

LAW XVI – GOAL KICK

1. When the ball passes completely over the defending team's goal-line, and was last touched by an attacking player, and a goal was not scored, it shall be put into play by a kick taken:
 - A. by a player of the defending team, and
 - B. from a point anywhere within the goal area

Exception: In the Passers (U-8) division the kick shall be taken from anywhere in front of the goal area within twelve (12) yards of the goal line.
2. The Offside Law does not apply at the taking of a goal kick.
3. The ball shall be in play when the whole of the ball has left the penalty area.
4. After the goal kick has been taken it shall be retaken if:
 - A. The ball is not kicked beyond the penalty area, or
 - B. The ball is touched by any player (including the kicker) before it leaves the penalty area.
5. If a player taking a goal kick touches the ball after it has left the penalty area, but before it is touched by another player, an INDIRECT free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team. The kick will be taken from the place where the second touch occurred.
6. A goal may be scored directly from a goal-kick, but only against the opposing team.
7. Players of the opposing team shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball has left the penalty area.