

PLAYING RULES FOR U-10 6 v 6 SOCCER

Number of Players

The maximum number of players on the field at one time for U-9 is 6 v 6. One player shall be designated as the goal keeper.

The Referee

A referee, coach or parent shall monitor play. The primary concerns of the adult are safety and enjoyment of the players.

Start of Play

Following the coin toss the ball shall be played forwards from the center spot. Players should remain in their own half of the field until the ball is kicked.

Substitutions

Unlimited for team in possession before throw-in and both teams before goal kicks and after a goal has been scored.

Corner Kicks

FIFA rules

Throw-ins

FIFA rules ... allow one "re-throw" during first two games.

Offside

The offside rule does not apply. Players cannot be placed in front of opponent's goal (indirect free kick at spot of foul)

Goals

When a goal is scored, restart the game by a kick-off at the center spot.

Goal Kicks

After substitutions have been completed. Team in possession shall kick the stationary ball from the ground anywhere within the goal box area into play. Ball must exit goal area before it is in play or can be touched by another player. All opposing players shall remain outside the goal area until ball is in play. Ball shall not enter opposite team's penalty area in the air without first being touched by opposing player or the ground.

Misconduct / Fouls

A player who blatantly tries to injure an opponent or who continually breaks the rules shall be removed from the game. The player may be allowed to reenter the game after a cooling off period at the discretion of the referee.

Restarts / Free Kicks

All restarts are indirect kicks (the ball must be touched by another player before scoring a goal) at spot of foul. Except for OSGO (penalty kick), goalkeeper punting or drop kicking ball, and goal kicks when the ball enters the opponent's penalty area without first being touched by another player or the ground. Indirect free kick is awarded at penalty area line where the ball passed over in the air. Opponents must be at least 5 yards from the ball.

Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunities (OSGO)

When an attacking player is fouled in the penalty area during an obvious goal scoring opportunity. Or a defender illegally stops the ball from entering the goal, the game is restarted with a penalty kick.

Penalty Kick

Shall be taken from penalty spot. All players except for player taking the kick and defending goalkeeper shall remain outside the penalty area and 5 yards from the ball. The ball must be kicked forward and goalkeeper shall remain on goal line until ball is kicked.

Running Up the Score

When the score exceeds 4 goals by opposing team, 1 or 2 players must be removed by winning team or losing team may add 1 or 2 players until score is within 4 goals. Do what it takes to make the game even.