

LUDINGTON SOCCER



Fall 2009 U6 & U8 Games - Referee Information

Referee Action in Bold & Italic—use of whistle is optional

- Pre-Game - ***check in players for proper gear, no jewelry***
- Captains Coin Toss —winner selects goal to defend loser kicks off
- U6 -- 8 minute quarters, 3 v 3, 1 minute breaks, 5 minute halftime ***keep time***
- U8 -- 10 minute quarters, 5 v 5, 1 minute breaks, 5 minute halftime ***keep time***
- Ball Size -- # 3—***check game ball (or have coach)*** for proper inflation
- Kickoffs -- at start of the game per coin toss and then alternative team kicking off each quarter (***indicate ok to kick with one whistle blast***), and after a goal is scored. Kickoffs are direct (ball can score unassisted)
- Scored goal—ball must completely clear end (goal) line into goal (***one whistle***)
- Ball is out of bounds on touch (side) line or end (goal) line only when ball completely clears the line. ***Referee to indicate possession by calling out the team jersey color “black” or “white” and/or an arm gesture in the direction of possession - use of whistle not recommended due to frequency***
- Throw-ins occur on all out of bounds balls from the touch (side) line. Proper technique not required but encouraged (ball over head and both feet on ground throw release). No corner kicks or sideline kicks
- No timeouts permitted unless Injured player—game stopped by the referee (***one whistle blast—ball is placed by ref when play resumes***) where located when play was stopped and indirect kick by team in possession at that time
- Dangerous play—anytime referee observes play of dangerous nature, play is to be stopped (***one whistle blast, ref to explain and restart play where foul occurred***) indirect kick at point of dangerous play by the non-offending team
- In either case above if possession is unclear restart play with a dropped ball
- Substitutions at referee's discretion on all restarts (throwins, kickoffs, injuries, etc). Coaches to have subs in proper designated area
- No red or yellow cards issued; however ref can ***stop play and instruct coach*** to resolve inappropriate player or spectator behavior before play resumes
- No coaches allowed on the field unless refereeing
- No Goalies or Defender, No Goal Tending. Last defender to be no closer to goal than half the distance between forward & the goal—***at refs discretion, explain to player(s) and coach, if repeated turn over possession with an indirect kick***
- ***Important*** -- parents must sit on the opposite side of the field from the teams. Coaches -- ***Please try to enforce this rule at all times!***