Mini Soccer Rules (Outdoor)



## **ONE PASS RULE MODIFICATION FOR U5/U6**

We wanted to take a moment to inform you about an adjustment we are making to the one pass rule for our U5/U6 soccer program.

As you may know, the one pass rule has been commonly used to encourage passing and team play among young players. However, after careful consideration and observation, we have decided that this rule is not appropriate for our U5/U6 age group. Many of these children are just beginning to play soccer, and we believe it is important to focus on their overall enjoyment and introduction to the game.

Instead of implementing the one pass rule, we have devised a modified approach that aims to foster passing and teamwork while still allowing for individual achievements. Here's how it will work:

A player may not take the ball from one end of the field to the other and score without a touch from another teammate or the opposing team. If a player obtains the ball in their own end and takes it all the way up the field without any interactions from another player on either team, the goal will not be counted. In this situation we will provide positive feedback by saying something like, "Good run, but you have to remember to pass the ball next time." This gentle reminder will help guide them toward the importance of teamwork and passing in soccer.

However, if the player obtains the ball in their opponent's half and scores without any other player interaction the goal will be counted.

This adjustment will encourage players to consider passing and teamwork while allowing for individual efforts to be recognized. We believe it strikes a balance between developing their skills and ensuring they have fun during the games.

In situations where a player scores without any interaction from teammates or opponents, we will provide positive feedback by saying something like, "Good run, but you have to remember to pass the ball next time." This gentle reminder will help guide them toward the importance of teamwork and passing in soccer.

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We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Our primary goal is to create a positive and enjoyable experience for all the children participating in our program. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We value your feedback and are always here to assist you.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's soccer journey. We look forward to a fantastic season ahead!

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