

Guidelines for Referees on small fields

Field Of Play

- Check Field and Nets before every game
- Ask Home team coach to repair nets if requires
- Ask home team coach for use of cones to designate corners and mid field if lines are faint

The Ball

- Should be approved Size 3 ball Provided By The Home Team

Number of players

- Each side must have a goalkeeper (wearing a shirt distinct from either team)
- 6 per side, minimum 4 per side to play, teams should be encouraged to play with equal number of players

Players Equipment

- Shin guards are to be worn, straps covered
- No jewelry, hair braid are allowed if not dangerous
- No hats, gloves, or head scarves except for goal keeper (exceptions can be made during bad weather)
- Soccer cleats are not required
- Any dangerous footwear e.g. baseball spikes, are forbidden
- Hoods and other loose articles of clothing must be tucked into shirt

The Referee

- Agree with other referee beforehand who is going to "lead and Trail" in each direction
- Communicate with one another
- Clearly call out color of team and signal direction of play for throw ins, goal kicks and corner kicks
- Talk to players during the game, explain decisions, warn and calm players down before there is an offense
- Use your whistle
- A short loud blast to signal ball out of play
- A longer loud blast to signal a foul, goal or end of playing period
- A short blast should be used to start/restart play at kick-off and free kicks
- The whistle should not be used to restart play at throw-ins, goal or corner kicks, use hand signals or talk to players if needed
- The referee is part of the field of play, no actions should be taken if hit by the ball (Even if it results in a goal)

Duration of Match

- 55 minutes (Two 25 Minute Periods with 5 Minutes in between)
- If Quarters are requested by either coach, play 12 minutes per quarter
- No added time for normal injuries/delays during game
- No overtime if tied

Start/Restart of play

- Team winning toss chooses direction for first half. Other team kicks off
- Ball must move forward at the kick off and may not be touched by the same player a second time before another player touches it.

Ball in & out of play

- The ball is out of play when the whole of the ball has crossed the end or side line on the ground or in the air

Method of scoring

- A goal is scored when the whole of the ball had crossed the goal line between the scoring posts and below the crossbar

Offside

- Offside is not enforced on the small fields
- However an indirect free kick shall be awarded against a player persistently in an offside position with intent to gain advantage

Fouls & Misconduct

As per FIFA with the addition of no slide tackles or playing the ball while on the ground

- All dangerous play (Including slide tackles) must be penalized with an indirect free kick and the player warned for a first offense. A second offense must result in a yellow card. A further offense is a red card
- Handling the ball has to be deliberate to be penalized
- Pay particular attention to pushing and holding which should not be allowed to go un-penalized
- A player cannot impede the goalkeeper from releasing the ball
- A goalkeeper is in control of the ball when they are touching it with any part of their hand or arm

Free Kick

- Only indirect free kicks will be awarded
- Opposition players must be 6 yards from the ball when the kick is taken
- Kicks awarded in the opposition goal box, shall be placed at the edge of the goal box at the point closest to the offense

Penalty Kicks

- There are no penalty kicks in U6 or U7 age groups

Throw-Ins

- Talk to the players to reinforce elements of a good throw in (feet on ground, Ball behind head)
- One re-throw is allowed
- Part of both feet must be on or behind the line
- A player cannot impede another player from throwing in the ball

Goal Kick

- All Offensive players must be behind the 5 yard line
- Ball must travel to the 5yd line before it is touched by a second player (If not kick is re-taken)
- Ball may not be touched by the player taking the kick a second time before it is touched by another player

Corner Kick

- Ball May not be touched by the player taking the kick a second time before it is touched by another player
- Opposition players must be 6yds from the ball

Referee Rules For Medium Fields

Field Of Play

- Check The field & nets before each game
- Ask home team coach to repair nets if required
- Ask home team coach for use of cones to designate corner and mid field if lines are faint

The Ball

- Should be an approved Size 4

Number of Players

- Each side must have a goalkeeper (wearing a shirt distinct from either team)
- 9 Per side, minimum 7 per side to play, teams should be encouraged to play with equal number of players

Players Equipment

- Shin Guards are to be worn, straps covered
- No jewelry what so ever, hair braids allowed if not dangerous
- No hats, gloves or head scarf's except for goalkeeper (exceptions can be made during bad weather)
- Soccer cleats are not required
- Any dangerous footwear e.g. baseball spikes are strictly forbidden
- Hoods and other loose articles of clothing must be tucked into shirts

The Referee

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- Communicate with one another
- Clearly call out color of team and signal direction of play for throw ins, goal kicks and corner kicks
- Talk to players during the game, explain decisions, warn and calm players down before there is an offense
- Use your whistle
- A short loud blast to signal ball out of play
- A longer loud blast to signal a foul, goal or end of playing period
- A short blast should be used to start/restart play at kick-off and free kicks
- The whistle should not be used to restart play at throw-ins, goal or corner kicks, use hand signals or talk to players if needed
- The referee is part of the field of play, no actions should be taken if hit by the ball (Even if it results in a goal)

Duration of Match

- 55 minutes (Two 25 Minute Periods with 5 Minutes in between)
- If Quarters are requested by either coach, play 12 minutes per quarter
- No added time for normal injuries/delays during game
- No overtime if tied

Start/Restart of play

- Team winning toss chooses direction for first half. Other team kicks off
- Ball must move forward at the kick off and may not be touched by the same player a second time before it is touched by another player.

Ball in & out of play

- The ball is out of play when the whole of the ball has crossed the end or side line on the ground or in the air

Method of scoring

- A goal is scored when the whole of the ball had crossed the goal line between the scoring posts and below the crossbar

Offside

- Offside is enforced on the medium fields
- Ensure sufficient time is taken to explain the decision to players to allow them to learn

Fouls & Misconduct

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- All dangerous play (Including slide tackles) must be penalized with an indirect free kick and the player warned for a first offense. A second offense must result in a yellow card. A further offense is a red card
- Handling the ball has to be deliberate to be penalized
- Pay particular attention to pushing and holding which should not be allowed to go un-penalized
- A player cannot impede the goalkeeper from releasing the ball
- A goalkeeper is in control of the ball when they are touching it with any part of their hand or arm

Free Kick

- Direct and indirect free kicks will be awarded as indicated by the laws of the game.
- Opposition players must be 8yds from the ball when the kick is taken
- Kicks awarded in the opposition goal box, shall be placed at the edge of the goal box at the point closest to the offense

Penalty Kicks

- Penalty kicks will be awarded as indicated by the laws of the game

Throw-Ins

- Talk to the players to reinforce elements of a good throw in (feet on ground, Ball behind head)
- No re-throw is allowed an improper throw results in throw to the other team
- Part of both feet must be on or behind the line
- A player cannot impede another player from throwing in the ball

Goal Kick

- All Offensive players must be outside the penalty box
- Ball must travel outside the penalty box before it is touched by a second player (If not kick is re-taken)
- Ball may not be touched by the player taking the kick a second time before it is touched by another player

Corner Kick

- Ball May not be touched by the player taking the kick a second time before it is touched by another player
- Opposition players must be 8yds from the ball

Guidelines for Referees on Large fields

Field Of Play

- Check Field and Nets before every game
- Ask Home team coach to repair nets if requires
- Ask home team coach for use of cones to designate corners and mid field if lines are faint

The Ball

- Should be approved Size 4 (U-12) Size 5 (U-14) ball

Number of players

- Each side must have a goalkeeper (wearing a shirt distinct from either team)
- 11 per side, minimum 9 per side to play, teams should be encouraged to play with equal number of players

Players Equipment

- Shin guards are to be worn, straps covered
- No jewelry, hair braid are allowed if not dangerous
- No hats, gloves, or head scarves except for goal keeper (exceptions can be made during bad weather)
- Soccer cleats are not required
- Any dangerous footwear e.g. baseball spikes, are forbidden
- Hoods and other loose articles of clothing must be tucked into shirt

The Referee

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- A short blast should be used to start/restart play at kick-off and free kicks
- The whistle should not be used to restart play at throw-ins, goal or corner kicks, use hand signals or talk to players if needed
- The referee is part of the field of play, no actions should be taken if hit by the ball (Even if it results in a goal)

Duration of Match

- 65 minutes for U-12 & 75 Min for U-14
- If Quarters are requested by either coach, U-12 15 minute quarters and U-14 17 ½ Minute Quarters
- No added time for normal injuries/delays during game
- No overtime if tied

Start/Restart of play

- Team winning toss chooses direction for first half. Other team kicks off
- Ball must move forward at the kick off and may not be touched by the same player a second time before it is touched by another player.

Ball in & out of play

- The ball is out of play when the whole of the ball has crossed the end or side line on the ground or in the air

Method of scoring

- A goal is scored when the whole of the ball had crossed the goal line between the scoring posts and below the crossbar

Offside

- Offside is enforced on the large fields
- To Call effectively at this level, one ref must "lead" in each direction and keep up with play

Fouls & Misconduct

As per FIFA with the addition of no slide tackles or playing the ball while on the ground

- All dangerous play must be penalized with an indirect free kick and the player warned for a first offense. A second offense must result in a yellow card. A further offense is a red card
- Handling the ball has to be deliberate to be penalized
- Pay particular attention to pushing and holding which should not be allowed to go un-penalized
- A player cannot impede the goalkeeper from releasing the ball
- A goalkeeper is in control of the ball when they are touching it with any part of their hand or arm

Free Kick

- Direct & indirect free kicks will be awarded as indicated by the laws of the game
- Opposition players must be 10yds from the ball when the kick is taken
- Kicks awarded in the opposition goal box, shall be placed at the edge of the goal box at the point closest to the offense

Penalty Kicks

- Penalty kicks will be awarded as indicated by the laws of the game

Throw-Ins

- Talk to the players to reinforce elements of a good throw in (feet on ground, Ball behind head)
- No re-throw is allowed
- Part of both feet must be on or behind the line
- A player cannot impede another player from throwing in the ball

Goal Kick

- All Offensive players must be outside the penalty box
- Ball must travel outside the penalty box before it is touched by a second player (if not kick is retaken)
- Ball may not be touched by the player taking the kick a second time before it is touched by another player

Corner Kick

- Ball May not be touched by the player taking the kick a second time before it is touched by another player
- Opposition players must be 10yds from the ball