

Boys 5th - 6th Grade

6 vs. 6 Soccer Rules & Information



1. Time Frame:

- Games will consist of four 12-minute quarters, a 1-minute break between quarters, and a 3-minute half-time.
- Each team is allowed two timeouts per half (30 seconds each). Timeouts can only be called on a throw-in when your team has possession of the ball.

2. Information:

- Each team will have six players on the field at a time. If a team has four players or less present, they must forfeit. (If a forfeit is called please divvy out players from both teams and play a scrimmage)
- One of the six players will be a roaming goalkeeper. In 6 vs. 6 play, the goalkeeper may roam the field but can only use their hands inside the goalie box.

3. Rules:

- **Offside penalties will not be called during 6 vs. 6 play.**
- **Direct Kick:** is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits a careless or reckless offense (ex: pushes, tackles, trips, touches ball with their hands, or holds an opponent). A direct kick is taken from where the offense occurred.
- **Indirect Kick:** is awarded to the opposing team if a player plays in a dangerous manner, impedes the progress of an opponent, and prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from their hands. An indirect kick is taken from the place where the offense occurred.
- **Substitutions** can be made by any team on any throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, kick-off, or stoppage of play by the referee. Players may not enter the field until the referee has signaled for them to do so. The player substituting must be off the field prior to another player entering. A penalty kick will be assessed for too many players on the field.
- **Yellow and Red Cards:** Yellow will be a firm warning. When a player receives a yellow card, they must sit out for two minutes, and their team will be down a player. Red will result in an ejection.

4. Equipment:

- All players must have shin guards. Cleats are optional (no metal or sharp cleats). Baseball cleats are forbidden due to their toe cleats.
- Have players remove any jewelry or hats before playing.
- 5th-6th grade will use a size 5 soccer ball.