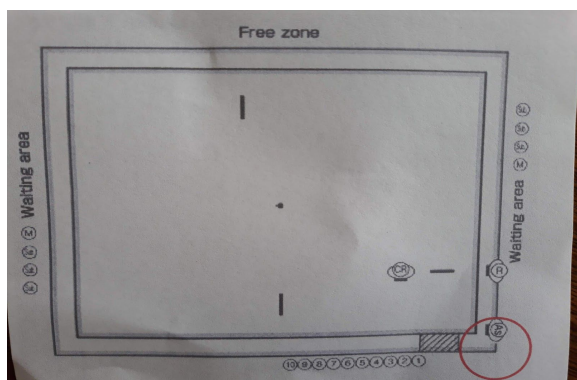


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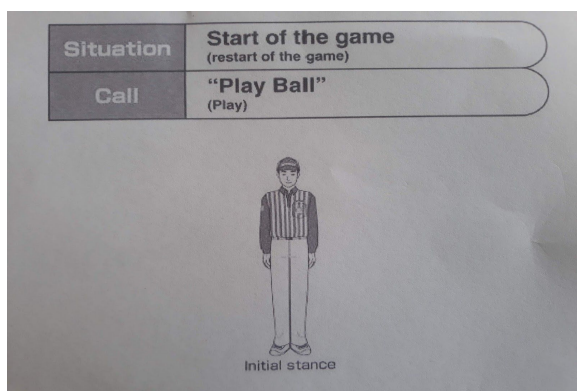
There are no changes to the **rules**, pages 1-33, other than renumbering and some cosmetic adjustments.

Guide for Referees - below is an abbreviated summary of major changes applicable to competition play in Australia where teams do not line up for inspection in one area before walking some distance to the playing area.

Page 4, 46.6.1.6 The chief referee now says “**Acknowledge the opposition and wish them a good game**” instead of “Can both teams bow to each other” Similarly at the end of the game, p52, players are now asked to “Acknowledge and thank the other team.” It will probably be important for tournament referees to suggest appropriate acknowledgements depending on the cultural background of participating players.

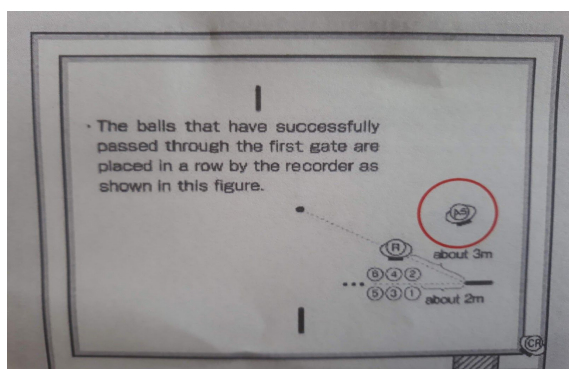


Page 47. There is a change to the starting position for referees. Note that the **AR now stands in corner 1**.



At the **start of the game**, the referees arm is **no longer raised** when “play ball” is announced.

Other small changes in hand signals include making sure the wrists are crossed during the game set call and making sure the head follows the course of the ball when a successful gate pass is called.



Referee positions are also changed for a shootout (p54) with the AR now standing behind gate 1 as shown.

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