

CFSC U-8 Game Rules and Sideline Behavior

1. U-8 Program uses a size #4 soccer ball.
2. Six kids from each team will play at one time- One Goal Keeper and five field players. Always start the game with an equal number of players.
3. Only one coach from each team is permitted on the field during play. Coaches are encouraged to stay to the side of the field and stay out of the play. Assistant coaches may not stand behind the goal to assist the Goal Keeper.
4. No one should be behind the Goal during the game. Keep spectators away from touchline. A 2-foot spectator line may be drawn. Coaches, please inform your parents for the kid's safety.
5. Duration of the game is four 10-minute quarters with a 5-minute half time. Time will be kept by the referee.
6. Quarter breaks should be kept to a maximum of two minutes.
7. Restart play at the centerline after each quarter break and every goal. One team will kick off quarters 1 and 3; the other team will kick off quarters 2 and 4.
8. Substitutions can take place at any dead ball (throw in, goal kick or goal). A popular sub pattern is at the 5-minute mark of each quarter or at the end of the quarter. Substitutions CANNOT take place on corner kicks. Substitutions for Goal Keepers may take place at a dead ball providing the substitute Goal Keeper comes from the bench are already wearing a penny. Any one player may not play the Goal Keeper position in consecutive quarters. The same player may play Goal Keeper in quarters 1 and 3, or 2 and 4 or 1 and 4 but not more than 2 quarters in a game.
9. A coach may substitute an injured player at any time.
10. With an injury, restart the ball with an indirect kick where the ball was when play was stopped. The team in possession of the ball at the time of the injury will take the kick, unless ruled a penalty by the referee.
11. Additional time will be added to the game if an injury occurs.
12. All kicks are indirect kicks. No penalty kicks. If a penalty occurs inside the 18, an indirect kick will be taken from outside the line.
13. On kick-offs, the same player must not touch the ball twice in a row. If this happens, the team should do it again.
14. The ball is out of play when it has completely crossed the touchline. The ball is still in play if it hits a coach or official or hits the goal post or corner flags.
15. A goal cannot be scored directly from an indirect free kick, goal kick, throw in or kick off.
16. The ball must completely cross the goal line before it is a goal.
17. A goalkeeper may not take more than 6 seconds from the moment they have full control of the ball in their hands.
18. **PROTECT THE GOAL KEEPER!!** A player CANNOT kick the ball out of the Goal Keeper's hands when the Goal Keeper touches the ball. Once the Goal Keeper has possession of the ball, all players should back out of the penalty area.
19. For throw-ins, the ball must be thrown with both hands on the ball from behind the child's head, with both feet flat on the ground. If done incorrectly, the player should redo the throw-in.
20. Goal kicks are awarded when the attacking team kicks the ball over the goal line. The goal kick may be taken from anywhere in the penalty area. Opposing team must be behind the Centerline until the goal kick has been taken. Any position player or the goalie may take the goal kick.
21. Corner kicks are awarded when the defending team kicks the ball over the goal line. All corner kicks will be taken from the corner flags.
22. There are no penalty kicks, no offsides, NO SLIDE TACKLING and no heading of the ball.
23. A player may not intentionally attack, kick, strike or jump at an opponent.
24. A player may not hold, push, or intentionally trip an opponent.
25. Handballs are not permitted. A handball is when someone hits the ball with their hand or arm. An indirect kick would be awarded to the opposing team at the referee's discretion.
26. Coaches need to respect our refs and the assistant refs. As such, verbal abuse will not be tolerated. If a coach is verbally abusive at a match the center ref will take the following actions. 1. A verbal warning will be given to the coach; 2. A yellow card will be issued to the coach and said coach will be written up by the ref; and 3. A red card will be issued to the coach requiring him to leave the premises and the coach's actions will then be reviewed by the club's board possibly resulting in further consequences.

All other laws of the game will conform to the US Soccer Federation.

Sideline Behavior Policy

The Cuyahoga Falls Soccer Club expects that all parents and spectators will understand that the matches in the league are for the players and that parents understand that it is inappropriate for parents to be involved in the game. This includes any attempt to speak to or comment directly about the officiating of the game. The Cuyahoga Falls Soccer Club tolerates no comments to the referee, his or her assistants, or any club officials in the performance of duties before, during or after the match, on and off the field or properties.

Parents or spectators are to never yell or gesture in anyway to the opponents, players, staff or spectators.

Parents or spectators who assault (involving touching or striking) anyone including players, officials, coaches, other spectators, their own child, before, during or after a match will be referred to the local authorities and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The Board of Control will also impose a ban of one or more future games including a lifetime ban.

Parents, coaches, staff or spectators who use foul and/or abusive language with or without direct threats will be banned from one or more future games, including a lifetime ban, at the discretion of the Board of Control. Those so disciplined may appeal to the Board of Control which is the final appeal.

**KEEP THE PLAYERS AND OTHER CHILDREN OUT OF THE NETS AND OFF THE GOAL POSTS AT ALL TIMES!
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