



## U9 Guidelines

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Quarter times are increased.

**U9**  
6 - 9 years old

*This level of play introduces a Referee and a Sweeping Middle Fullback into the game. Quarter times are extended to 12 minutes. **We follow FIFA laws.** Practices should incorporate this new position while continuing to build individual and team skills. Increased focus should be placed on player conditioning as field size and game times continue to increase.*

### New Position

⚽ **Sweeping Middle Fullback** - Played as the middle fullback but has the same run of the field as a forward.

***Players are to be rotated into different positions throughout the game. Coaches are no longer permitted on the field to assist players during game play.***

### Games

*Games consist of 4 quarters. 12 minutes each.*

- ⚽ **7** players per team may be on the field at the same time  
Depending on roster sizes, number of players may increase to **8**  
Coaches are to play even number of players

#### **3 – Forwards**

**1 - One sweeping middle fullback**

**2 – Fullbacks (3 if playing 8v8)**

**1 - Goalie**

- ⚽ Goal and Corner Kicks

- Goal kicks may be placed anywhere on the goal box line
- Corner kicks may be placed anywhere in the corner area

Number of Players on Field

**7 v 7**

Quarter Length

**12 Minutes**

Addition of

**GOAL KICKS**



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### ⚽ **Offsides** is introduced at an instructional level

- Players may not position themselves in front of the goalie to wait for a pass
- Players must remain as even as possible with the opposing team fullbacks until they gain possession of the ball, or a teammate plays the ball through

### ⚽ **Buildout Line**

- Opposing players must retreat behind the line when the goalie has possession of the ball and on goal kicks

### ⚽ **Goalie Safety Box**

- Safe area for goalie regardless of possession. Opposing players must cease attacking when ball is in the box (3ft from goalie line)

### **Please Remember**

**Safety** is our #1 concern.

This is just a **game**.

The **Referee** is **human**.

The Coaches are all **volunteers**.

This is not the **World Cup**.

And most important...**HAVE FUN!!!**

We follow

**FIFA Laws**

Beware of

**Offsides**

Get Back to the

**Buildout Line**