

## BUILD-OUT LINES — 9U/10U ONLY



- The build-out lines promote playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting.
- The build-out lines are located halfway between the halfway line and the top of the penalty area.
- The build-out lines may be solid, dashed, or simply marked by cones (or flags) off the field
- The build-out line only impacts three situations:
  1. Goalkeeper controls the ball with the hands
  2. Goal kicks
  3. Offside

### Goalkeeper controls the ball with the hands

- Opponents must retreat behind the build-out line.
- The goalkeeper may not punt the ball (IFK offence from location of the punt—*Note*: goal area exception)
- The goalkeeper must pass, throw, or roll the ball to a teammate who is on their side of the build-out line.
- Quick restart: The goalkeeper may release the ball before the opponents have completely retreated behind the build-out line. In doing so, the goalkeeper accepts the position of the opponents who may intercept the ball.
- Once the ball is released by the goalkeeper the opposing players may cross the build-out line.
- The 6 second limitation on goalkeeper possession should not start until all opponents have moved behind the build-out line. Referees should be flexible with this.

### Goal kick

- Opponents must retreat behind the build-out line.
- Once the ball is kicked, the opposing players may cross the build-out line (but per law 16, they cannot play the ball until it has left the penalty area)
- Quick restart: The goal kick may be taken before the opponents have completely retreated behind the build-out line. In doing so, the team accepts the position of the opponents and they may intercept the pass. (*Note*: Law 16 restrictions on opposing players and the penalty area still apply)

### Violations of the build-out line

- *Let them play.*
- Referees and coaches should work with the players to encourage the use of the build-out line. Referees should:
  - Provide instruction as needed and allow limited “do-overs”
  - Hold up play until opponents retreat
  - Remind players to not deliberately pass or roll the ball beyond the build-out line
- Focus is on education, not strict enforcement (most violation will be trifling)
- Repeated violations of the build-out line should not be viewed as misconduct
- Region staff should address coaches who encourage/teach their players to disregard the build-out line

### Offside

- The build-out line in the opponents’ half of the field replaces the halfway line in determining offside position.