

# KIDSGAMES SPORTS SOCCER RULES

## GAME FORMAT

- Before every game, the referee will lead both teams in prayer at midfield.
- Games consist of two, 20-minute halves and a 5-6 minute halftime.
- The game clock, maintained by the leadership team, will NOT stop.
- In all leagues, free substitutions are allowed ONLY at a dead ball or stoppage of play. The referee/line judge should be notified of coaches desire to sub.
- A horn will sound to begin the game, end the first half, begin the second half, and end the game. All games at all levels will follow this schedule.
- Teams will switch goals at halftime.
- No league standings are maintained in any league.

## RULES FOR GAME PLAY

- The game will be started with a free kick at mid-field. The referee will determine which team kicks off at the start of the game. The other team will kick off the second half.
- Referees will call and explain all violations.
- All fouls will result in an indirect kick in all leagues, except U12, where both direct and indirect fouls will be called. On indirect kicks, U12 players will line up 10 yards back, while all other leagues line up 5 yards back.
- On goal kicks in U6 and U8 leagues, the opposing team must retreat behind the midfield line before the ball is kicked.
- The goalkeeper may use his or her hands only inside the goal box.
- In U10 and U12 leagues, offsides will be called.
- Tackling is not allowed.

## RULES SPECIFIC TO U6 DIVISION

- One coach per team is allowed on the field to assist coaching and acting as the referee.
- Each team will have 5 players on the field with no player playing goalie.
- If the ball goes out of bounds on the endline, the goal kick will be placed at the top of the arc in front of the goal.
- On a goal kick, one offensive player kicks the ball and all the others retreat behind the midfield line.
- No defensive player is allowed inside the arc in front of the goal. Defensive players can defend in front of this line, but not inside the arc.

## BALL/GOAL/FIELD SIZES

Age Group	Ball Size	Goal Size (ft)	Field Size (ft)	Field Players	Goalie
U6	3	4x6	55x70	5	No
U8	3	6.5x12	90x120	6	Yes
U10	4	6.5x18	100x160	8	Yes
U12	5	7x21	130x200	10	yes