

Region 66 Short Sided Play Guidelines for U5,U6,U8 and U10

U5: 3 versus 3

- 5 players maximum on team roster (6 may be allowed in some cases)
- 30 minute total match (2-15 minute half's) 5 minute halftime break. Stop play at 7:30 of each half to allow for substitutions
- All players must play $\frac{3}{4}$ of the game
- No Goalkeepers allowed in uniform or otherwise. Do not place a defender in front of goal to function as a Goalkeeper.
- All restarts from ball leaving from anywhere on the field is a throw in from the spot the ball left the field. No goal kicks or corner kicks.
- Offside law is not enforced.
- Penalty kicks are not allowed.
- No referees. One head coach or certified Assistant Coach from each team must be on the field. Each Coach should have a watch to keep time and a whistle to stop and start play. Coaches will position themselves on the field as to not interrupt the flow of play. Coaches shall ensure player safety is observed as the first priority.
- No Scorekeeping is allowed.

U6: Same guidelines as U5 except: 5 versus 5

- 7 players maximum on team roster (8 may be allowed in some cases).

U8: 7 versus 7

- 9 players maximum on team roster
- 40 minute match (2-20 minute half's). 5 minute halftime break. Referee will stop play at approximately the 10:00 mark of each half to allow for substitutions. This is not a time out. All players other than the substitutes should remain on the field in position and ready to restart after substitutions are made.
- All players must play $\frac{3}{4}$ of the game.
- Goalkeepers are required.
- All restarts are per FIFA Laws of the Game (AYSO edition with modifications for short sided play).
- Offside law is not enforced.
- Penalty kicks are not allowed.
- Referees will be provided. They will be the sole arbiters of the match.
- Negative comments to Referees will not be tolerated from coaches or spectators.
- No game protests will be allowed.
- Game cards will be filled out in advance of game time by each team coach and given to the referee 15 minutes before each match.
- Game scores are kept by the Referee Administrator. No division standings are kept. No post season playoffs in U8.

U10: Same guidelines as U8 except:

- 50 minute match (2-25 minute half's) 5 minute halftime. Referee will stop play at approximately the 12:30 mark of each half to allow for substitutions. This is not a time out. All players other than the substitutions should remain on the field in position and ready to restart after substitutions are made.
- Offside is enforced.
- Penalty kicks are applied when determined as per FIFA Laws of the Game (AYSO edition with modifications for short sided play)
- Game scores are kept. No division standings are kept. Post season play for all teams that have completed volunteer requirements will determine region champions, 2nd place, ect.
- If enough U10 boys qualify for post season they may be split into 2 brackets. Teams 1 to 11 and teams 11 to 22. Winner of each playoff bracket will meet at the end of each bracket to determine Area playoff placement.

Remember: SAFE, FAIR AND FUN!!!