

Modified Game Rules Fall 2023 to 2024 (Eff 09/09/23)

This Document outlines only the Rules that have been modified from official FIFA soccer rules. All other FIFA rules not specifically modified below will still apply to Southlake MOD games.

Summary of Rules Chart

	U5/U6	U7/U8
# of Players on Field	3	4
Game Period	2 x 20 min halves	2 x 25 min halves
Time Between Periods	5 min	5 min
Ball Size	3	3
Field Width (ft)	60	75
Field Length (ft)	80	120
Build out Line	Half Line	Half Line
Center Circle Radius (ft)	9	15
Goalie	No	No
Slide Tackling	No	No
Heading	No	No
Offside Rule	No	No
Penalty Kicks	No	No
Direct Kicks	No	No
Retake on Throw Ins	Yes	Yes
Goals Scored from Goal Kick	No	No
Goal Scored from Kick Off	No	No
Goal Scored from Throw in	No	No

** In the event that a U6 team plays a U7 team, the game should follow U6 specific rules for field size and duration. **

U5-U6:

Goal Kicks Current Rule: We have done away with the 18 foot line. On Goal kicks the defending team must retreat to the halfway line. Defending Team, on goal kicks, may not proceed past the halfway line, until the attacking team has released the ball on the first kick of the goal kick.

Former Rule. Goal kicks shall be taken 4 feet from the goal line. The ball must pass the 18 foot line before a player on either team can touch it. If the ball does not go past the line or is touched before it crosses the line, a re-kick is needed.

U7-U8:

Goal Kicks Current Rule: We have done away with the 24 foot line. On Goal kicks the defending team must retreat to the halfway line. Defending Team, on goal kicks, may not proceed past the halfway line, until the attacking team has released the ball on the first kick of the goal kick.

Prior Rule: Goal kicks shall be taken 6 feet from the goal line. The ball must pass the 24 foot line before a player on either team can touch it. If the ball does not go past the line or is touched before it crosses the line, a re-kick is needed. The opposing team must be behind the mid field line on goals kicks.

Guidance for U5-U8: *It is the **responsibility of the Coach** to ensure that each player will have the opportunity to play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time for every game that each player shows up to.*

Free Kicks: Keep in mind that there will not be paid Referees but the basic rules of Soccer should be applied as coaching moments to help our kids learn the basic rules of the game. So no hand balls, tripping, pushing etc.

All placekicks and throw-ins will be indirect. Meaning a goal can **not** be scored directly from any free kicks due to fouls, kick offs, goal kicks, or throw-ins. The ball must be touched by at least one other player first, if the ball does go directly into the goal without being touched by another player then play will restart with a goal kick by the defending team.

Slide Tackling is NOT allowed.

Corner Kicks will be done at all age levels.

NO GOALIES and NO OFFSIDES

Sideline Behavior

Coaches are responsible for players and parents
Coaches need to work together to resolve issues

PARENT REFEREES:

Use of a parent referee who is familiar with the rules of the game, is permitted, provided that BOTH Coaches agree to it . Otherwise, calls will be split b/w the Coaches.

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