

GAME SUPERVISOR

What to watch for/responsibilities

Don't jump into the scrimmage before it is time. Play a game of duck, duck, goose; or something else, as to not short change the kids of their play time.

START OF PLAY

The start of play is called the KICK-OFF. A kick-off is done to start each half. The team that doesn't kick-off to start the game kicks-off to start the 2nd half. Also, when a goal is scored, the team that is scored on does a kick-off.

KICK-OFF

The Kick-off is done from the middle of the centerline of the field. The team that is not kicking off should be outside the center circle (approximately 5 yards). One player from the team that has the kick-off should kick the ball forward to a teammate. If not done correctly, go ahead and let them play. Next time there is a kick-off just remind them of the correct way.

THROW-IN

When the ball goes over the touchline (the long side of the field), a throw-in is awarded to the team that did not last touch the ball. One player from that team throws the ball in from the spot where the ball crossed the touch line. The proper technique is both feet remain on the ground; the ball is thrown with both hands from the back of the head, over the head. If not done correctly, have the player do it again remind them how to do it correctly. If not done properly the 2nd time, let the game go.

FREE KICK

Free Kicks should be rare at U5. Handling the ball, tripping an opponent and holding an opponent will result in a Free Kick. The ball is placed at the point of the infraction, with the opposing team 5 yards away. After the team that is awarded the free kick touches the ball, the free kick is over and the other team can play the ball again.

GOAL KICK

If the ball goes out over the GOAL LINE (short side of the field with the goal), and did not go between the goal posts, and the attacking team was the last to touch it, then a goal kick should be awarded to the defending team. Place the ball approximately three strides in front of the goal. The opposing team should be back approximately 5 yards.

CORNER KICK

If the ball goes out over the GOAL LINE (short side of the field with the goal), and did not go between the goal posts, and the defending team was the last to touch it, then a corner kick should be awarded to the attacking team. Place the ball within a yard of the corner of the field, and have a player kick the ball towards the goal. The opposing team should be back approximately 5 yards.

DROP BALL

If the game is stopped for a reason other than the above list, you shall do a drop ball. The stoppage could be for not playing well with others, injury, a train going past that catches the kids' attention, etc. Simply drop the ball between opposing players and let them play.

AT HALFTIME

If there is a big discrepancy in the two teams (i.e. it is a blowout), please use your discretion to balance the teams.

Essentially, the supervisor is there to guide the game along and make sure everybody is having fun. Throughout the season, we will make sure that we teach more of the rules of the game. The important thing is that all the players have fun, and maybe learn something about soccer at the same time.