



2017 Western States EXPO Update on Law Changes

Throw-ins, GK Punts & Build-Out Line



THROW-INS (6U to 8U)

- For 6U to 8U, the throw-in is replaced with the pass-in. Opposing players must be at least two yards from the ball until it is kicked.
- Training of throw-in technique may begin at 9U and up.

GOALKEEPER PUNTS (9U to 12U)

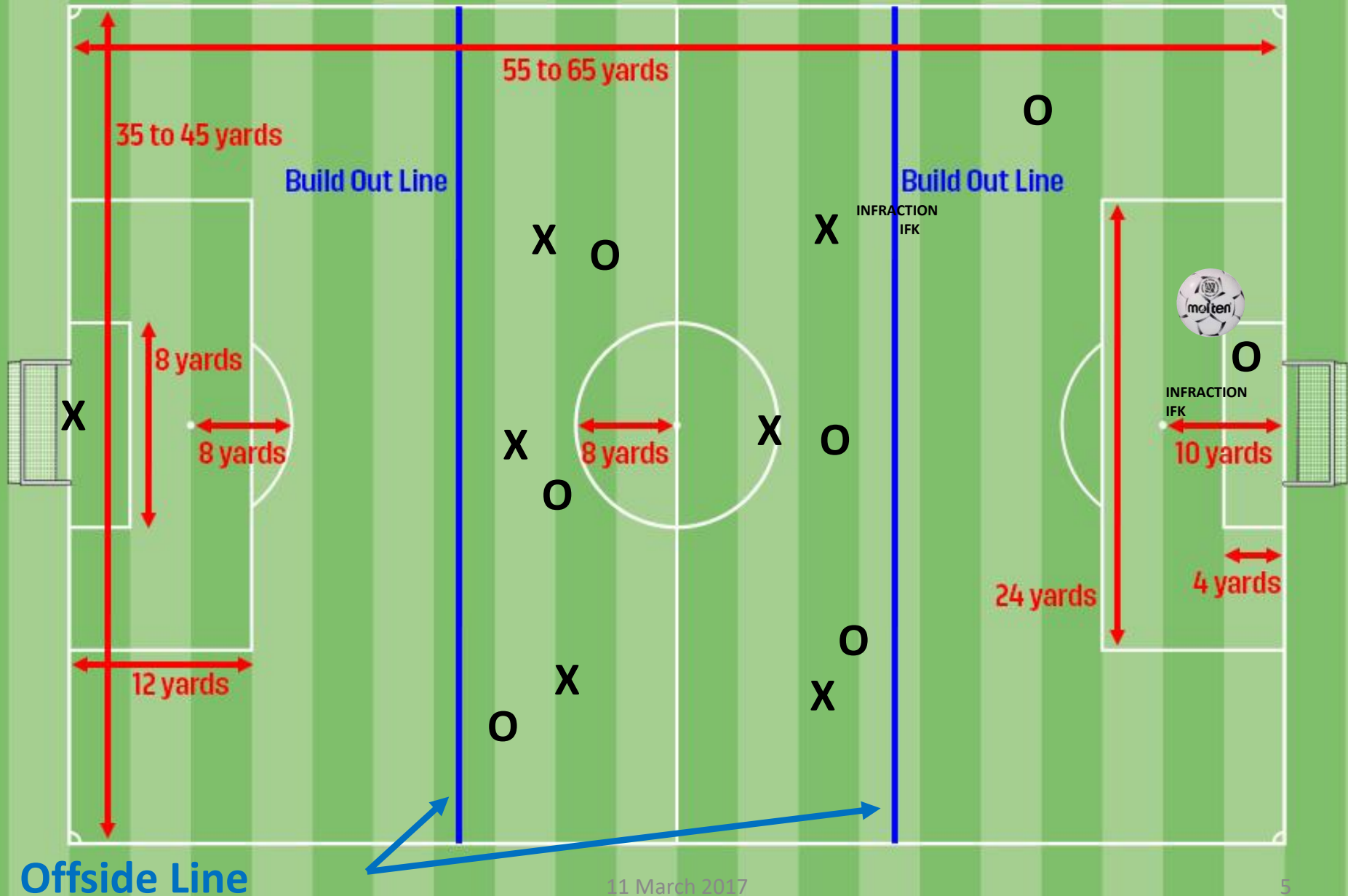
- For 9U to 12U, the goalkeeper shall not punt the ball
- An indirect kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the spot of the offense if a goalkeeper for 9U to 12U deliberately punts the ball during a match
- An indirect free kick awarded to the attacking team inside the opposing team's goal area must be taken on the goal area line at the point nearest to where the goalkeeper punted the ball



BUILD-OUT LINE (9U and 10U)

- The build-out line shall be placed across the field equidistant between the top of the penalty area and the halfway line.
- The build-out line promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting
- If no line exists, use flat cones or some safe method to mark the location

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Goal Keeper possession

- When the goalkeeper has the ball in his/her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build-out line until the ball is released from the goalkeeper's possession
- Once the opposing team is behind the build-out line, the goalkeeper can release the ball by passing (**no dribbling**), throwing or rolling the ball to a teammate who is on his/her side of the build-out line (punts and drop kicks are not allowed)
- After the ball is released from the goalkeeper's possession, the opposing team can cross the build-out line and play resumes as normal

Build-Out Line (9U and 10U)

Goal Kicks

- The opposing team must move behind the build-out line during a goal kick until the ball is kicked
- The goalkeeper releasing the ball from possession or the player taking the goal kick does not have to wait for the opposing players to move behind the build-out line
- The play from the goalkeeper or from the goal kick must be played to a teammate on their side of the build-out line. Infractions result in an IFK awarded to the opponent at the spot of the initial play

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Guidance to Referees

- Encourage the opponents to move quickly beyond the build-out line. Do not start the “6-sec clock” until all opponents have retreated behind the build-out line
- The referee should position themselves on or very close to the build-out line and ask the players to stay behind until the ball is released.
- If a player insists on crossing over the line a couple of times without respecting the referee’s direction; you have an IFK for the goalkeeper’s team... location: on the build-out line, place closest to where the player crossed the line

Build-Out Line (9U and 10U) Offside

- The build-out line shall be used as the line to determine offside. 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 goal line
- ARs should position themselves with the build-out line, the second to last defender, or the ball, whichever is closest to the goal