



## U-6 Rules

**Field Size:** 20 yards wide X 30 yards long, center circle of 6-yard dia. (3 yd rad.) and center line.

**Goal Area:** None- restart will be no more than 6' from the end-line.

**Penalty Area:** None

**Goals:** maximum 8 ft. wide X 6 ft. high

**Ball Size:** #3.

**Game Length:** Two 15-minute halves, plus a five-minute break between halves.

**Players on the roster:** The number of players shall not exceed 6.

**Players on the field:** The number of players on the field shall not exceed 3, no goalie is used. All players present shall play a minimum of 50% of the game.

**Referees:** The home team is responsible for providing a referee. If there is no referee present, the coaches will agree on one coach. If the coaches cannot agree on one, each coach will referee 1/2 of the game.

**Start of play:** The ball will be placed in the center of the field by the referee. After the referee signals, a player will kick the ball into the opponent's side of the field. The other team must stand behind the centerline and outside the center circle. To start the second half, there will be a kickoff by a player of the opposite team to that of the player that started the game.

**Scoring:** No scores or league standings are kept.

**Substitutions:** With the consent of a referee, substitutions may be made prior to throw in (by either team), prior to a goal kick (by either team), after a goal (by either team), after an injury (after referee stops play, by either team), at half time (by either team), and when the referee stops play to caution a player (only cautioned player may be substituted, prior to the restart of the game).

**Offside:** The offside rule shall not be enforced.

**Fouls:** The following fouls against an opponent will result in an indirect kick: slide tackling, kicking, tripping, jumping at, charging in a violent manner, charging from behind, striking, holding, pushing, handling the ball, dangerous play (high kicking), charging shoulder to shoulder when the ball is not within playing distance, lying on the ball, and unsportsmanlike behavior. Slide tackling is not allowed.

**Free kicks:** All free kicks will be indirect.

**Penalty kicks:** Direct penalty kicks are not allowed.

**Throw-ins:** Throw-ins are taken from the point the ball crossed the line, by a player of the opposing team. Several re-throws will be allowed if an incorrect throw occurs and after instruction by the referee. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

**Goal kicks:** Any defending player can take the goal kick and it may be taken from any point inside the goal area. A goal cannot be scored directly from a goal kick.

**Corner kicks:** No corner kicks are allowed. A ball crossing the end-line results in a goal kick by the defending team, no matter which team kicked the ball over the end-line.