



Retreat Line

Retreat Line Rule U11 / U12

Retreat Line Procedure:

The Retreat line comes into play when the ball has gone out of play for a goal kick. All opposing players will retreat back behind the offside line/retreat line on the field. The opposing players may not pressure the ball until:

1. The player taking the goal kick has successfully put the ball into play and it is touched by their teammate (on their side of the offside line/retreat line). See diagram #1

OR

The ball is played beyond the offside line/retreat line into the middle third of the field. See diagram #2

OR

2. The ball leaves the field of play.

If a team decides to take the goal kick quickly, they are allowed to and the ball will be in play once it leaves the penalty area. The opposition's position on the field will not come into effect.



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Encroachment of retreat line:

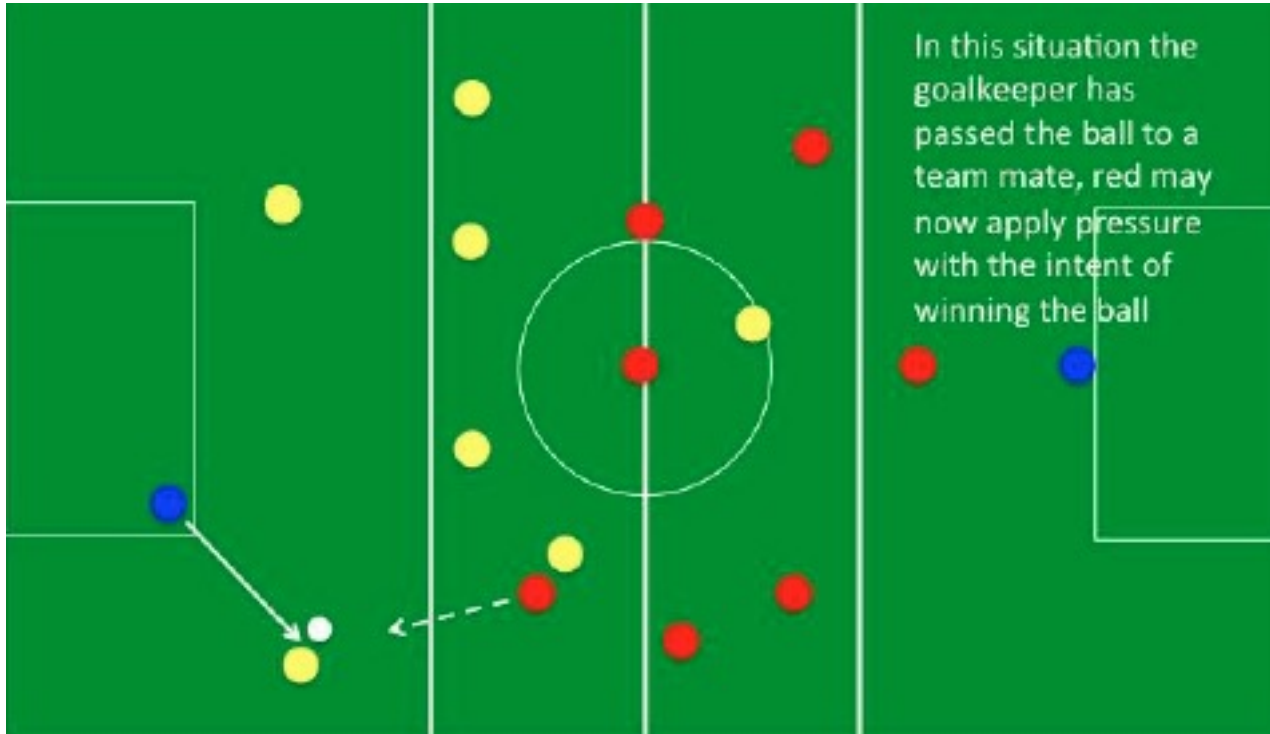
- If the defending team encroaches across the retreat line before an opposition player touches the ball then the referee blows the play stopped and issues a re-take of the goal kick.
- If the opposing team repeatedly infringes the retreat line, an indirect free kick shall be awarded from the place where the offence occurred for non-respect of the restart.



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