

Rules for U-5 Game play

1. Coaches are to explain each call to the offending player(s) during the game.
2. No offside will be called. Offensive players are not allowed to station themselves in front of the goal. A coach shall not direct a player to play in an offside position. A player is offside if, while in his attacking half of the field and not in possession of the ball, he is in front of the ball and there are fewer than two defenders, including the goalie, between him and the goal.
3. Hand balls are not allowed. An unintentional or protective hand ball will be permitted.
4. Defensive players must be at least 5 yards from the ball on any indirect free kick. An indirect free kick should be touched/played by a second player (offensive or defensive) prior to a second touch by the kicker or a goal being scored.
5. All infractions for hand balls, tripping, kicking, pushing, holding will result in the stoppage of play and explanation of the offense. Play resumes with an indirect free kick at the point of the infraction. An infraction within the penalty box results in an indirect free kick at a point closest to where the infraction occurred, no closer than 5 yards from the goal.
6. All infractions for dangerous play will result in the stoppage of play and an explanation of the offense. High kicks, playing the ball while the player is on the ground, slide tackles and violently charging are dangerous play. Play resumes with an indirect free kick at the point of infraction. An indirect free kick for dangerous play within the penalty box is taken at a point closest to where the infraction occurred, no closer than 5 yards from the goal.
7. A drop ball will be used at the point of infraction whenever a call is uncertain of for dual penalties. A drop ball for an uncertain call/dual penalty within the penalty box is taken at a point closest to where the infraction occurred, no closer than 5 yards from the goal.
8. A drop ball, where play stopped, is used after any stoppage for injury.
9. Unsportsmanlike conduct, offensive language or gestures result in a warning. A second offense results in the player's removal from the game. The ball is put back in play with a drop ball where the play stopped.
10. If a ball crosses the sideline in its entirety, it is put back in play with a kick-in by the opposing team at the point that it left the field of play.
11. If a ball crosses the Endline in its entirety, it is put back in play with a kick by the opposing team. The kick shall be taken from the corner if it was last played by the defending team and from a spot 6 feet in front of the goal if last played by the attacking team.
12. There will be no goalkeeper. Defensive players are not allowed to station themselves in front of the goal.
13. Play changes direction at halftime.
14. The clock stops for injuries only.
15. Players, coaches and parents from each team may be located on the same side of the field.
16. No one is allowed to stand behind the Endline.