



CSA Spring 2017

U4 & U6 Officiating Guidelines

Law I – Field of Play

- Basically, make certain the field is free of sticks and big, visible rock.
- Make sure there are corner flags.

Law II – The Ball

- Size 3 ball

Law III – The Number of Players

- 4 vs. 4 (2 players on a team, minimum)
- No Goalkeepers or “Sweeper Keepers”
- Substitutions only between quarters and at half, or for an injury

Law IV – The Players’ Equipment

- All players must wear shin guards, and socks to cover said shin guards
- All players must have uniforms
- Shoes must not have toe cleats
- NO CASTED APPENDAGES!

Law V – The Referee

- Keeps time (preferably a wrist watch that counts down)
- Must have a whistle (and be willing to blow it)
- No score is recorded

Law VI – The Assistant Referee (AR)

- There are no ARs in U4 or U6

Law VII – The Duration of the Match

- U4: Four 7 minute quarters, with a 5 minute break between the 2nd and 3rd quarters
- U6: Four 8 minute quarters, with a 5 minute break between the 2nd and 3rd quarters
- Teams switch directions between the 2nd and 3rd quarters

Law VIII – The Start and Restart of Play

- Blow the whistle to start play at the beginning of each period.
- Blow the whistle to start play during a kick-off.
- Blow the whistle to stop play when players keep playing after the ball has gone **completely** out of bounds.
- Blow the whistle to stop play at the end of end period.
- Blow the whistle whenever there is an infraction of the rules.

Law IV – The Ball In & Out of Play

- The ball must completely cross the outer boundary line to be considered out of bounds.

Law X – The Method of Scoring

- If the ball completely crosses the goal line between the goal posts and below the crossbar, a goal is scored.

Law XI – Offside

- There is no offside offense in U4 and U6

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

- Generally, the only infraction called is handling (hand balls).
- Usually, there are no fouls, but sometimes a player will push or kick another on purpose. Blow the whistle and gently, but firmly, tell the player he/she can't do that. Normally, the coach will intervene first, especially on a purposeful push or kick.

Law XIII – Free Kicks

- When there is a foul or infraction, award an indirect kick to the opposing team.
- The ball must be in play, otherwise, after addressing the infraction, continue with the throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, kick-off, or free kick.

Law XIV – The Penalty Kick

- There are no penalty kicks U4 and U6

Law XV – The Throw-In

- When the ball completely crosses the touch line, being last touched by an attacker, a throw-in is awarded to the defending team.
- When the ball completely crosses the touch line, being last touched by a defender, a throw-in is awarded to the attacking team.

Law XVI – The Goal Kick

- When the ball completely crosses the goal line, being last touched by an attacker, a goal kick is awarded to the defending team.

Law XVII – The Corner Kick

- When the ball completely crosses the goal line, being last touched by a defender, a corner kick is awarded to the attacking team.