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## SMALL SIDED REGULATION REMINDERS

### RETREAT LINE

The following outlines how to implement the Retreat Line

When the goalkeeper has the ball in their possession at a goal kick or after making a save the opposing team members would "retreat" to the predetermined area of the field. The predetermined areas are as follows:

- 5v5 - Half way line. It is recommended the goalkeeper does not drop kick the ball
- 7v7 – 1/3rds line.
- 9v9 - 1/3rds line.

With the opposition retreating to the correct part of the field the goalkeeper can now successfully throw or pass the ball to a team mate. **Once the player receiving the ball from the goalkeeper touches the ball, the ball is in play and the opposition players can pressure and attempt to win the ball.**

If the goalkeeper chooses not to wait for the opposing players to "retreat" and throws or passes the ball down the field, the ball is instantly in play and does not require a player from the goalkeeper's team to touch the ball first.

Opponents must be behind the retreat line and cannot cross the retreat line until the ball:

- Is touched by a player of the team receiving the GK's distribution
- Leaves the field of play
- Crosses the retreat line. (If the goalkeeper chooses to play the ball across the retreat line prior to the opposition crossing the retreat line)



## **DRIBBLE-IN/PASS-IN**

The following outlines how to implement the Dribble-In/Pass-In.

A pass-in or dribble-in is a method of restarting play. The kicker may conduct either as a method of restarting play throughout the duration of the match.

A pass-in or dribble-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball when the whole of the ball crosses the touch line, either on the ground or in the air.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a pass-in/dribble-in. A goal can be scored from a dribble-in only if the kicker touches the ball a second time with their feet.

A goal can be scored from a pass-in only if the ball touches another player before entering the net.

### **Procedure**

At the moment of delivering the ball, the kicker:

- Faces the field of play
- Has part of the ball on or behind the touch line

All opponents must stand no less than three (3) metres (or three (3) yards) from the point at which the pass-in or dribble-in is taken. The ball is in play when it enters the field of play.

### **Infringements and Sanctions**

For any infringements, including those listed below, the pass-in/dribble-in is retaken.

- Opponents encroaching within 3 metres (or three (3) yards) of the ball

An Indirect Free Kick or is awarded to the opposing team if the kicker:

- Touches the ball a second time with their hands

