



U12 8v8 - Retreat Line (New for 2017)

The **Retreat Line** will come into effect in two situations during the game:

- Goal Kick
- Free Kick to the defending team within it's own penalty area

At these two restarts, the opposing team is required to move beyond the Retreat Line. The player taking the kick can then pass the ball to one of his team-mates without the pressure of an opposing player nearby. When the ball is touched by a 2nd player, the play will resume as normal and the "opposing" team can move inside the Retreat Line.

The Retreat Line in 8-a-side Soccer will be the closest offside line to the restart.

If a member of the opposing team comes inside the Retreat Line before the ball has been touched by a 2nd player, and interferes with play, the Referee will stop play and the restart will be retaken.

Players can choose to play the ball long if they wish

