

Build Out Line FAQ

1. When may defensive players cross the Build Out Line to attack?

- When the ball is in play.
 - Ball is in play when it leaves the goalkeeper's hands
 - Ball is in play when it is kicked by the player taking the goal kick

2. If the goalkeeper has the ball and drops it to his or her feet, may opposing players cross the Build Out Line immediately, or must they wait until after the goalkeeper plays the ball?

- Opposing players may cross the Build Out Line when the goalkeeper drops the ball.

3. If the goalkeeper drops the ball to his or her feet, may an opposing player cross the Build Out Line, even if all of their teammates have not yet crossed the Build Out Line, or must all players clear the Build Out Line before anyone attacks?

- If the goalkeeper decides to play quick before the other team retreats to the Build Out Line, the opposing team may attack the ball.

4. If the goalkeeper possesses the ball and plays it quickly to a teammate outside the penalty area, when may opposing players attack the ball: when the ball leaves the goalkeeper's possession or when the receiving teammate has possession?

- If the goalkeeper decides to play quick before the other team retreats to the Build Out Line, the opposing team may play the ball immediately.

5. If a goal kick is played to a teammate parallel to the goal box when may opposing players cross the Build Out Line to attack the ball: when the ball is kicked or when the receiving teammate has possession?

- Opposing players may cross the Build Out Line as soon as the ball is kicked by the player taking the goal kick.

In short terms:

As soon as the goalkeeper plays the ball or a goal kick is taken, regardless of where players are on the field, the ball is live.

A goalkeeper hold the ball until all opposing players retreat behind the line OR the goalkeeper may play the ball quickly, in which case the opposing players DO NOT have to retreat past the Build Out Line before attacking the ball.