

WBSC Rules for U8

The Ball:

A number 3 ball will be used.

The Players:

This will be played in a 4 v 4 format. There will be 4 players, no goalkeeper on the field for each team. **No player should be set up as a goalkeeper inside the goal box.** Each player should receive equal playing time.

The following substitutions may only be made with the permission of the referee:

A. Both teams may substitute any number of players:

- (1) On a goal kick.
- (2) During an extended time out (as for an injury).
- (3) Between halves.
- (4) When the referee stops the game to issue a caution or a send-off.

B. The team in possession of the ball on a throw-in may substitute any number of players. If the team in possession chooses to substitute on a throw-in, the opposing team cannot substitute at this time.

C. A substitute becomes a player when they are acknowledged by the Referee.

Equipment:

There will be different colored shirts so that members of each team can be identified.

REQUIRED: Shin guards. They must be covered entirely by socks, shall be made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar substance) and shall afford a reasonable degree of protection.

NOT REQUIRED: Cleats. Tennis shoes can be worn.

Referee:

There will be an assigned referee.

Duration of Game:

Coaches are not allowed on the field during play unless directed by the referee.

There will be two halves, 25 minutes each in duration.

Restarts:

For a ball over the touchline, a throw-in will be used to get the ball back in play.

If a ball goes over the goal line off a defensive player, the opposing team will get the ball back in play with a Corner Kick.

If the ball goes over the goal line off an offensive player, a Goal Kick within the Goal box, from a point indicated by the referee, will be used to get the ball back in play.

Offside: The offside rule does not apply in these games.

Kickoff:

Players that do not have possession must be outside the center circle.

Fouls and Misconduct:

Fouls and misconduct will follow the rules of SAY soccer.

[SAY Playing Laws Rulebook](#)

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Free Kicks:

Free kicks will follow the rules of SAY soccer.

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Field:

Coach, Assistant Coach and players on one side of the field. Parents/spectators on the other side.

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