



### GOALKEEPER RESPONSIBILITIES

*FIRST AND FOREMOST: **KEEP THE BALL OUT OF THE NET!!***

*PATROL AREA OUTSIDE BOX 20 – 30 YARDS (SWEEPER/KEEPER)*

- Giving support to team when going forward.
- Always giving an option to play back.
- Switch point of attack, keep possession, or long pass.
- Keep defensive shape & organization.

*ORGANIZE DEFENSIVE SET PIECES*

- Corner kicks (organization, winning flighted balls).
- Setting of walls (placement, numbers etc.).
  - The goalkeeper's first responsibility when defending a free kick is to be prepared for a quick shot on goal. A forward should initially set the wall and if there is to be a second whistle, then the goalkeeper can recheck the wall.
- Shape & organization.

*COMMUNICATION WITH ALL PLAYERS*

- Continuous information to backline and then to midfield.
- Have an understanding of all aspects of the game to be a leader to all players.
- Must call "Keeper's or "Away" to inform defense if you are coming off your line or staying on your line.
- The shout of "Keeper" means that the defenders will protect the goalkeeper, mark or obstruct a player or recover to goal line to protect the goal.
- When taking punts or goal kicks, the goalkeeper first tells team to "push up" and to either be "touch tight" or "get into a player".
- Goalkeeper must organize the numbers back to defend when their team is taking a corner kick.

*DISTRIBUTION*

- Goalkeepers must take their own goal kicks to get to next level.
- Initiating attack with punt, drop kick or throw.



## GOALKEEPING

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### *PUSHING UP WITH TEAM'S FORMATION*

- Must be prepared to push as far as needed.
- Must understand "Gamesmanship".

### *RECEIVING OF BACK PASSES*

- Be confident to receive ball and play long or look to defensive outlet.
- Avoid challenge or tackle - Safety first.

### *CONTROLLING THE BOX*

- Strong on dealing with the crosses and serves.
- Organize players and get them to mark and to be aware of runs.
- Early and loud calls or demands.