

# **SAY PRE-SCHOOL (6-U) CONDENSED PLAYING RULES**

## **The Field**

The field size is 25-35 yards long, 15-25 yards wide

## **The Markings**

**Halfway Line** - width of field, marked equidistant between goal lines

**Corner Flags** - Not needed

## **The Goals**

4-feet high and 6-feet wide (maximum); must be securely anchored before beginning play.

## **The Ball**

Size 3 ball

## **The Players**

**Number** - Four (4) per team on field; no goalkeeper (minimum of three (3) players to continue)

**Substitutions** - Unlimited and can occur at any time

**Playing Time** - Minimum of half of the game (preferably all players play equal amount of time).

## **Player Equipment**

Same color shirts, shinguards (covered with socks), shoes (soft footwear with no cleats is recommended).

## **Duration of Game**

Four 8-minute quarters; 5-minute breaks between quarters.

## **Referees**

Registered and certified referees are not needed at this level; coaches are expected to manage the game;

A coach from each team should be on the field to instruct the players and enforce the rules.

## **Ball Out of Play**

Ball is out of play when it completely leaves the field-of-play over the touchline or goal line, either on the ground or in the air;

Ball is also considered to be out of play whenever the whistle is blown and the game is stopped;

## **Restarts**

All restarts are indirect, i.e. two touches required for a goal to be allowed;

Opponents to be at least 10-ft. away from the ball;

Player taking the restart may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player (restart is IFK to opponents);

Ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves.

## **Kick-Off**

All players on both teams must be on own half of field;

Ball may be kicked in any direction.

## **Corner Kicks**

Restart when ball goes over goal line (end line) last touched by a defending player;

Kick to be taken from the corner of the field.

## **Goal Kicks**

Restart when ball goes over goal line (end line) last touched by an attacking team player;

Kick to be taken from any point in the vicinity of the goal.

## **Kick-Ins**

Restart when ball goes over the touchline (side line); Kick-in taken by opponent of player who last touched the ball;

Indirect free kick (IFK) taken from one-yard inside the touch-line.

## **Free Kicks**

All free kick restarts to be indirect free kicks (IFK); kick is to be taken at the spot of the offense.

**Penalty Kicks**

No penalty kicks in Pre-School (6-U)

**Fouls & Misconduct:**

Offenses in accordance with criteria defined in **Law XII**;  
The nature of the offense should be explained to the player;  
There will be no cautions or ejections.

**Handball**

An offense when a player deliberately plays the ball with their hand or arm;  
Accidental contact, i.e. ball striking hand or arm with no intent by player, is not an offense and should not be penalized;  
Instinctive, self-protective reactions are not to be penalized.

**Offside**

No offside in Pre-School (6-U)

**Scoring**

When the whole of the ball completely crosses the goal line between the posts and under the cross-bar.