

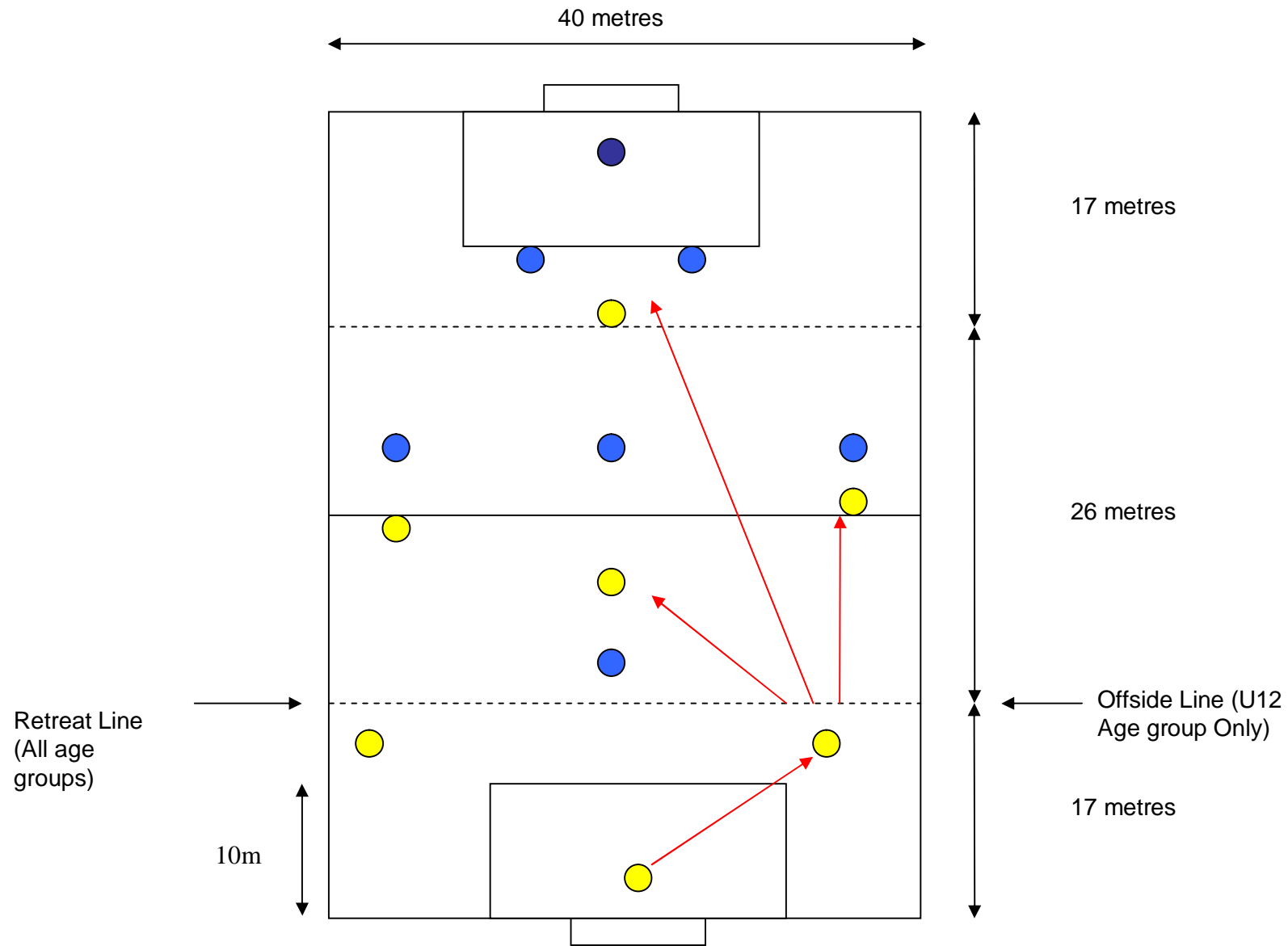


ESSDA Game Formats 2009/10

Rule Changes Overview

Game Format	Changes /Alterations for ESSDA Teams For 2009/10
4v4 (U8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuation of 4v4 formats at younger age groups
7v7 (U9/10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of Retreating Line - 4v4 (or equivalent) at side with spare players - No Offside
7v7 (U11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuation of Retreating Line - 4v4 (or equivalent) at side for spare players - No Offside
7v7 (U12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of Offside (in Retreating Line Zone) - Introduction of Pass-Back Rule - Still maintain 4v4 at side

Retreat Line Guidelines – 7v7 Games



*** Pitch Measurements will vary from pitch to pitch depending on space and age group**

Retreating Line Rules

1. When goalkeeper has ball under control **opposition team (darks) must retreat** behind retreat line as in diagram above.
2. Defenders (light) encouraged to go high and wide to receive ball from Goalkeeper.
3. Goalkeeper throws ball to any one of the defenders - only after **defenders first touch (or if ball comes to a stand still)** can opposition enter in advance of retreat line. Coaches are encouraged to allow opposition to play ball out.
4. When goalkeeper has ball under control from open play he may throw out quickly to players who are beyond retreat line (counter attack). **Opposition must retreat behind retreat line.** Under no circumstances are goalkeepers allowed to kick ball out retreat line area. Goalkeeper can pass ball as an alternative to throw within retreat line area.
5. From goal kick goalkeeper must kick ball out to defender as in diagram above.
6. Offside Rule applies beyond retreat/offside line . **ONLY AT U12 AGE GROUP.**