

U10 Development Rule "The Build-Out Line"

- The build out line is used to promote playing the ball out of the back in an unpressured setting.
- When the goalkeeper has the ball, in hand during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play.
- Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw, or roll the ball to a teammate (punting and drop kicks are not allowed).
- After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build-out line and play resumes as normal.
- The opposing team must also move behind the build out line during a goal kick until the ball is put into play.
- If a goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
- If the punt or drop kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal are line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infraction occurred.
- The build-out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called.
- **PLAYERS CANNOT BE PENALIZED FOR AN OFFSIDE OFFENSE BETWEEN THE HALFWAY LINE AND THE BUILD-OUT LINE. PLAYERS CAN BE PENALIZED FOR AN OFFSIDE OFFENSE BETWEEN THE BUILD OUT LINE AND THE GOAL LINE.**

Build Out Line Applications

- Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the build-out line.
- However, the goalkeeper can put the ball into play sooner but he or she does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resumes.
- Referee can manage the situation with misconduct if deemed appropriate.
- Referees should be flexible when enforcing the 6 second rule and counting time of possession should only begin when all opponents have moved behind the build-out line.