



Philippians 4:13  
I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me.

## 6-8 Teams - Rules and Regulations

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If both teams have at least 11 players, the game will be played with 11 players on the field. If either team does not have 11 players, the game will be played with the players available on the smallest team. Even though there are no hard rules about how much each child should play - every child should have the chance to play as much as possible.

- 1) Coaches are allowed on the field ONLY for the first half.
- 2) Coach running the field **must wear team shirt**. Coaches should be on either side of the field – keep the middle of the field open for referee and players. Coaches should have minimal involvement in the actual game.
- 3) Coaches on the field should just concentrate on the game. The referee on the field will keep track of time and officiate.
- 4) The referee on the field is the only one that should use a whistle, keep track of time, and officiate.
- 5) Play should be whistled dead when player is on the ground and trying to play the ball. The ball will be given to the opposing team at that spot and free kick will be rewarded. This will be called by the referee, not the coaches.
- 6) There is NO offside penalty, *however, teams should not place players at opponents goal posts*—referee discretion
- 7) In the case of a hand ball or other more serious infraction, the opposing team will receive a direct or indirect kick always outside of the penalty box on the side of the field where the infraction occurred, even if the infraction occurred inside the penalty box. **We will NOT have penalty kicks in the 6-8 division.**
- 8) NO parents, coaches, players or anyone else is allowed behind the goal of either team. This tends to intimidate the players on offense coming down the field to score, plus distract the goalie.
- 9) All players must wear shin guards INSIDE of socks – this prevents an opposing player from getting his toe caught inside the shin guard of another player.
- 10) The referee on the field will make ALL decisions. The Referee has the FINAL word.
- 11) Substitutions are only allowed during stoppage of play (either team can substitute during any stoppage of play) The play resumes as soon as player that is being substituted is off of the field. The referee will signal the okay to bring players on the field. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS ARE ALLOWED IN THE LAST 3 MINUTES OF THE GAME.**
- 12) If throw-in is performed illegally, the same player will receive a second chance. If it's thrown in illegally again, the other team receives ball for throw-in.
- 13) Team that wins coin toss chooses which goal to defend OR ball.
- 14) 68 Teams use #3 ball
- 15) SLAUGHTER RULE: When score differential reaches 7, that will be the recorded score. Game will continue for remaining time left on clock.
- 16) All players from opposing team must be out of the goalie box on a goalie kick. Ball is live once it is kicked no matter how far it goes.

**Games consist of two (2) twenty (22) minute halves; 5 minute breaks between halves. Games will start promptly with the players that are available at game time.**