

Fall 2006 Soccer - WRYA (Rockville) and AYSL (Ashland)
Rockville Referee Meeting – Sept. 17, 2006

Preliminary Info – To be finalized by league soon

The US Youth Soccer “Handbook for Small Sided Games” is the official rule book used by Ashland and Rockville, with a few changes noted as follows. The book may have a few typos (free kicks?).

- The above book will be supplied by the lead referee to each referee.

General League rules and clarifications (with referee notes) in effect by Ashland and Rockville:

- No jewelry permitted. This includes ear rings and wire rim glasses.
- Casts may be allowed if fully padded and nothing (including metal) protrudes. Referee has final decision. If you allow a cast, let them know you will watch closely and will card if used to gain advantage.
- Teams will take up one side of field while spectators remain on opposite side. Referees enforce this early. Referees need to be at field 15 minutes prior to first game.
- No slide tackles at U6, U8, U10 or U12.

U12 teams will be playing this year. Offside will be called. Referees must be in good position (near second to last defender) to make offside calls.

Dual referee system will be used for U10 and U12. Single referee will be used for U6 & U8.

At U6, U8, U10, all offenses shall be briefly explained to the offending player. It is strongly encouraged at U12 also.

When a free kick is awarded, tell the players in immediate area whether it's direct or indirect. Then always signal with arm: for Indirect - hold arm straight up, holding it until ball is first touched by another player after the kick). For Direct – Arm in direction of kick. For a Penalty Kick, point to the penalty spot.

Before start of match, verify a few rules with both coaches:

- Duration of match, breaks, etc...
- Size Ball (home team provide)
- Offside called Y/N
- Remind them to signal for subs and have subs report to halfway line.
- Slide tackle rule
- Remind coaches your aim is for players to have fun and be safe.

Age specific rules (Rockville and Ashland 9-18-2006 Rev.1)

	U6	U8	U10	U12
Substitutions (unlimited)	Any stoppage	Any stoppage	Any stoppage	Any stoppage
# Throw In Attempts	Unlimited # Throw-In or Kick-In	2	2	1
Offside	No	No	No	Yes
Slide Tackle allowed	No	No	No	No
# Players on field	3	4	6	8
Minimum # players to start game	3	3	5	7
Duration of Match	4 – 8 min Qtrs 2 min qtr break 5 min halftime	4 – 12 minute Qtrs 2 minute quarter breaks 5 minute halftime	2 – 25 minute halves 5 minute halftime	2 – 30 minute halves 5 minute halftime
Penalty Kicks	No	No	Yes	Yes
Distance for PK	N/A	N/A	8 yards	10 yards
Types of free kicks	All Indirect	All Indirect	FiFA	FiFA
Goal Size	Max 6X18	Max 6X18	Max 6X18	Max 6X18 (7X21 is OK)
Ball Size	3	3	4	4
Field Size	W 15 - 25 L 20 - 30	W 20-30 No Flags L 25-35	W 35-45 L 45-60	W 45-55 (60 X 80 is OK) L 70-80
Slaughter Rule - Ref to monitor and suggest coach manage score when score is lopsided.	Do Not Keep Score	Yes - Coach manage score using league suggestions	Yes - Coach manage score using league suggestions	Yes - Coach manage score using league suggestions
Issue Cards	None	None	Yellow and Red	Yellow and Red
Briefly explain offense to player	Yes	Yes	Yes	Strongly encouraged
Distance away for Free Kicks (GK, CK,PK, Direct, Indirect, Kickoff)	4 yards	4 yards	8 yards	8 yards
Distance away for Throw-Ins	2 yards	2 yards	2 yards	2 yards
50% Minimum Playing Time Rule (Coaches responsible, refs assist)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
50% Maximum Time GK Rule	No Keeper	No Keeper	Yes	No
Keeper Punt Rule (Punt <u>in air</u> to opponents penalty area = indirect free kick at half way to other team)	No Keeper	No Keeper	Yes	Yes
Goal Kick – Opponents are behind half-way line until ball is kicked.	No	Yes-Special rule applies	No	No

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