

2024 RULES UPDATE

SHORT PASS FAQ

The new short pass rule – let's answer some of your questions.

RULE 12.1:
SHORT PASS

"When a player passes the ball there must be **sufficient space** on the court for an opposing player to be able to deflect or intercept the ball as it moves from the **hands** of the passer to those of the receiver."

SUFFICIENT SPACE

When talking about "sufficient space on the court for an opposing player to be able to deflect or intercept the ball", this means ANY opposing player, not necessarily the one who is closest to the ball.

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SCREEN

A set up by attacking players that **screens** a particular opposing player and prevents them from deflecting or intercepting a pass will not be a short pass if there is still sufficient space for another opposing player to do so.



THROW-INS

The new short pass rule does not prevent a player from throwing the ball against the goal post and catching it when it rebounds. However, the rules regarding passing distance still apply to this situation. There must be sufficient space on the court between the hands of the player and the post, both when the ball is passed and when it is received, for an opposing player to deflect or intercept the ball.



WITHIN 0.9m

A defending player may be within 0.9 metres of an opposing player with the ball, provided that there is no interference with the passing or shooting action of this player. In this situation, Rule 16 – the Obstruction Rule – will apply. While the opposing player is in possession, the defending player may not make any effort to deflect or intercept the ball, or defend the player with the ball. However, **once the ball is released**, the defending player may catch, deflect or intercept the pass.

