

STYSA Policies & Procedures
P&P No. 7
GOAL KEEPER POSSESSION IN THE U7 AGE DIVISION

Policy Statement:

STYSA coaches/players will follow specific guidelines for identifying Goal Keeper possession in the U7 age division

Summary:

STYSA has identified the need for a policy defining stricter Goal Keeper possession at the U7 age level for the following reasons.

1. At the U7 age level, STYSA players have never had the opportunity to play with a goal keeper and do not have the knowledge or experience to know when to stop going for a shot or “ruffing” the goal keeper.
2. At the U7 age level, STYSA players have never had the opportunity to be a goal keeper and do not have knowledge or experience in the position. STYSA believes that it is important to protect the goal keeper so that players will want to play the position without fear of being hurt.

Policy:

When the Goal Keeper has stopped the motion of the ball, the ball will be considered dead and cannot be touched by another player.

Examples:

1. The Goal Keeper stops the ball by pinning it between one hand and the ground.
2. The Goal Keeper falls on the ball.
3. The Goal Keeper catches/juggles the ball and may or may not keep position.

Referees will be responsible for enforcing this policy.

Coaches unwilling to follow this policy will be called to explain themselves to the STYSA Board of Directors.