



Washington Local Soccer Club

U6 Division - League Rules

Law 1: The Field of Play: The field of play shall be marked with white lines and will measure approximately 30 yards long x 20 yards wide. Both teams will sit on the same of the field, on opposite halves, while the spectators will remain on the other side of the field. Everyone that is not a part of active play should remain at least five yards away from the playing field at all times.

Law 2: The Ball: This division will use a size three (3) ball.

Law 3: The Number of Players: The game is played in a 3 vs. 3 format with no goalies. There are unlimited substitutions. Subs must be on the halfway line and be beckoned on by the referee before entering the field.

Law 4: The Players' Equipment: Each player must wear an official WLSC reversible jersey, navy or black shorts, shin guards, and socks that completely cover the shin guard. No jewelry of any kind may be worn.

Law 5: The Referee: A referee will be assigned to each match. It is the referee's duty to ensure that the players are safe and at this age, to instruct the player of the committed fouls to help teach our players the rules. In the event that a referee is not assigned, each coach (or team representative) shall referee one half of the game.

Law 7: The Duration of the Match: The game is divided into four eight (8) minute quarters, for a total game length of 32 minutes. There is a two minute break between quarters one and two, and between quarters three and four. There will be a five minute halftime.

Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play: Each game and quarter is started by a kick-off. The team in blue will kick off in the first and third quarters, the team in yellow will kick off in the second and fourth quarters. A kick-off is used to restart after each goal is scored, taken by the team that was scored upon.

Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play: The ball is out of play when the entire ball has crossed over the field boundary. The ball is in play at all other times, except when the referee has blown his whistle to stop play.

Law 10: Goal Scored: A goal is scored when the entire ball has crossed the goal line, passing between the goalposts and under the crossbar.

Law 11: Offside: There are no offside fouls in the U6 game.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct: No caution or send off (yellow or red card) shall be issued to any player. If a child is being too rambunctious then the referee will ask the coach to make a substitution of that player to give the child a chance to calm down before returning to play.

Law 13: Free Kicks: All free kicks will be indirect, which means that at least two players must touch the ball after the restart before a goal can be scored.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick: There are no penalty kicks taken in this age group.

Law 15: The Kick-In: All balls that go out of bounds over the touchline will be restarted by the opposing team with a kick-in. The ball will be placed behind the line at the spot where it left the field of play, and will be kicked into play from a stationary position.

Law 16: The Goal Kick: This restart is taken by the defending team when the attacking team last played the ball out of bounds over the goal line. The ball is placed two or three yards off of the goal line, in or near the goal box. Opposing players need to be at least five yards away from the ball when the goal kick is taken.

Law 17: The Corner Kick: A corner kick is taken by the attacking team when the defending team last played the ball out of bounds over their own goal line. The ball is placed in the one yard corner arc and the kick is taken from there. Opposing players need to be at least five yards from the corner arc during the taking of the kick.