

## **PDI Implementation for 2019 Spring Cup**

### Deliberate Heading (12U and 10U)

Deliberate heading of the ball at 12U and below will result in an Indirect Free Kick for the opponent at the spot of the offense. If the deliberate heading was by the defense inside their goal area, the ball is placed on the goal area line parallel to the goal line, closest to the location of the deliberate heading. If a defending player deliberately heads the ball into his own goal in an (unsuccessful) attempt to prevent a goal, the referee shall not award the goal to the opponents and shall restart with an Indirect Free Kick as above. Repeated infractions are addressed below.

### No Goal Keeper Punting (10U only)

Goalkeeper punts and drop kicks are allowed at 12U this year.

A goalkeeper punt or drop kick at 10U will result in an Indirect Free Kick for the opponent at the location where the goalkeeper punted the ball. If the goalkeeper was inside the goal area, the ball is placed on the goal area line parallel to the goal line, closest to the punt location.

### Build Out Line (BOL) Offenses (10U)

1. Goalkeeper possession of the Ball
  - a. Referees need to manage players to avoid early encroachment and involvement by the opponents. If required, stop play, and restart with an Indirect Free Kick on the BOL at the point of the encroachment.
  - b. Goalkeeper has the option to release the ball without waiting for opponents to retreat beyond the BOL. Opponents then may not be penalized for not retreating across the BOL.
  - c. There are no restrictions on the distance that a goalkeeper may throw the ball this year. Likewise, if they place the ball on the ground and then pass it towards a teammate, there is no restriction on the distance of that pass.
  - d. If the goalkeeper kicks or punches the ball rather than trying to collect the ball with the hands, then play continues as usual. The BOL is not a factor.
2. Goal Kick
  - a. Opponents may not cross the BOL until the ball has left the Penalty Area.
  - b. Referees need to manage players to avoid early encroachment and involvement by the opponents. If required, stop play, move the opponents beyond the BOL, and retake the goal kick.
  - c. A player has the option to take a goal kick without waiting for opponents to retreat beyond the BOL. Opponents then may not be penalized for not retreating across the BOL.
  - d. There are no restrictions on the distance that a player may kick the ball on a goal kick this year.
3. Offside
  - a. A player is not in an offside position if they are between the halfway line and the BOL in the attacking half of the field.
  - b. AR movement is restricted to between the goal line and the BOL.

### Repeated Infractions of the PDIs

Referees should work with coaches to address repeated infractions of the Player Development Initiatives. Repeated infractions of the PDIs should NOT be considered as part of Persistent Offenses misconduct. However, a player may be eventually removed from play if the repeated infractions continue after discussion with the coach.