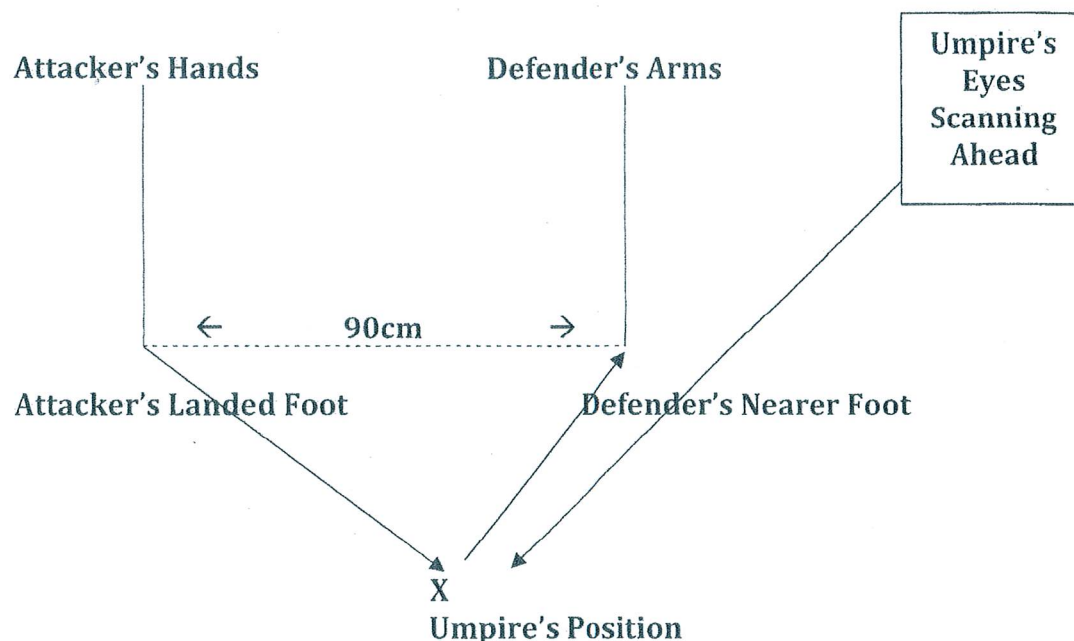


The Umpiring 'U'

POSITIONING FOR UMPIRES

Question - Where should the umpire be? Answer - In line with play, or just slightly ahead.



Umpire's Actions

- 1) Watches how ball possession occurs;
- 2) Immediately sees which is the attacker's landed foot;
- 3) Then quickly checks the nearer foot of defender to ensure the distance between is 90cm (3 ft);
- 4) Then a check of defender's raised arms is important to ensure they are not defending "in the eyes";
- 5) Umpire then looks forward to all the other players and scans where they are moving forward and across (called "reading play");
- 6) Umpire moves off to where they believe the next pass WILL be caught;
- 7) Umpire should move off before the ball is released to hopefully arrive when and where it is caught;
- 8) There is absolutely NO NEED for the umpire to keep their eyes "on the ball" otherwise they will always be chasing play and trying to catch up instead of anticipating play and arriving in time.
- 9) Be a PROACTIVE umpire, not a REACTIVE umpire by applying these vision and timing tips.