

Build-Out Line Guidelines

We are using what is called a “build-out line” for all U6, U7, U8, and U9/10 games. These lines are halfway between the top of Penalty Area and the Midfield Line. They are the blue lines on the field diagram below. When a team has a goal kick, or the keeper picks up the ball in the run of play, the opposing team now on defense must drop back behind the build-out line. If the keeper or the player taking the goal kick distributes the ball to a teammate inside the build-out line area, the defenders cannot challenge until the teammate receiving the ball touches it. If the defenders infringe upon this rule you would blow your whistle, stop play, and re-take the goal kick or give the team with the ball an indirect free kick if it came from the keeper.

