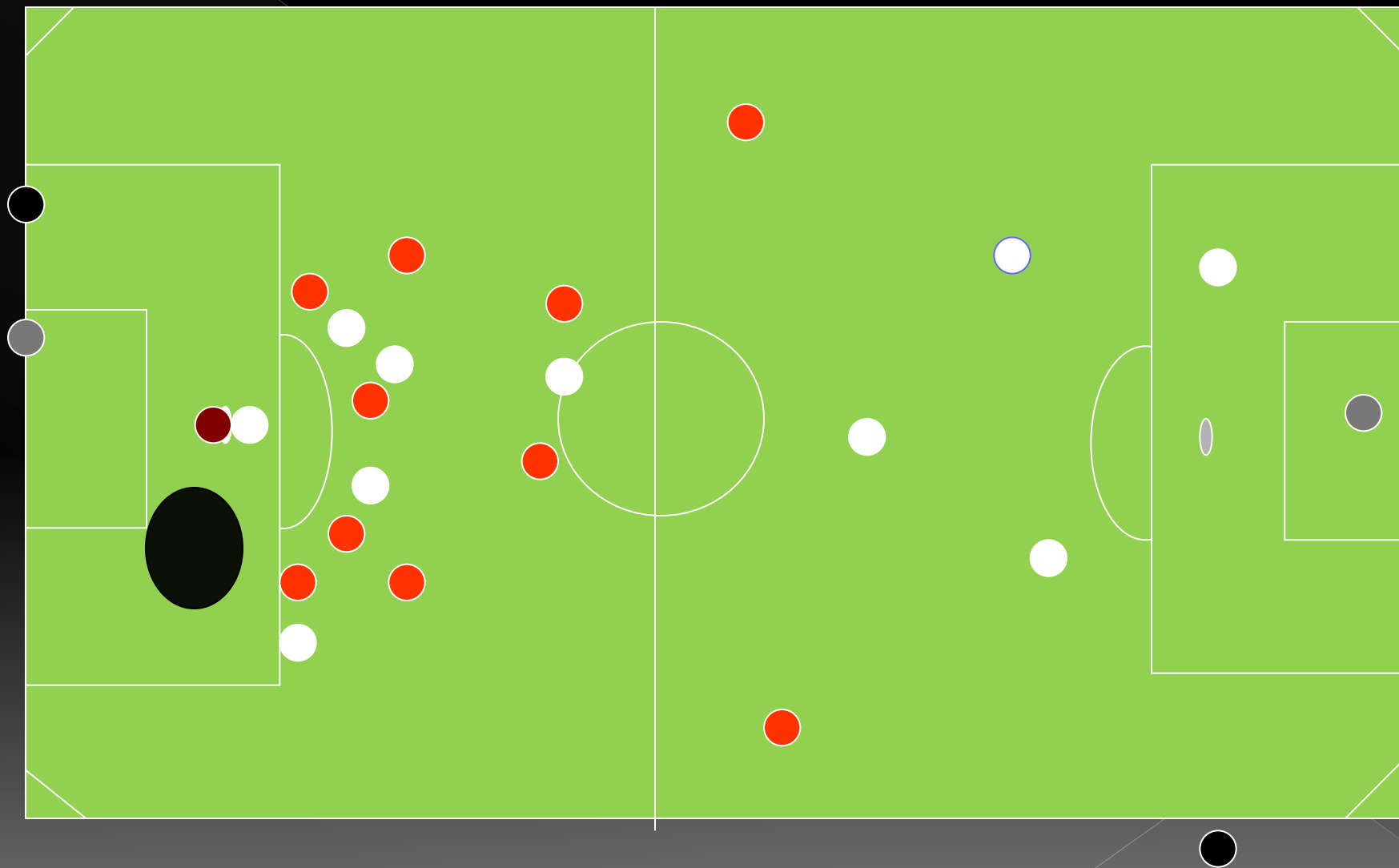
Note referee now stand behind the ball at the kick off. This helps eliminate the possibility of getting in the way of the ball and the players



Corner Kick



Penalty Kick



Free kick

