



13 & Under Retreat Rule

With a wide variety of skill levels on display in these club competitions, it's not always guaranteed that teams will have a competitive experience (as much as we try to have teams in groups with similar ability levels).

Our overall goal is to retain as many players as we can from these competitions in future years, so are now implementing this rule (effective immediately):

When the winning team in a game is ahead by 30 points (or more), the following “Retreat Rule” is required, until the margin is 29 points or fewer:

Players must retreat to touch halfway when they lose clear possession in the attacking half; or their team scores a basket (this promotes transition from offence to defence and creates space for dribbling and passing to develop).

Defensive players can move forward over halfway once all five defensive players have retreated that far, **AND** the offensive team has control of the ball in-bounds (i.e. after a basket, the defensive team can move forward once the ball is caught in-bounds)

To help with this rule, referees and/or floor controllers can take an “Official Timeout” to help explain this rule to the teams playing