

U6 Boys and Girls Rules 2009

Sierra Oaks, St. Ignatius, Arden Park

Coaches, please feel free to share this info with the parents.

Center Referees are the coaches this year. Some clubs may have referees available but as a league rule, the referees are the playing coaches. Please come prepared with a stopwatch and whistle.

Sideline asst referees are parent volunteers, call in/out only.

Coaches please make sure each player plays at least half the match, and there should be 5 players on the field for each team. There are no goalkeepers in u6.

Sportsmanship is always important, and at this level with many young and inexperienced soccer players, success is defined not by counting the number of goals scored... in fact, except for the referee, the teams should avoid keeping score. Although we have tried to "rank" the teams and schedule younger/newer teams vs. same, there is a chance with some matches the teams will be uneven. If there is a clearly dominant team, check in with the referee and ask to add players to the field for the weaker team, or if you have the stronger team reduce the number of players temporarily. Also – if one team is short players, the other team may consider reducing their numbers on the field accordingly.

On Cresta (north/south) and St. Ignatius (1,2) matches are played across the field not the length of the field, with goals marked by cones or flags, the goal width is 15 feet. The other fields such as Winterstein, Mariemont, and University use the permanent goals and the entire field as marked.

Referee chooses which side/kickoff for each team, and teams swap ends at the half.

Games are 10 minute quarters, with a one minute break at quarter and a five minute break at half, for a total of 40 minutes of game time.

Only licensed coaches may enter the field, and/or coach from the sidelines. Coaches and parents may not stand at the end of the fields near the goals.

Referees are encouraged to demonstrate/teach the players where to take a throw in, kick off, etc...

THERE ARE NO GOALKEEPERS IN U6 SOCCER. NO PLAYER MAY USE THEIR HANDS, EXCEPT ON THROW-INS. NO PLAYER MAY STAND IN FRONT OR IMMEDIATELY NEAR THE GOAL, UNLESS THE BALL IS THERE, IN PLAY.

Thanks for coaching, and have fun!!

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