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Subject: Goalkeeping in SSF

Please see below for the correct interpretation with respect to Goalkeepers delivering the ball after a save or gathering the ball. I will add this to the website for all to see next week. Should any keeper infringe this interpretation then the referee will be instructed to stop play and have the goalkeeper deliver the ball in the correct manner.

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From: John Boulous
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2009 11:12 AM
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Subject: Re: Goalkeeping in SSF

You have interpreted correctly. The suggested activity should not be encouraged and is against philosophy

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From: Leila Freke
To: John Boulous
Sent: Wed Jun 24 11:04:48 2009
Subject: Goalkeeping in SSF

Good morning John,

I refer to the following quote from the Optus Small Sided Football Handbook.

"To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands the goalkeeper is not permitted to kick the ball directly from their hands. The ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet."

I have interpreted the above rule to mean that the goal keeper has three ways to deliver the ball back into play

1. By throwing the ball forwards (not upwards)
2. By rolling the ball forwards
3. By placing the ball on the ground and then kicking the ball forward.

I thought that this was quite clear BUT

I have been asked whether it is permitted for the goalkeeper to throw the ball up into the air and then kick the ball whilst it is still in the air. (ie before the ball touches the ground).

The argument is that the goalkeeper, having delivered the ball into play by throwing the ball, is then acting as a field player and kicking the ball.

I do not believe that this is in the spirit of SSF.

Your advice on whether I have interpreted this rule correctly would be greatly appreciated.

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