

Grand Island Soccer Club U-6 Information/Rules

Before the Game

The home team dresses in red. The visitor team is in blue.

The home team provides the ball for the game.

If one team does not have enough players, the other team should share. The main object is to give everyone the chance to play and learn soccer.

The coaches decide who will kick off the first half and who the second half.

The coaches are also the refs and may stay on the field to direct and teach the players.

The U-6 Coordinator will sound the horn/whistle to begin and end each half. (Five minutes for halftime.)

No Off sides

No Goalies – Although some teams do this, it is NOT backed by the league to drop a player back into the goalie position. The idea of 3v3 is to play 3v3 on both offense and defense teaching the players to pass to one another as a TEAM. (*You can ONLY use your hands if you are throwing it in from the sides.*)

Kickoffs

Because the ball should be kicked off forward, the receiving team should allow at least three feet for the other team to kick it. (*On larger regulation fields, there are markings to give the kickoff person room.*)

When the Ball Goes Out of Play

When a team kicks the ball out on a side, the other team throws the ball in. They should be given at least three feet to throw the ball in. If a proper throw-in is NOT made, the player should be shown and given one more try to do it correctly.

When the ball goes out of bounds on the goal line by the offense, the defense kicks the ball in from the goal line. They should be given three feet to kick it in.

When the ball goes out of bounds on the goal line by the defense, the offense kicks a corner kick. They should be given three feet to kick it in.

After a Goal is Made (WE DO NOT KEEP SCORE FOR U-6)

When a goal is made, the ball should be brought back to the middle of the field and the team who scored should be ready to receive a new kickoff from the other team.

Substituting Players

The coach may substitute players at these times: after a goal, before throw-ins, before goal kicks, and on injuries.

After the Game

The coach and players should lineup on the centerline and shake hands with the opposing team, showing good sportsmanship.

Penalties (ONLY FOR EXTREME CASES IN U-6)

Players should NOT use their hands except for throw-ins. A free indirect kick from the spot is given the other team. Players should NOT push or trip other players. A free indirect kick from the spot is given the other team.

Coaches should remember the idea of these 3v3 games is to allow all players to touch the ball as often as possible. Coaches should teach players to pass and act as team players. Soccer is a TEAM Sport. If one player continually takes the ball and scores on another team, it hurts everyone. That player loses the TEAM aspect of the game and may be considered a ball hog, his/her teammates are not given their fair opportunity to learn, and the other team learns nothing but defeat. PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS!

Parents should remember that coaches are volunteers and are often learning right along side the players. If a parent thinks the coach is not doing things correctly, that parent should volunteer to help the coach at practices and games. The volunteer coaches should be appreciated for all they do.

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