

MICRO SOCCER PROGRAM
Rules - 5 Aside
for Players born in 2004 - U6

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Law 1 The Field of Play

The field of play is approximately 30 x 20 yards. Each coach will provide a goal net for each game.

Goal Area

A goal area shall be marked 2 feet from each goal post and six feet into the field of play from the centre of the goal line. The marks shall be joined by a semi circle.

Law 2 The Ball

Size four (4)

Law 3 The Number of Players

There are 5 players from each team on the field at a time (5 v 5), one of whom is the goalkeeper.

Play will be stopped by the referee at **4 minute** intervals for substitutions.

Law 4 The Players' Equipment

A player must not wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player.

A player wearing protective devices (i.e. casts, braces, etc) will not be allowed to play, unless written approval is received from the Club Head Referee or his designated official.

Each player **MUST** wear shin guards

Law 5 The Referee

Each match is controlled by a referee who has the full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game

Law 6 The Assistant Referees

There shall be no Assistant Referees

Law 7 The Duration of the Match

There are two 20 minutes halves to the game, with a 5 minute break between the 2 halves.

Law 8 The Start and Restart of Play

The home team shall kick off. The away team will take the kick-off to start the second half of the match.

A goal may be scored directly from kick off.

In the second half the teams change ends and attack the opposite goals.

Law 9 The Ball In and Out of Play

The ball is out of play when:

When it has wholly crossed the goal line or the touch line whether on the ground or in the air.

Play has been stopped by the referee

The ball is in play at all other times, including when

It rebounds from a goalpost, crossbar or corner post and remains in play

It rebounds from the referee when they are on the field of play

Law 10 The Method of Scoring

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line between the goalposts and under the crossbar.

Law 11 Offside

There are no offsides.

Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct

If any player handles the ball, with the exception of the goalkeeper within his own goal area, a direct free kick is awarded to the other team. If the hand ball takes place inside the goal area, by a member of the attacking team, the ball is to be placed outside the goal area line, directly opposite the location where the offence occurred. If the hand ball is by a member of the defending team a penalty kick is awarded

Only defending players may play the ball inside the goal area. A direct free kick will be awarded to the defending team if the attacking team plays the ball within this area. The ball will be placed on the goal area line directly opposite the location where the offence occurred.

Free kicks are taken from the point where the infringement occurred, unless it is closer than ten yards from the goal line. In this case, the ball is placed ten yards from the goal line. All defending players are required to be 6 yards from the ball until the kick is taken.

Law 13 Free Kicks

ALL free kicks are **DIRECT**

All opposing players are required to be 6 yards from the ball until it is kicked.

Law 14 The Penalty Kick

A penalty kick is awarded against a team who commits an offence for which a direct free kick is awarded inside its own goal area, and while the ball is in play.

The ball is placed on the penalty mark which is 5 yards into the field of play measured from the centre of the goal line.

Law 15 The Kick-In

When the ball crosses the touchline a kick-in is taken. Opposing players shall be at least 6 yards from the ball. The player taking the kick-in must face the field of play. The ball must either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touchline.

The ball is in play immediately it enters the field of play.

If the player taking the kick-in plays the ball a second time before it has been touched or played by another player, a free kick is awarded to the opposing team.

A goal **CANNOT** be scored directly from a kick-in

Law 16 The Goal Kick

The defending team shall place the ball on the goal line area and kick it. All attacking players must be on their own side of the halfway line when the kick is taken, and they shall not advance until the "BALL" has passed the halfway line. This will give the attacking team the opportunity of advancing the ball, under no pressure, until the ball has crossed the halfway line. If the other player(s) advance before the ball crosses the halfway line a free kick shall be given to the attacking team from the place where the ball was when the other players advanced.

A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick

Law 17 The Corner Kick

A corner kick is awarded when:

The whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the defending team, passes over the goal line either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10.

A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick

Procedure:

The ball is placed at the nearest corner post

Coaches

One coach from each team is permitted on the field, but they must stay in their own team's half (goal side) and stay out of the penalty area. The coach must not interfere with play. NO coaching is allowed from behind the goals. The coaches are required to manage the game and ensure the exercise of fair play.

Coaches, other team officials and parents shall encourage all players, at all times. The coach is responsible for the overall conduct of his/her team officials, parents and supporters.