



SWEeper / KEEPER GUIDELINES

amended by BASC 10/2023



No Sweeper-Keepers: In our 4v4 leagues, coaches are strongly encouraged to have defensive players remain in the same 2/3 of the field as the ball. All players need to be encouraged to be involved in active play and not simply positioned in front of the goal to prevent scoring. This is not healthy for player development and is not consistent with the spirit of small sided soccer, which is intended to have all players around the action and involved in the game. This does not mean that you cannot have a player focused on defense; however, coach the player who is in the defensive role to be in the same 2/3 of the field as the ball in play. For example, if the ball is on the opposing team's half of the field, the defender should be closer to the midline than to their own goal.

We are asking you, the coach, to ensure that players are positioned properly on the field. If you see coaches not following this guideline, please do not escalate the issue. Coaches who are reported as not following this guideline will be counseled and observed by BASC staff. Failure to follow guidelines may result in further disciplinary action.

Referees may remind coaches of this guideline, but no penalty or sanction shall be enforced by the referee. Referees will not manage this guideline during league games.

Let's work together to improve the quality of our games and ensure the development of all players.

To report an issue: If you had a consistent, willfully placed sweeper keeper issue during the entire game, please email the [BASC Head Coach](#) after the completion of the game, do not confront the coach or yell complaints or insults during the game. Include the names of both teams and coaches of the game, game time and field location, with a brief statement.

Thank you,
Broken Arrow Soccer Club