

## Important U6/U8 Rules

1. We play with what is known as a No-Play Box. It basically means that no player from either team may touch the ball while it is in the No-Play Box. This is meant to keep a player from playing as a goalkeeper. We will go over all possible situations that may occur in rules 2 through 6.
2. If a ball is clearly going into the goal, in the opinion of the referee, and a defensive player (player trying to keep a team from scoring on their goal) stops the ball then a goal will be declared. This will apply even if a defensive player has kicked his or her ball towards their own goal.
3. If the ball completely stops, the play will be stopped. A goal kick or corner kick will be awarded depending on who touched the ball last. If the team that last touched the ball was an attacking player, a goal kick will be awarded. If the last team to touch the ball was a defending player, a corner kick will be awarded.
4. If an attacking player touched a moving ball inside the No-Play Box at any time, a goal kick will be awarded to the defending team.
5. If a defending player touched a moving ball inside the No-Play Box at any time, other than when in the opinion of the referee a goal would be scored, a corner kick will be awarded.
6. The sole decision of all play is up to the referee and no objections will be reviewed or entertained.
7. A goal kick may be taken anywhere within the No-Play Box area. The line of the box is considered within the No-Play Box area.
8. In your age group, all kicks are considered indirect. This means that two different players on the field of play (from either team) must touch the ball before a goal may be scored. This applies to every start of play such as goal kicks, corner kicks, kickoffs, free kicks, and throw-ins/kick-ins.
9. On any free kicks, such as a goal kicks, corner kicks, or kick offs, the defending team must be at least 15' from the ball.
10. Throw-ins will be used in both U6 and U8, with kick-ins available to U6. The throw in should come from behind the head with both hands on the ball and both feet on the ground. Infractions such as not attempting to come from behind the head, lifting one or both feet off the ground, or throwing with one hand, will result in one re-attempt to throw a ball in correctly. For U6 they will have unlimited try again. U8 will have it where two incorrect throws will result in a throw in for the opposing team. A thrown-in may be taken with one or both feet either touch or within one (1) yard behind the line.
11. No intentional headers are allowed in your age group. Any header believed to be deliberate by your referee will result in an indirect free kick. Unintentional headers will not be called.
12. You will play 4 quarters with 1 minute between each quarter, and 5 minutes at the half. U6 quarters are 6 minutes long and U8 are 8 minutes long.

