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Kick-off

- the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves **in any direction**.

Retreat Line

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

- A Goal Kick
- A Free Kick to the defending team within its own goal 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 Mini Soccer will be the Halfway Line.

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 cannot play the ball long over the Retreat Line from a Goal Kick or Free Kick from within their own goal area— they must play the ball short to a team-mate.

Goalkeepers cannot drop kick the ball from their hands beyond the Retreat Line.

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