

LEAGUE RULES IN REGARD TO ***DESIGNATED AREA***

DEFINITION OF “DESIGNATED AREA”

- Field space from the top of one Penalty Arc to the top of the other Penalty Arc.

DEFINITION OF “DESIGNATED PLAYER”

- All female players and certain male players identified by the league.

REFEREE CALLS IN THE “DESIGNATED AREA”

1. Speed of approach of male players

- Male players are not allowed to approach aggressively towards the designated player.
- Speed of approach towards a designated player can be from **ANY** direction (from behind, from the side, or from the front)
- Speed of approach is applicable towards the designated player throughout the designated area, including scenarios involving 50/50 balls.

2. Male initiated contact

- Tackles and other physical challenges by a male player are not allowed towards the designated player.

Male players can challenge the ball, move to block progress, and take the ball away from the designated player, so long as it is not aggressive and without physical contact.

(combination of speed of approach and/or male initiated contact)

NO CALLS ARE MADE WHEN

- There is a contest between two female players.
- If the designated player **INITIATES** contact with a male player.
- The play is outside of the “Designated Area.”

RESTART OF PLAY

- Indirect free kick for the designated player’s team, unless advantage is played.