

Modified Rules For Mini Kickers (U5 & U6)

- 1) **Safe Play is our number one priority.** If a player is down on the ground in the area of active play, stop the game. If a player is hurt, stop the game. Check player for injury or the severity of injury. Substitute if needed and start game with a drop ball at the place where play was stopped, at least 5 yards from the goals.
- 2) When the ball goes across the goal line, a corner kick is given to the team whose player didn't touch the ball last. The ball is kicked from the corner closest to the point where the ball went out of bounds.
- 3) When the ball goes across the touchline, a kick-in or throw-in is given to the team whose player didn't touch the ball last. The ball is kicked or thrown from the point where the ball went out of bounds. White House Soccer prefers that a throw-in is used.
- 4) A player may have a second chance to throw the ball into play, if the first attempt is done incorrectly.
- 5) If the ball goes into the wrong goal by mistake, the goal doesn't count for either team. The player that shot the ball, made the ball cross the goal line. The ball therefore is put back in play by a corner kick. Refer to #2.
- 6) All offences will be given as indirect free kicks. Pushing, Holding, etc. These kicks will be taken at the spot of the offence, or at least 5 yards from the goals.
- 7) All players are offered to play a minimum of two quarters (1/2 game).
Note: Players at this age will some times balk and not play. Do not force them to play. Substitution is allowed.
- 8) When a team is ahead by 3 goals, this team should pull their top scorer, on the field of play, back to a defensive position or have that player pass to a teammate and not score. If that player should score a goal the goal still counts. At this time remind the coach of this rule.
- 9) Both U5 and U6 will play 3V3 No Goal Keepers
- 10) Substitutions are to be done at the quarters. Exceptions are medical reasons and player injury. For any medical conditions that will require free substitution, the Referee needs to be informed at the beginning of game.
- 11) Offsides rules don't apply.
- 12) Refer to FIFA laws if not specified above.
- 13) The Referee for the U-5 games are the coaches. A stopwatch will be check out by the home teams coach at the concession stand. This coach will be responsible for the time keeping of the game. The enforcement of laws 1 – 12 will be the responsibility of both coaches during the game.

Time Frame for U5 & U6 Games

U5 play 32-minute games. U6 play 36-minute games.

- 1) U-5 Games will consist of 8-minute Quarters. U-6 Games will consist of 9-minute Quarters.
- 2) There is to be 3-minutes between the 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th quarters.
- 3) Half time can be as much as 10-minutes. If both teams are ready and back on the field, restart the game.