

U-6 Rules and Bylaws:

Games will be played with FIFA laws with the following bylaws:

- 1) Only players registered & assigned to the team may play. No guest players permitted
- 2) Coaches are not permitted on the field of play during games. Unless beckoned by the referee to treat an injured player
- 3) Teams must be on opposite sides of the field. The home team will have the first choice of sides. Spectators must stay at their team's side, no one allowed behind or around the goals
- 4) The home team must provide the game balls, and will have the choice of which side to attack. The away team will start the first kickoff
- 5) Substitutions can be made at any game stoppage with a prior referee permission
- 6) Players must wear soccer cleats, No football or baseball cleats allowed. Shin-guards are a must
- 7) Heading is not permitted. Any heading will result in an indirect free kick
- 8) Soccer ball size - 3 shall be used
- 9) Equal playing time rule - All squad members must receive equal playing time with at least 50% per player for each game.
- 10) All positions rule - All squad members must be given regular experience playing in all positions, including goalkeeper.
- 11) Equal numbers rule - If a team has too few players, the other must lend them willing subs or withdraw players to make numbers even.
- 12) Referees, who are likely to be youth referees, are not to coach the players, they may overlook incidental handballs for the sake of the game-flow and fun for the kids.
- 13) The referee decisions are final. The referee may report the scores to the field coordinator **but** there are no standings at this age. Coaches are required to keep the score close and no more than a 4-goal differential.
- 14) The format of play shall be in accordance with the LA Galaxy OC Format of Play table. In extreme weather, games may be shortened at LA Galaxy OC or assigned referees discretion.
- 15) The game will be played at a small sided field with no offside
- 16) Game duration = 4 x 10 minutes periods with 2 minutes break in between and teams changing direction at half time.
- 17) All Free-Kicks are indirect, no penalty kicks. Opponents must be 6 yards away from the ball
- 18) Small goals, NO Goalkeepers. Teams are not permitted to have a player permanently positioned in front of defending goal
- 19) Throw ins are replaced by "pass ins". A pass in is not to be a kick at goal, it is to get the ball back into play and should be to retain possession.