

## Rules for U-6 Gameplay

1. Coaches are to explain each call to the offending player(s) during the game.
2. No offside will be called. The offside rule does not apply at this age.
3. There are no throw-ins.
4. Hand balls are not allowed. An unintentional or protective hand ball will be permitted.
5. 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.
6. 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.  
No player shall play the ball while they or the ball are in the goal box. If this violation is called on an attacking player, the result is a goal kick. If it is called on a defending player, the attacking team shall be awarded a direct free kick, 15 yards from goal that is to be uncontested. All players should be behind the ball when the ball is played. Once the outcome of this kick is determined, play is restarted with a kickoff (if a goal is scored) or a goal kick (for any other outcome). Should the ball come to a stop in the goal box, play is restarted with a goal kick.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. A drop ball, where play stopped, is used after any stoppage for injury.
10. 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.
11. If a ball crosses completely over the sideline, it is put back into play with an indirect free kick at the spot the ball left the field of play by the team that did not touch the ball last.
12. If a ball played by the defensive team crosses the endline in its entirety, it is put back in play with a corner kick by the opposing team.
13. A ball played over the endline by the offensive team is put back into play by a goal kick by the defending team. Goal kicks are to be taken from a spot 6 feet in front of the goal. All defending players should be in their own half until the ball has been played.
14. Play changes direction at halftime.
15. The clock stops for injuries only.
16. Players, coaches and parents from each team may be located on the same side of the field.
17. No spectator or coach is allowed to stand behind the endline or goalie box.