

7v7 Specific Rules for Rec and Classic:

Build-out Lines

Build-out lines are indicated by **pylon markers** placed on the touchline or a painted line, halfway between the goal line and the halfway line.

Rules during open play:

1. When the goalkeeper gains possession of the ball, players from the opposing team must retreat behind the build-out line. The referee and opposing team's coach should give reminders.
2. The eight-second count for the goalkeeper does not begin until players have retreated behind the build-out line.
3. The referee may issue an indirect free-kick for the team in possession if the opponent is persistent in refusing to retreat behind the build-out line. Continued infractions can be considered misconduct (yellow card).
4. Once the goalkeeper releases the ball and it is touched by a second player, opponents may cross the build-out line, and play continues normally.
5. If the ball crosses the build-out line before being touched by a second player, play continues normally.
6. The goalkeeper is NOT required to wait for opponents to retreat. If the goalkeeper decides to play the ball earlier, it is in play and all players may continue normally.
7. The goalkeeper may NOT punt or drop-kick the ball over the build-out line. Play is resumed with a roll, throw, or normal play with the feet. All such actions put the ball into play.
8. If a goalkeeper punts or dropkicks the ball over the build-out line, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. Referees can have the discretion to give a team a warning and stop play to return the ball to a goalkeeper after a punt and allow them to restart the game with a pass or roll the ball into play.
9. If the punt or dropkick occurs within the goal area (not penalty area), the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

Rules during goal kicks

1. When a goal kick is awarded, all members of the opposing team must retreat behind the build-out line. The referee and opposing team's coach should give reminders. Persistent refusal to retreat behind the build-out line can be considered misconduct (yellow card).
2. The team in possession has no restrictions on their positioning. They may be on either side of the build-out line as well as in their own penalty area. The ball does not have to leave the penalty area before it is touched.
3. The opposing team may cross the build-out line once a second member of the team in possession has touched the ball.
4. If the goal kick travels beyond the build-out line without being touched by a second player, play resumes normally.

Offside: A player is not considered offside until they are beyond the build-out line and in an offside position.

Miscellaneous: The build-out line is not applied to any other restarts (throw-ins, free kicks) aside from goal kicks.

Goalkeeping

Goalkeepers may not punt the ball from their hands. After one warning, an offending punt will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.