

# Build out line

ENYSA clarifies, strongly recommends that the following 7v7 (U9/U10) rules regarding the withdrawal (Build Out) line to be adhered to:

The line placed equidistant between the top of the penalty area and the halfway (midfield) line

1. The line also be used for the offside line. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line
2. The opposing team must move behind the build out line in the following situations
  - a. On a Goal Kick
  - b. When the goalkeeper has possession of the ball (with their hands)
3. The goalkeeper may release the ball into play prior to the opposing team reaching the build out line (quick restart). The opposing team may challenge for the ball once the ball has either
  - a. Been touched by a teammate of the goalkeeper
  - b. Goalkeeper has dropped the ball and touched it with their feet
4. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw, or roll the ball into play **(punting, including drop kicking, is not allowed)**
5. The opposing team cross the build out line when:
  - a. The goalkeeper passes, throws, or rolls the ball with their hands to a teammate who **then** touches the ball
  - b. On a Goal Kick when the ball has left the penalty area and touched by a teammate
  - c. The Goalkeeper in possession of the ball with their hands drops the ball to the ground then touches it with their feet
    - i. An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team if:
      - a. The GK drops the ball to the ground and does not touch it with their feet within 6 seconds
      - b. The GK releases the ball with their hands and has not been touched by a teammate within 6 seconds
6. If the opposing team crosses the build out line before the above (Point #5), the referee's will:
  - a. From Goal Kick – Retake the Goal Kick
  - b. From the Goalkeepers possession – An Indirect Free Kick is awarded to the goalkeepers' team
    - i. Ball Inside the Penalty area – Opposing team may not cross build out line until the ball leaves the penalty area and is touched by a teammate of the goalkeeper. If the ball does not leave the Penalty area the kick is re-taken
    - ii. Ball Outside the Penalty Area – Opposing team may not cross build out line until the ball is kicked and then touched by a teammate of the goalkeeper
7. If the goalkeeper punts the ball, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense
  - a. If the offense (punt) occurs within the goal area, the kick is taken at a spot on the line at the top of the Goal area parallel to the offense