Grassroots Development
‘Retreat Line Development Tool’
Info Package

BC Soccer Association
This info package provides key factors with implementing a retreat line into Under 9, 10, 11 and 12 small sided soccer game formats.
Organization of players before a goal kick

In this situation, the yellow team ‘retreats’ to the middle third of the field
Retreat Line Procedure:

During a goal kick, the opposing team retreats to the middle third of the field and may not pressure the ball until:
A teammate receives a pass from the Goalkeeper

In this situation, after blue receives the ball yellow may apply pressure
A long pass goes directly into the middle third of the field.

In this situation, yellow may try to intercept pass.
The ball leaves the field of play

In this situation, yellow will take the throw-in
Encroachment of retreat line:

If the defending team encroaches across the retreat line before a teammate receives a pass, Then the referee blows the play stopped and issues a re-take of the goal kick.
Encroachment of retreat line:

*If* the opposing team repeatedly infringes the retreat line, *Then* an indirect free kick shall be awarded from the place where the offence occurred for non-respect of the restart.
Making the Right Decision:
Teams are always able to play quickly;

*If* players choose to play quickly,

*Then* the ball is in play as soon as it leaves the penalty area regardless of the opposing team’s position.
Making the Right Decision:
At times, the correct pass is a long one,

*If* there is an opportunity to play a long pass to create a counter attack, *Then* it should be encouraged.