

Update Summary

Small Sided Soccer Club Development Manual

Retreat Line Development Tool: (Approved 2015-08-22)

BC Soccer’s player development programming is built upon a “PLAYER FIRST” mentality. It is important that development tools, which enable players to develop stage capacities identified by Long Term Player Development (LTPD), are recognized and implemented in small sided programs and leagues across BC.

The retreat line development tool is recognized by BC Soccer to further assist with developing players social/ emotional, technical, physical and decision making abilities.

As soccer continues to evolve, it’s important that Canada’s young players evolve with it so that they too can maintain possession of the ball and move it up the field with a controlled, constructive build up starting from the goalkeeper.

Please see the chart below for implementing the retreat line from 2015 beyond.

Retreat Line - Active Start + Fundamentals

Season	LTPD Stage	Age Group	Game Format	Retreat Line	Status
Pre - 2014/15	Active Start + Fundamentals	Under 6, 7 & 8	3v3, 4v4, 5v5	Half way line	Recognized
2015/16	Active Start + Fundamentals	Under 6, 7 & 8	3v3, 4v4, 5v5	Half way line	Recommended
2016/17 + Beyond	Active Start + Fundamentals	Under 6, 7 & 8	3v3, 4v4, 5v5	Half way line	Required

Retreat Line - Learning to Train

Season	LTPD Stage	Age Group	Game Formats	Retreat Line	Status
Pre - 2014/15	Learning to Train	Under 9, 10, 11 & 12	6v6,7v7, 8v8	Middle 3 rd	Recognized
2015/16	Learning to Train	Under 9, 10, 11 & 12	6v6,7v7, 8v8	Middle 3 rd	Recommended
2016/17 + Beyond	Learning to Train	Under 9, 10, 11 & 12	6v6,7v7, 8v8	Middle 3 rd	Required

Please Note ** During the 2015/16 season all players require consistency to develop. It is not advised for coaches to implement a retreat line on ad-hoc basis.

Retreat Line Procedure - Active Start + Fundamentals

The following age groups use the half way line as the retreat line: Under 6, Under 7, and Under 8.

The retreat line is initiated when the ball has gone out for a goal kick. All opposing players will 'retreat' to half field and cannot pursue the ball until:

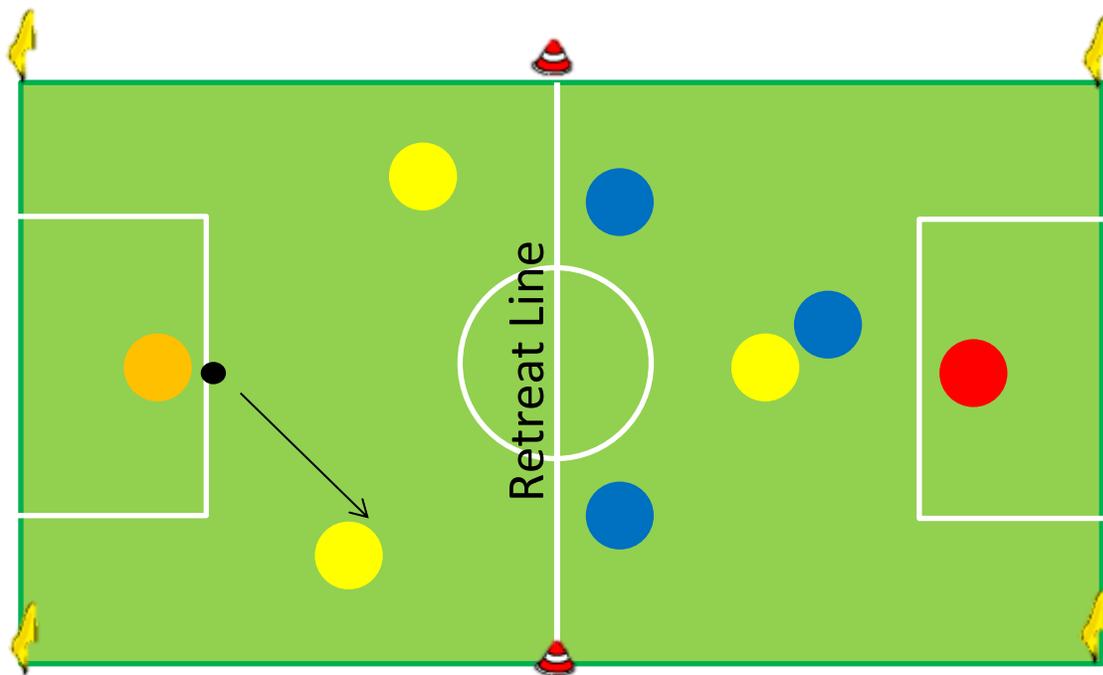
- The ball is received by a teammate OR,
- The ball travels over the retreat line OR,
- The ball leaves the field of play

If preferred, teams are always able to play quickly; the ball would be in play as soon as it leaves the penalty area regardless of the opposing team's position.

Encroachment of retreat line:

If the defending team encroaches across the retreat line before an opposition player touches the ball then the referee blows the play stopped and issues a re-take of the goal kick.

If the opposing team repeatedly infringes the retreat line, an indirect free kick shall be awarded from the place where the offence occurred for not respecting the restart.



Retreat Line Procedure - Learning to Train

The following age groups use the line across the middle 3rd as the retreat line: Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12.

The retreat line is initiated when the ball has gone out for a goal kick. All opposing players will 'retreat' to the markers indicating the retreat line and cannot pursue the ball until:

- The ball is received by a teammate OR,
- The ball travels over the retreat line OR,
- The ball leaves the field of play

Encroachment of retreat line:

If the defending team encroaches across the retreat line before an opposition player touches the ball then the referee blows the play stopped and issues a re-take of the goal kick.

If the opposing team repeatedly infringes the retreat line, an indirect free kick shall be awarded from the place where the offence occurred for not respecting the restart.

Making the Right Decision

Teams are always able to play quickly; the ball would be in play as soon as it leaves the penalty area regardless of the opposing team's position.

At times the correct decision is a quick or a long pass, players need to recognize the positions of the opposing team and act accordingly. If there is the opportunity to play quickly to create a counter attack or find a player in the middle third of the field - it should be encouraged!

