



# East York Soccer Club

## RETREAT LINE

Please note that the EYSC has implemented the use of a Retreat Line in accordance with Ontario Soccer directives for small sided soccer. It will be in effect for all games from **U4 up to and including U11**. Coaches are advised to prepare their players for the application of a Retreat Line.

The implementation is as follows:

The retreat line will come into play when the ball has gone out for a goal kick or when the goalkeeper has the ball in his/her arms. The retreat line shall be the half way line of the field for the U4 to U10 age groups. For the U11 age group, the retreat line shall be marked at one third of the field.

The ball is in play once it leaves the penalty area. 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 releasing the ball OR,
- Leaves the field of play OR,
- Goes over the retreat line (if the goalkeeper chooses to play the ball across the retreat line prior to the opposition crossing the retreat line).