



U8 & U9 SATURDAY GAME DAY 2025

SETUP & PACK UP

First teams set up the Fields. U9 - Junior $\frac{3}{4}$ goals, U8 - Fold Up goals. Last teams please clear the fields.

START/STOP

U8 - All games will start/stop on the hooter, 3x 15-minute games, away team rotate quickly to next field/game (5 minutes between games).

U9 – Timekeeping on the referee’s whistle, 25 mins each way, 5 minute half time. If you start late shorten your halves, you still need to be finished on time for the next teams to play.

Bibs – Away team collect bibs from bin before starting. Please put them back after your game.

DRAWS

<https://www.bayolympic.co.nz/inhouse-draws>

Please check the draw each week for possible changes.

CANCELLATIONS

Will be advised via email and through social media. This will be advised Friday night or early Saturday morning if heavy rain overnight. On occasions, the Council website can show fields as being Closed when they are actually Open. Please go by Bay Olympics announcements only.

GAME MANAGEMENT

Coaches from both teams can be on the pitch running the games and helping the players. One to referee(this can be any of the adults from the parent/caregiver group).

U8

- No offsides (don’t encourage goal hangers)
- Kick in’s instead of throw in
- No goal keepers
- No corners (just restart as a goal kick).
- Encourage defensive players to retreat to halfway on goal kicks.

U9

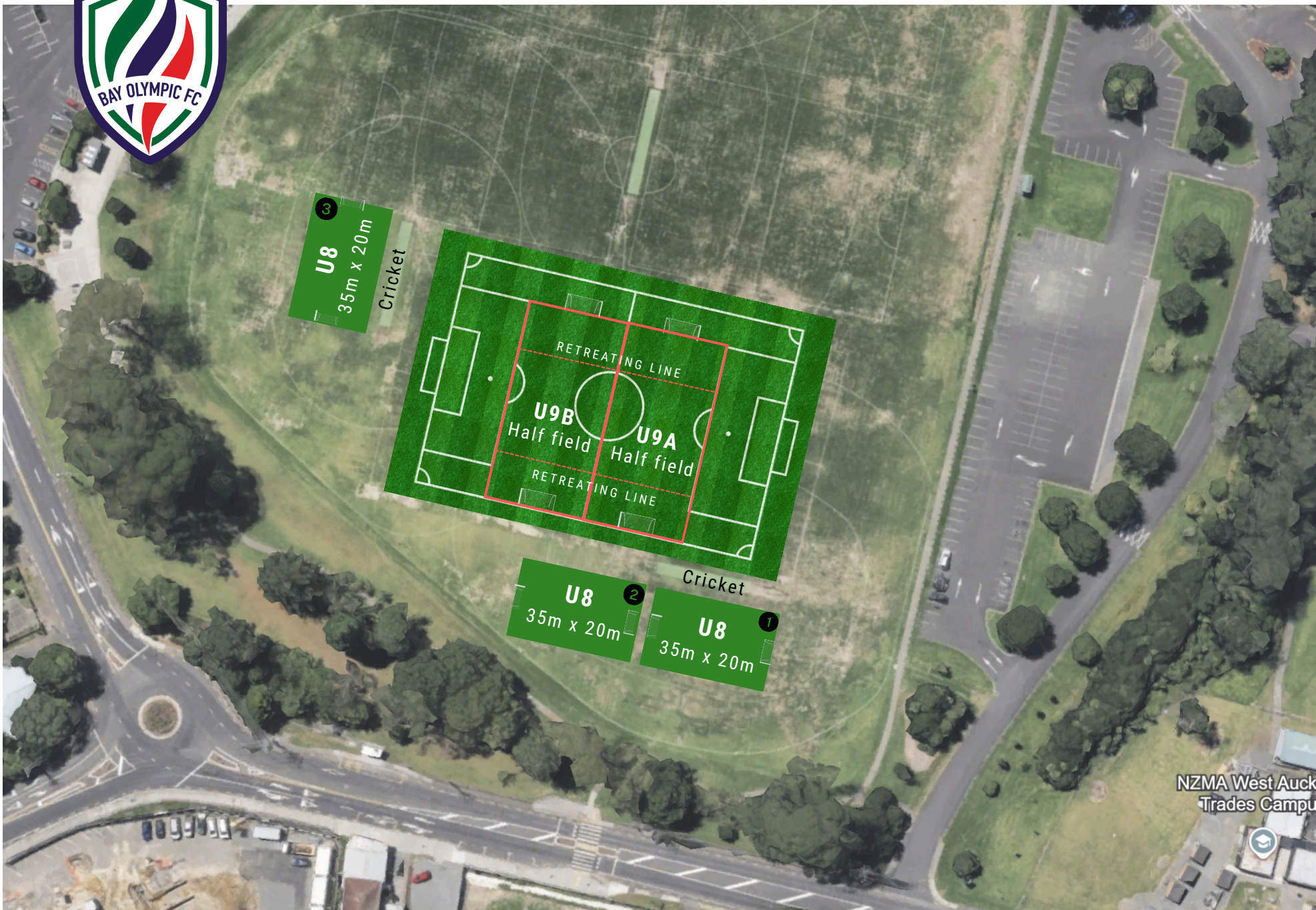
- Throws in, corners, goal kicks as normal.
- Use retreating line on goal kicks or when the goal keeper has made a save (defending team retreats to allow a first pass to be made).
- Encourage Goal keepers to play out with their feet in retreating line scenarios.

Offside

U9 - Retreating line

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PARRS PARK FIELD LAYOUT U8 & U9

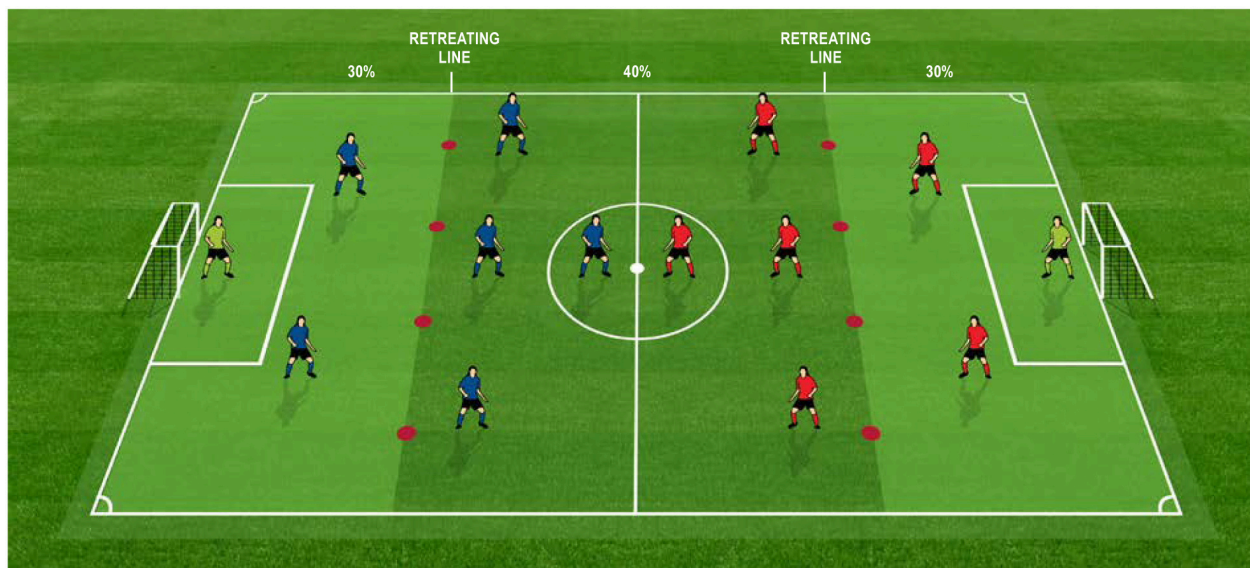


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The Retreating Line Rule



McDonald's Mini Football (U9 & U10)



McDonald's Mini Football (U11 & U12)

The Offside Rule

- The attacking player is offside when, at the moment they are being passed the ball, they are positioned in the opponent's half and is the closer player to the opponent's goal line than the last defender.
- The attacking player is offside when considered to be 'in play' - either attempting to play the ball or interfering with the GK from an offside position.

- Pitches are always marked with the Retreating Lines as 30%-40%-30% of all pitch sizes.
- This line can ideally be marked using spot markers across the pitch – but could be marked on the side-lines with high poles or high cones.
- In U9 & U10 7v7 formats, the Retreating Line is used for offside.
- The attacking player is **ON-SIDE** when they are positioned before the defending teams retreating line, at the moment they are being passing the ball; even if they are beyond the last defenders at the moment the ball is passed to them from one of their teammates.

