U6 Division Rules of Play

**Number of Players:**

* The max number of players on the field for each team at any one time is 4 NO goalies.
* Games may not be rescheduled due to insufficient # of players. If there is a schedule conflict, please reach out to the Director of Recreation.

**Age Specific Rules:**

* Kick-ins: There are NO throw-ins. We will play using kick-ins. The ball must be stopped before the player can play the ball in. No kick-in can go directly in the goal.
* Goal Kicks: All defending players must be at midfield and allow the offensive player to receive a touch before they can defend. Early encroachment results in re-kick.
* Fouls: No direct free kicks. All fouls will result in an indirect free-kick from the spot of the foul. These must be touched by a player before going into the goal and counted as a point.
* Each player must play half of the game.
* Offsides will not be called. Please discourage cherry picking (hanging out in the goal waiting to score)
* NO heading of the ball will be allowed \*NO EXCEPTIONS\*
* Arch: No player is to enter the Arch to defend the goal as a goalkeeper.

**Substitutions:**

* Prior to a kick-in (by EITHER team)
* Prior to a goal kick (by EITHER team)
* After a goal (by EITHER team)
* At halftime

**Coaching Position/Player Seating:**

* Teams are to sit on opposite sides of the field (home and away) as designated by the game schedule.
* NO ONE is permitted to stand behind the goal to give instructions to the team or to his/her child.

**Duration of Game & Game Delays:**

* Four 10-minute quarters with at least 2-minutes in between quarters.
* In the instance of any thunder and lightning, game play will be suspended for 30 minutes from the first sound of thunder or sight of lightning. Every time either of these things occur, the “timer” will restart and the 30-minute delay will begin again. All players, coaches, and families must leave the field during this time and go to the nearest safe shelter or vehicle

**Field and Goal Sizes:**

* Max Field Size- 25x35
* Min Field Size- 15x25
* Goal Size- bownet (4x6)
* Refs- 1

**Equipment:**

* Shin guards MUST be worn under socks
* A Size 3 Ball will be used in all games

**Apparel:**

* No jewelry is to be worn
* Please have both jersey tops with you at all games.

**Arrival/ Attendance/ Conduct:**

* Arrive at the field 30 minutes before scheduled game time, ready to play.
* Please let your coach know if you cannot attend a game in a timely manner.
* Coaches, players and parents are expected to honor the game.
* Families on the sidelines during the games are expected to conduct themselves in a positive way and encourage the players on the field. Remember, we want the kids to be able to focus on what their coaches are saying to them and not get mixed signals.
* Please refrain from negative comments especially towards the Referees.
* We want all of our players to have a great experience!

**Mercy Rule:**

* Any match that goes above 4 goals advantage to one team, the struggling team may add another player if they would like. **\*The team with the current advantage WILL NOT remove players from the field of play to create an advantage for the other team**
* Once the game is back within 2 goals between the teams, field numbers can go back to normal numbers.