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The build out line promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting  
When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play

Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed)

After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal

The opposing team must also move behind the build out line during a goal kick until the ball is put into play

If a goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense

Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the build out line

However, the goalkeeper can put the ball into play sooner but he or she does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resumes

To support the intent of the development rule, coaches and referees should be mindful of any intentional delays being caused by opponents not retreating in a timely manner or encroaching over the build out line prior to the ball being put into play

Coaches are responsible for addressing these types of issues with their players

Referees can manage the situation with misconduct if deemed appropriate

Referees should be flexible when enforcing the 6 second rule and counting the time of possession should only begin when all opponents have moved behind the build out line