



# SDI Quick Referee Tip

## 2019 UPDATE

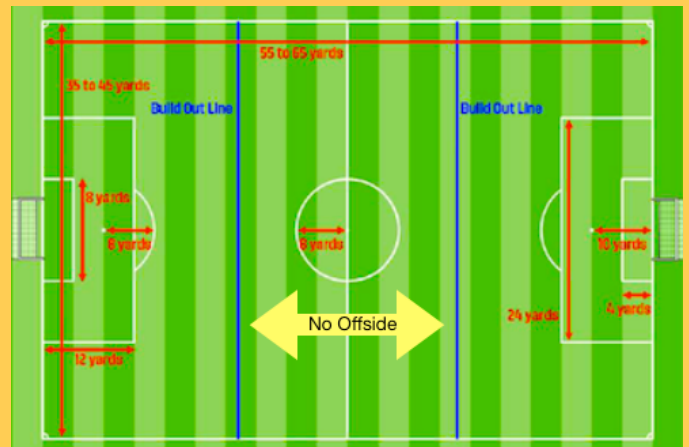
### MANAGING THE BUILD OUT LINE

All referees need to review this update to the CSA 7v7 Standards and the Front Range League Rules. Colorado rules now match all 7v7 U.S. Soccer Player Development Initiatives (PDI) as we kickoff games this year. It's simple if all referees, coaches, parents and players understand the rule!

#### THE BUILD OUT LINE

- A dashed or different color marking across the field.
- Used in determining if a player offside.
- A player can only be judged offside between the build out line & the goal line.
- AND... we must manage the players during goal kicks & when the goalkeeper has possession!

It is our job to make sure that 7v7 games are played with the correct management of the build out line as set by the U.S. Soccer Player Development Initiatives.



### OPPONENTS MUST MOVE BEHIND BUILD OUT LINE?

**YES, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THE OPPONENTS MOVE BEHIND THE LINE, IT IS YOUR JOB AS THE REFEREE!**

When must players retreat behind the Build Out Line? Simple - Goalie has the ball in hand OR a Goal kick

### WHEN CAN PLAYERS CROSS THE BUILD OUT LINE?

**GOAL KICK - TO MAKE IT CLEAR** - just as The IFAB Law 16 states... ball is in play when it leaves the PENALTY AREA, this is when players may cross the build out line & pressure the ball. Goal kicks are always managed as written in Law 16.

#### HERE IS WHERE WE HAVE OUR UPDATE

GOALKEEPER HAS BALL IN HANDS... GK with the ball is entitled to wait until opponents are behind the build out line before releasing the ball, when opponents are behind the build out line, the 6 seconds for the GK begins.

When can the opponents cross the build out line & pressure the ball? **SIMPLE! THE BALL IS CONSIDERED "IN PLAY" WHEN THE BALL LEAVES THE GOALKEEPER'S HANDS.** The goalkeepers may pass, throw or roll the ball into play.

Remember - no drop kicks or punts by the goalkeeper. If they do? Indirect Free Kick to the opponent, if this occurs when the GK is in the goal area, the IFK restart is on the goal area line nearest the offense.

### RESOURCES

[CSA 7V7 STANDARDS](#)   [CSA FRL LEAGUE RULES](#)   [U.S. SOCCER PDI'S](#)   [IFAB LAW 16 - GOAL KICK](#)

- Keep it simple! It should be easy to manage these games, use your voice, explain to players, and make sure they move behind the build out line when it's required, this ensures that we support the philosophy of the small-sided games, building out of the back unpressured.
- **Most importantly, always remember that safety of the players is #1, and these 7v7 games should be FUN!**