

General Rules and Regulations

1. **The goal of this division is help continue the development of skills with a focus on independence from coaches during game play.**
2. The time limit of each game shall be two 20-minute halves, with a 5-minute halftime. The clock will run continuous during the game. There are no timeouts.
3. Any rules not specifically covered in this rule set will default to FIFA/IFAB; the league manager has the ability to modify these rules throughout the course of the season to provide for circumstances that may come up that have questionable effect on the league and game play.
4. Players who are of age 5 or age 6 on March 1st (Spring Season)/September 1st (Fall Season) are eligible to play in this division.
5. This is a 4v4 division with no goal keepers. Players must stay outside the goal box. The "New Ball" method will be used.
6. Substitutions are allowed "on the fly" and do not need to wait for a dead ball to occur.
7. Home team, as determined by the schedule, will start with the ball first half. Visiting team, as determined by the schedule, will start with the ball second half. The defensive team will get the ball after a goal is scored.
8. There is no use of heads in this division. Slide tackling is not allowed; a player may be warned and then asked to sit out if done repeatedly. Either will result in a "new ball" being introduced to the game. There is no offside.

Equipment

1. A size 3 ball will be used for game play.
2. Shin guards must be worn at all times for the safety of each individual player.
3. No metal cleats are allowed. No jewelry can be worn except for small earrings with tape over them.

New Ball Method

1. Whenever a ball goes out of play, or a foul is committed, the referee announces "New Ball!" and rolls another ball into play. A kickoff will start the game, the second half, and following each goal.
2. If a ball goes out of play slightly, but the player remains control, referees are instructed to allow continuation of play.
3. Control the pace of the game; allow for a few seconds of players to get in position. The ball should not be bounced; roll the ball towards midfield and away from the nearest goal. If a player is not touching the ball often, target that individual to roll the new ball to for engagement. If a team is on the wrong side of a lopsided game, target that team for rolling a new ball to. The referee has the authority to "favor" a team or individuals whose opportunities to touch the ball has been limited.

Participation and Role of Coaches

1. Coaches should be ready to help the referee with the "New Ball" method as needed. The referee is the

primary person to bring in a new ball; however, it may be necessary at times for a coach to be the one introducing a new ball.

2. Coaches are not allowed on the field, except in case of injury. All coaches should remain in the bench area and coach from there, engaging and talking with players on the bench for encouragement and development.
3. **The primary difference between U6 and PeeWee is the use of a referee on the field as opposed to coaches.**