

NCAA soccer Offside Rule

11.3 **When Not Offside**

A player shall not be declared offside by the referee under the following situations:

11.3.1 Merely Because of Being in an Offside Position;

11.3.2 if the player receives the ball directly from a goal kick, corner kick or throw-in

Or

11.3.3 If the player receives the ball from a deliberate play from the defender (except a save)

11.3.3.1: A deliberate act is one in which a player chooses to act, regardless of the outcome of the action. This deliberate act is neither a reaction nor a reflex. A deliberate action may result in the opponent benefiting from the action (e.g., a deliberate, but misplayed ball that goes directly to an opponent). A reaction or reflex may result in that player benefiting from the action (e.g., a ball inadvertently contacting the arm and falling directly to the player's feet).

Note: A deliberate play by the defender may result in an opponent in an offside position receiving the ball directly. ***This is not to be penalized as offside.***

AR. 11.3.3 and attacker in an offside position receives the ball from a misplayed clearance by a defender (e.g., the ball skims off the head of the defender or is "shanked" during a clearance). Should the attacker be penalized for offside? **Ruling:** No, the attacker received the ball from a deliberate play by a defender and even though the attacker is in an offside position and gained an advantage from being in that position, he or she is not offside as it was last played by a defender in a deliberate manner.