

WYSL U6 Game Rules

- 1. You will play 3 v 3 or 4v4** (depending on number of players) - You can put 2 at offense and 1 back at defense or 3 at offense and 1 back at defense, but if they don't stay this way, it's ok.
- 2. There will be four 8-minute quarters.** If both of the teams have all 7 of their players, you can alternate between having 3v3 and 4v4 to make it easier for you to substitute to get the even playing time. Coaches should speak before the game starts to coordinate on this.
- 3. Playing periods.** Try and match up our older kids vs each other and younger vs younger if possible. Coaches work this out. You know who your stronger players are, so try and play them against each other. Maybe designate a period per half that is for each type of player. Ex: 1st period is more skilled players, 2nd period less skilled players, 3rd can be a mix of both. Repeat in 2nd half. Since we are not allowed to move players up early, there are obviously 4 year olds playing against two year olds. It does neither player any good to play against people way out of their league.
- 4. The clock doesn't stop.** Even on kicks out of bounds, the clock runs throughout the period.
- 5. Do throw-ins.** If the child does it incorrectly, get the ball and do it again until a correct one is done. Coaches, you should be beside the player throwing it in giving him/her instruction.
- 6. Do corner kicks.** When the defensive team kicks the ball across the goal line, the offensive team will kick the ball from the corner. Ideally the kicking player would pass it to a teammate, but if he/she kicks it and then keeps possession, that's ok. Don't re-kick.
- 7. Do goal kicks.** When the ball gets kicked out by the opposing team across the goal line, the defending team will place the ball on the edge of the goal box and kick it. This can be done by any player, since there aren't goalies. The team not kicking the ball in should go back to the mid-field line to allow the team plenty of space to kick the ball in to their teammate. Once the ball is kicked, they can run to the ball from the mid-field line.
- 8. No goalies.** We really want to stress to this age group NO HANDS, so there aren't any goalies in U4 or U6 so there's no need to get them confused.
- 9. Do kickoffs.** At the beginning of each half and after each goal, do a kickoff. The ball needs to go forward on the kickoff. You can instruct the player to just kick it, but for the more skilled players, we would like to see a pass. Defense needs to be far enough back to allow the kickoff to happen.
- 10. Handballs.** Don't stop play on a handball. Just remind the players "no hands". If a child picks the ball up, then stop play. Instruct the player "no hands" then the other team gets the ball as a free kick from there.
- 11. Penalties.** There will not be any penalty shots, however if a player is fouled, stop play instruct the fouling player what they should do different and then the player who was fouled gets a kick from around the spot of the foul. Please keep the kids safe and on their feet. No sliding is allowed.
- 12. Parent involvement** – Use the parents as much as you like. There may be more chance of having offense and defense if the parents are encouraging the kids to play their area of the field.
- 13. Work together as coaches.** The point of the game is for the kids to have a blast, not about winning & losing. Celebrate EVERY goal scored for both teams. This shows good sportsmanship to the players.