

U-8 Ref Reminders: Spring 2002

Boys at Chadwick #8 Girls at Chadwick #9

20-minute halves with 5-minute half-time.

Before You Leave Home

- ❑ Wear a soccer uniform or warm-ups - look sharp!
- ❑ Remember your whistle, a watch and a coin.
- ❑ If weather is nasty, call Mr. Monroe about cancellations (978-352-2797). The decision is made by 7am.

Before the Game

- ❑ Arrive **15 minutes before** game time – no less!
- ❑ Check out the field for stones, glass & trash.
- ❑ Line up goal posts **on** the end line.
- ❑ **Introduce yourself** to coaches & **shake hands**.
- ❑ **Remind coaches to ask permission to substitute**.
- ❑ Move parents **across the field** from the bench.
- ❑ Ask for a **#4 game ball**; make sure it's OK.
- ❑ While kids are warming up, make sure they all have **shin pads and safe shoes** (cleats are not required).
- ❑ There are no ID cards to check, but have a coin toss for kickoff. Ask the kids if they have any questions.
- ❑ **Show the players a nice, big smile!**

During the Game

- ❑ When in doubt, ask yourself: ***Is it safe? Is it fair?***
- ❑ Start game as soon as each team is ready with **6 players** on the field, including the keeper. [U10s play with 7.]
- ❑ Always **explain your calls** and what happens next.
- ❑ When ball goes out of bounds: **Whistle, Announce** which color will throw, and **Point**.
- ❑ Teach kids how to throw in. They can **keep trying** until they get it right.
- ❑ Goal kicks must cross the 10-yard line. **Keep trying** until kicker gets it across the line. Move the ball closer.
- ❑ Keeper can handle the ball **anywhere** inside the 10-yard line.
- ❑ When goal is scored: **Whistle, Point** to mid-field and **Run** to the center spot.
- ❑ As soon as you see an injured player, **Stop Play** and call a coach onto the field.
- ❑ Restart with drop ball after an injury. Give an indirect if a foul caused the injury.
- ❑ There are **no offsides** in U-8.
- ❑ **Indirect kicks ONLY** - no directs, no penalty kicks... ever. For fouls inside the 10-yard line, move indirect kicks outside the box.
- ❑ No slide tackles allowed. No bicycle kicks either!
- ❑ If one team leads by 4 goals or more, **have losing team add 1 or 2 players**. Next, ask the winning coach to move top scorers to goalkeeper and defense.
- ❑ If weather turns bad during game, coaches will decide whether to stop. If you see **lightning** or hear **thunder**, **Stop the Game and Clear the Field Immediately**.
- ❑ Half-time: blow whistle 2 times. End of game: 3 times.
- ❑ **Smile and have fun during the game!**

After the Game

- ❑ Return game ball to the right coach.
- ❑ Thank the coaches and **congratulate the players!**
- ❑ Call Mr. Monroe (352-2797) after each game so you will get paid your \$8. No call = no pay.

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