



# Cuyahoga Falls Soccer Club Rules & Regulations - U6 Division

## 1. Intent of CFSC Soccer

- 1.1. Promote the Game and Respect the Game. Make the Game enjoyable for all. Have Fun!

## 2. Laws of Soccer

- 2.1. The U6 Division shall abide by the United States Soccer Federation "Laws of Soccer" that are current at the time. In addition, the following Cuyahoga Falls Soccer Club "Rules and Regulations" shall apply and take precedence over the USSF Laws.

## 3. Playing Field

- 3.1. The playing field should be 60 feet wide, 100 feet long, Penalty Box should be 40 feet wide x 24 feet deep, Goalie Box should be 20 feet wide x 8 feet deep, and center circle should be 8 foot radius. Goals should be six feet wide and four feet high. There should be a two foot spectator line on each side of the field, parallel to the touchline.
- 3.2. No spectators shall be behind the goal during the game. Spectators shall stay behind the spectator line.

## 4. Equipment

- 4.1. Players shall wear club issued shirts.
- 4.2. The U6 division uses a size three (3) ball.
- 4.3. Shin guards shall be worn and covered for games and practices.
- 4.4. Soccer shoes are highly recommended, but not required. Athletic shoes are acceptable. Football and baseball shoes are not allowed.
- 4.5. Jewelry shall not be worn during games or practice.

## 5. Games

### 5.1. Time Management

- 5.1.1. Duration of the game is four ten minute quarters with a five (5) minute halftime. Time shall be kept by the coaches. The fields are reserved for one hour for each game.
- 5.1.2. Quarter breaks should be kept to a maximum of two (2) minutes.
- 5.1.3. Restart play at the centerline after each quarter break and every goal. One team shall kick off quarters 1 and 3; the other team shall kick off quarters 2 and 4.
- 5.1.4. 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 shall take the kick, unless ruled a penalty.
- 5.1.5. Additional time may be added to the game if an injury occurs.
- 5.1.6. Teams shall NOT switch ends at half.

### 5.2. Inclement weather

- 5.2.1. Coaches shall report to the field at game time and make the decision if the game will be played. If the game is postponed, the coaches should agree to a new game time and notify the VP of Rec Soccer of the change. If the coaches cannot agree, the VP of Rec Soccer will make the decision.



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- 5.2.2. Teams shall report to assigned fields at assigned times. The club president and/or VP of Rec Soccer may also cancel the game. US Soccer has published weather guidelines for hot and cold weather and should be used in conjunction with making a decision on canceling a game.
- 5.3. Players
  - 5.3.1. There shall be a minimum of three (3) and/or a maximum of four (4) players per team, per field at the start of a game. **NO GOALKEEPERS!!!**
  - 5.3.2. All teams shall start play with equal numbers of players on the field at one time. (Example: 3V3, 4V4)
  - 5.3.3. No players may be allowed to play in any game, except those listed on the official team roster.
  - 5.3.4. If either team cannot field at least three (3) players, the game may be:
    - 5.3.4.1. Rescheduled (In which either coach **MUST** notify the VP of Rec Soccer)
    - 5.3.4.2. Used as a practice/scrimmage game (using equal sides).
    - 5.3.4.3. Canceled (This is only if no make-up date can be agreed upon).
  - 5.3.5. Each player is to have the opportunity to play at least two full quarters during each game they attend with the following exceptions:
    - 5.3.5.1. In the case of injury to the player.
    - 5.3.5.2. If the player arrives late to the game.
  - 5.3.6. Players within a team shall be divided equally on each field according to ability (No stacking or one-sided advantage).
- 5.4. Substitutions
  - 5.4.1. May be made at the ten (10) minute breaks and at halftime.
  - 5.4.2. A player may be substituted for an injured player at any time.
  - 5.4.3. Substitutions cannot take place on corner kicks.
  - 5.4.4. Substitutions can take place at any dead ball (throw in, goal kick or goal).
  - 5.4.5. A popular sub pattern is at the five (5) minute mark of each quarter or at the end of the quarter.
- 5.5. Kick-Offs
  - 5.5.1. On kick-offs, the ball shall not be touched twice in a row by the same player. If this happens, the team should do it again.
  - 5.5.2. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-off.
- 5.6. Throw-Ins
  - 5.6.1. For throw-ins, the ball must be thrown with both hands on the ball from behind the player's head with both feet flat on the ground. If done incorrectly, the player should re-do the throw-in. Opposing players shall be ten feet away.
  - 5.6.2. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.



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### 5.7. Goal Kicks

- 5.7.1. Goal kicks are awarded when the attacking team kicks the ball over the goal line, without a goal being scored. **The goal kick may be taken from anywhere in the penalty area.** Opposing team must be behind the Centerline until the ball has been kicked. Any player may take the goal kick. \*This rule differs from normal soccer rules where goal kicks are taken from the goal area and the opposing team can be just outside the penalty area. The reason for the rule change is that many of the players can't clear the ball past the 18 line.
- 5.7.2. A goal cannot be scored directly from a goal kick.

### 5.8. Corner Kicks

- 5.8.1. Corner kicks are awarded when the defending team kicks the ball over the goal line. All corner kicks shall be taken from the corner flags. Opposing players shall be ten feet away.

### 5.9. CFSC Specific Rules

- 5.9.1. After a three (3) goal lead, the opposing team may add another player until such a time that there is no longer a three (3) goal lead.
- 5.9.2. Four (4) goals is the maximum an individual may score in a game

## 6. Offsides

6.1. The Offside Rule shall not apply in the U6 Division except as follows:

- 6.1.1. If, in the coach's opinion, the player is purposely trying to create an advantage by staying near the opponent's goal area or on the opponent's end of the field when the play has moved to their side of the field (cherry-picking).
- 6.1.2. If a player continues in an offside position and that player scores a goal from that position, the goal shall not count. The restart shall be from the center by the opposing team.
- 6.1.3. A coach that is on the field for either team may bring an offside situation to the attention of the opposing coach at the appropriate time.

## 7. Fouls and Misconduct/Free Kicks

- 7.1. All USSF Fouls and Misconduct rules shall apply with the following exceptions:
  - 7.1.1. All USSF Free Kick rules shall apply with the following exception - Due to space restrictions on the smaller fields, defenders should line up five (5) yards from the ball.
- 7.2. There are no penalty kicks, **no slide tackling**, and no heading of the ball in U6.
- 7.3. A player may not intentionally attack, kick, strike, hold, push, trip or jump at an opponent.
- 7.4. 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 coach's discretion.
- 7.5. As in USSF rules, only attackers must be out of the box on goal kicks, not defenders. Per 5.7.1, attackers must be behind the centerline until the ball has been kicked.



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7.6. All kicks are indirect kicks. If a penalty occurs inside the penalty area (large box), an indirect kick shall be taken from outside the line. The coach should have a brief time to instruct his players on how to set up for indirect free kicks

### 8. Referees

8.1. There are no referees for U6 games.

### 9. Coaches

9.1. There shall be no more than two coaches per team. Only one coach shall be permitted on the field at any time. Coaches should try to stay out of the play. Assistant coaches may not stand next to or behind the goal.

9.2. If there is a question or issue, it should be calmly handled either at the half or at the end of the game. Unresolved questions or issues can be referred to the Vice President of Rec Soccer for review.

9.3. It is the coach's responsibility to instruct the spectators as to the proper conduct. Spectators should be encouraged to cheer for their team and players in a positive manner. Verbal abuse from the sidelines that is directed at coaches or players shall not be tolerated.

9.4. It is the coach's responsibility to check the playing field and practice areas prior to games and practices. The coach needs to ensure the area is safe, free of debris, and goals are properly anchored. Players shall not climb or hang on goals.

9.5. Coaches shall respect other coaches and spectators. Coaches shall present themselves in a civil manner at all times.

### 10. Revision History

- 10.1. Rev B - Changed 3.1 goal size from 8 ft x 6 ft. Changed 5.1.5 shall to may. Added to 5.2.2 President or VP of Rec Soccer may cancel games & added US Soccer Weather Guidelines. Changed 5.3.1 from minimum of four (4) players to three (3) and maximum of five (5) to four (4). Changed 5.3.1 to say NO GOALKEEPERS!!! Changed 5.9.2 from three (3) goals to four (4). Rearranged order so that the document flows better (7/15/22)
- 10.2. Rev C - Added "without a goal being scored." to 5.7.1 (3/30/23)
- 10.3. Rev D - Removed some references to "Referees" since there are no referees for this age group (4/27/23)