



# ORANGE COUNTY

## Build out line (applicable to 6v6 and 7v7 format of play)

The build out line promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting.

The build out line extends across the width of the field and is marked by cones.

When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play.

**The referee should stand on the build out line as an added marker for opposing players to stand behind.**

Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed) within the build out line. Their delivery cannot intentionally clear the build out line.

The opposing team can only cross the build out line once the ball is **touched by** one of the goalkeeper's teammates or the ball crosses the build out line.

The opposing team must also move behind the build out line during a goal kick until the ball is put into play. **The goal kick is taken up to 5 yards from the goal line (end line)**

If a goalkeeper punts, drop kicks the ball or intentionally kicks the ball beyond the build out line, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.\*

Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the build out line. However, the goalkeeper may put the ball into play sooner but, if they do so before the opposing team clears the zone, **they will relinquish their advantage** of the build out line and the play will resume as normal.

To support the intent of the development rule, coaches and referees should be mindful of any intentional delays being caused by opponents not retreating in a timely manner or encroaching over the build out line prior to the ball being put into play.

Coaches are responsible for addressing these types of issues with their players.

Referees can manage the situation with misconduct if deemed appropriate.

Referees should be flexible when enforcing the 6 second rule and counting the time of possession should only begin when all opponents have moved behind the build out line.

**\* For the 1st offence, the referee should allow a retake, explain the rule to the player and coach and advise a second infraction will result in IFK.**