

The Goal Box

There are no goalkeepers in 8U. The goal box is approximately six feet tall and ten feet wide located directly in front of the goal. There is no ball contact allowed within the goal box, however, any player may pass through the goal box as long as they do not touch the ball while in the box. If the ball comes to rest in the goal box, or on the goal box line, a goal kick is awarded regardless of who touched the ball last. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the area is considered IN the goal box and an extension of such. If a defensive player touches the ball after it has entered the goal box, the plane of the box, or an extension of the box (such as any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the box), a goal will be awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball after it has entered the goal box, the plane of the box, or an extension of the box (such as any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the box), a goal kick will be awarded to the defensive team, and a goal will not be counted if scored. The plane of the goal box extends upward infinitely. The referee's judgment call and ruling on the field will not be overturned.