



Southwest District Soccer League

2022 Kick-Off Meeting

May 4, 2022

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Contents of Coach Handbooks



- Coach Handbooks are digital and are available on the league website under the MY TEAM tab and Administration on the left.
- Contents
 - A step by step description on all website tasks including Team Activation, Game Sheets, Reporting.
 - FAQ
 - New / Amended Rules for 2022
 - Policies – Weather, Equipment, Casts, Discipline
 - Directions on how to access team contacts and other forms.
 - Specific rules for Grassroots and u13.

Rescheduling



- 8.4 All reschedule requests must be submitted to Southwest Soccer via the Game Change Function at least 10 days in advance of the original scheduled date with a minimum of 7 days prior to the newly requested game date.
- 8.4.1 All reschedules being requested less than 10 days in advance must be completed via Game Reschedule Request Form and sent by email to league@swrsa.ca . An additional rescheduling fee will be applied for all requests under 10 days.
- 8.4.2 Reschedule requests received less than 72 hours in advance of the originally scheduled game will not be entertained and will be played as scheduled. Teams defaulting games will be subject to disciplinary fines per Appendix 'C'.
- 8.4.3 Reschedule requests received without an agreed upon new time, date and location will not be entertained. The game shall proceed as scheduled.

GRASSROOTS DIVISIONS – Reschedules may only be requested for single matches that are not scheduled as part of a festival.

Postponement / Default



- **9.1** All games will be played as scheduled unless postponed under one the following reasons:
 - a) At the discretion of the referee due to weather or field conditions.
 - b) At the discretion of the league
 - c) At the discretion of the City or field owners.
- **9.5.1** A Notice of Default will not be accepted more than 72 hours in advance of the originally scheduled game. Up until the 72-hour mark it is expected that the teams will make every attempt to agree upon a new time, date and location to complete a reschedule.

Online Game Reporting



One team official for each team is required to submit the game report online at the completion of each game for all age groups.

Time Frame to Report

- 13.6 - For each District League or cup match, the officials of both teams shall report the game results within forty-eight (48) hours of the game on the League website.

Confirmation

- Once the report has been successfully submitted, a generated email will be sent to the submitting team official identifying that the game report for the specified game has been completed. Keep the confirmation email.

TIPS

Download the E2E League Centre app, as it works best for game reporting.

DO NOT USE MS EXPLORER all other browsers work

Reporting Process



Process for U13 + Divisions:

- ☐ Log in to league website at www.swrsaleague.ca
- ☐ Select "My Team" tab
- ☐ Select "Game Report" on left hand side
- ☐ Select the game in which you wish to report from the drop down box
- ☐ Enter the names of your guest players, click "Next"
- ☐ Select all the players that were in attendance at the game
- ☐ Identify all goal scorers from the game
- ☐ Identify all red and yellow cards received in the game
- ☐ Click "Submit"

Reporting Process



Process for U9 to U12 Divisions:

- ☐ Log in to league website at www.swrsaleague.ca
- ☐ Select "My Team" tab
- ☐ Select "Game Report" on left hand side
- ☐ Select the game in which you wish to report from the drop down box
- ☐ Grassroots coaches are only required to identify if the game was completed or not. No other reporting is to be done
- ☐ Click "Submit"

Grassroots Rules

4 up 1 up

- When a club is losing by 4 goals, a player can be added
 - It is a simple conversation between the two coaching staff- identifying they are adding the extra player because the squad is losing by 4 goals.
- When the goal difference becomes 3 goals a player is removed
- If the goal difference goes to 8 goals a second player is added
- Communicate with the Match Official to advise of the removal of a player when the goal differential is decreased





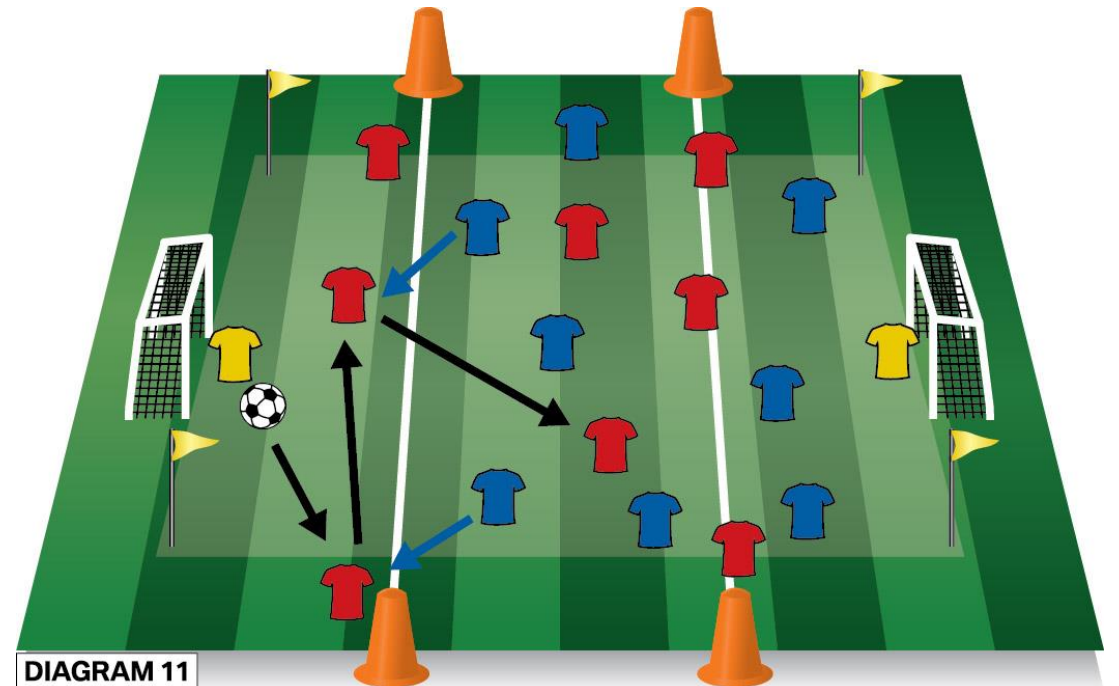
Pass in/Dribble in rule

- If the ball goes out of bounds, it will go to the opposing team
- u8/u9/u10
 - Balls will be "kicked-in", and may be dribbled in or passed in
 - A player using a "dribble in" is allowed to score, provided they touch the ball at least 2 times. The ball does not need to be touched by another player.
- u11/u12
 - Throw-In

The Retreat Line

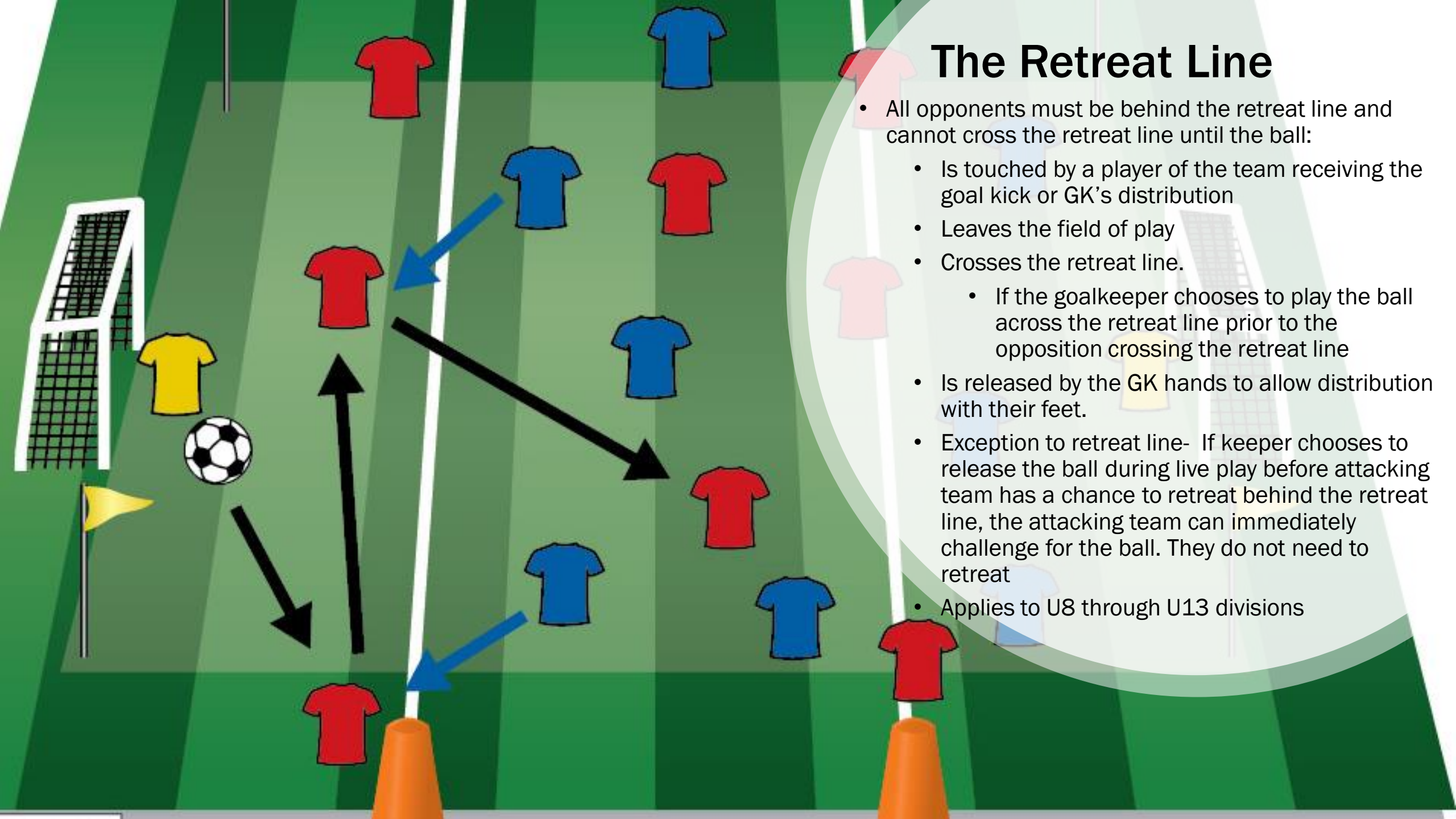


- When the goalkeeper has the ball in their possession at:
 - a goal kick
 - When the keeper has the ball in their hands after a save (during live play)
- The opposing team members "retreat" to the predetermined area of the field.



The Retreat Line

- All 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 goal kick or 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
- Is released by the GK hands to allow distribution with their feet.
- Exception to retreat line- If keeper chooses to release the ball during live play before attacking team has a chance to retreat behind the retreat line, the attacking team can immediately challenge for the ball. They do not need to retreat
- Applies to U8 through U13 divisions



Communication Path



- All communications from the Club Contact to the SWDSL are to be directed to the league administrator.
- Email Address: league@swrsa.ca
- Coaches are to communicate with their clubs. The clubs designated league club contact can connect directly with the league.

U8 Festivals



The league is currently working with the clubs and our Match Official Department to finalize details for the U8 Festivals.

Preliminary Festival Dates:

• June 11th, 18th, 25th

July 9th, 16th, 23rd

August 6th, 13th

Festivals locations are currently being finalized with most set to occur in Guelph and Cambridge.

If there are any clubs wishing to attend the U8 festivals that have yet to register please contact the league by May 18th at the latest to ensure inclusion.

Youth Cup



Format Change

Due to a low number of clubs offering to host cup preliminary rounds the league is changing the cup format.

- Preliminary rounds will no longer be hosted over a weekend in September.
- Preliminary rounds will now be scheduled throughout the season with set end dates to have rounds completed.
- Home teams will be determined through the cup draw and the home club will be responsible for booking a field for a date and time that does not conflict with the opponents schedule.
- Cup competition playing day is Friday's. Back up day is the divisions alternate playing day.
- Cup Finals to be hosted by the League in September (U18+ August)
- Draw to be completed offline and published on the league website.

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Any Questions?



Treatment of Match Officials



Remember these are kids!



Officials have more training than players and spectators



More focus on the official means less focus on the game



Officials should be treated like coaches



Yelling at officials models poor communication skills



Try it before you criticize



Remember it's just a game

Lowell Williamson



Match Official Presentation

District President's Comments



Closing comments from Southwest Soccer
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