

Middleton United Soccer Club

Laws of the Game

The most important law of the game is that the players are supposed to have **FUN!!!!** These leagues are designed to be an introduction to league play and the goal is for the children to learn and apply the basics of soccer in a safe, relaxed and fun environment.

Cheat sheet with answers to FAQ

	U6	U7	U8		U9	U10	U11-12	U13-H.S.
Max Roster	8	10	10		12	12	14	18
# Players on Field	3 V 3	4 V 4	4 V 4		6 V 6	6 V 6	8 v 8	11 v 11
Min # Players to Start	3	3	3		4	4	4	5
Goalkeepers	No	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Off Side Called	No	No	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field Size in Yards	30 L X 20 W	35 L X 25 W	35 L X 25 W		60 L X 45 W	60 L X 45 W	70 to 80 L, 45 to 55 W	100 to 120 L, 60 to 75 W
Ball Size	3	3	3		4	4	4	5
Game Length	4 X 8 min	4 X 10 min	4 X 12 min		2 X 25 min	2 X 25 min	2 x 30 min	2 x 35 min U13-14, 2 x 40 min U15-16, 2 x 45 min H.S.
Goal Size	4 X 6	4 X 6	4 X 6		6 X 18	6 X 18	7 x 21	8 x 24
Free Kicks	direct	direct	direct		Direct and Indirect	Direct and Indirect		
Officials	No (coach/parent)				Yes	Yes		
Penalty Areas (yards)					Goal: 6x16	Goal 6 x 18	Goal: 6 x 20	
						Penalty: 10x24 Center Circle 6		

1) Field of Play – Game is played on KEVA’s outdoor sport turf field or neighboring fields.

The field of play

U6-U8 – Cones will be used to mark the perimeter and pug goals will be used

U9 and U10 - Painted lines will mark the perimeter and 6x18 goals will be used

2) The Ball – see above

3) Number of Players – see above

U6 - Each team is allowed to have a coach on the field with the kids helping coach/organize, and stop play for any fouls, injuries, etc. Other coaches and substitute players shall stay off the field and in the designated area.

U7-U10 – Coaches and substitutes should stand off the field and in the designated area.

4) Players equipment – Each player should have a jersey, shorts/pants, shin guards completely covered by socks, and flat souled, turf or cleated soccer shoes.

5) Duration of the match – see above

U6-U8 - Coach of the home team will be responsible for keeping track of time on the field.

U9 and U10 – Referee will keep track of time

6) Start and Restart of play – The home team (team listed first) will decide which end they would like to defend to start the game and the away team will kick-off. Each quarter/half after that the teams will alternate ends and who kicks off. A goal may be scored directly from the kick-off. A kick-off is a way of starting or re-starting play:

- * at the beginning of the game
- * after a goal has been scored
- * at the beginning of each period

Procedure:

- * all players are in their own half of the field
- * the opponents of the team taking kick off are at least 4 yards (U6-U8) and 8 yards (U9/U10) from the ball until it is in play
- * the ball is stationary on the cent mark
- * referee (coach for U6-U8) gives signal
- * the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward
- * kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player

7) Ball In and Out of Play – The ball is out of play when:

- * it has entirely crossed the plane of the goal
- * play has been stopped by coach/referee

The ball is in play at all other times, including when

- * it rebounds from the goalpost, crossbar, corner flag, or cone
- * it rebounds from the referee (U9/U10) or coach who is on the field of play (U6-U8)

8) Method of Scoring – A goal is scored when the whole ball passes over the goal line, between the goal posts. After a goal the other team puts the ball in play with a kick-off.

U6-U8 – The home team shall report the match results.

U9 and U10 – The referee will report the match results.

9) Offside – see above

10) Fouls and Misconduct – the following fouls and misconduct are penalized:

- * Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- * Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent
- * Jumping into an opponent
- * Charging an opponent
- * Striking or attempting to strike an opponent
- * Pushing an opponent
- * Holding an opponent
- * Spitting at an opponent
- * Handling the ball deliberately

All of these shall result in a direct free kick. (At the U6-U8 level, since there are no officials, it is advised that the coach explains all infringements to the offending player.)

Direct free kick: The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player. If the free kick is kicked directly into the opponents goal, a goal is awarded. If the free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.

For U9 and U10 indirect kicks are also used.

Indirect free kick: The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player. The ball must also touch another player before it can go into the goal. If it goes into the goal after touching another player, a goal is awarded. If it goes into the goal with out touching another player a goal kick is awarded to the opposing team. An indirect free kick is awarded if a player:

- * Plays in a dangerous manner
- * Impedes the progress of an opponent
- * Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands

An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his/her own penalty area:

- * Takes more than 6 seconds while controlling the ball with his/her own hands before releasing it
- * Touches the ball again with his/her own hands after it had been released from his/her own possession and has not been touched by another player
- * Touches the ball with his/her own hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her

by a team-mate

- * Touches the ball with his/her hands after he/she has received it directly from a throw-in taken by a team-mate

11) Kick-Ins (U6 only) – When the ball goes out of play, the non-offending team will restart the game with a kick-in. The ball is placed on the ground where it went out of play.

12) Throw-Ins (U7-U10) – A throw-in is a method of re-starting play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in. A throw-in is awarded:

- * when the entire ball passes over the touch line, either in the air or on ground
- * from the point where it went out of bounds
- * to the opponents of the team who last touched the ball

At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:

- * faces the field of play
- * has part of each foot on the touchline or behind it
- * uses both hands
- * delivers the ball from behind and over the head. The thrower may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. The ball is in play immediately after it enters the field of play.

13) Goal Kick – A goal kick is a method of restarting play and is awarded when:

The entire ball, having last touched the attacking team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored.

Procedure:

- * the ball is kicked from any point within the goal area (For U6-U8 the goal kick may be taken from approx 2-3 yards off the goal line, anywhere across the width of the field, at the point nearest where the ball went out of play)
- * opponents must remain outside of the goal area
- * the kicker may not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player
- * the ball is in play when it has left the goal area

14) Corner Kick – A corner kick is a method of re-starting play. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team. A corner kick is awarded when the entire ball, having last touched a defensive player, passes over the goal line.

Procedure:

- * the ball is placed inside the corner arc on the side of the field where the ball went out

- * the ball is in play when it is kicked by a player of the attacking team and moves
- * the kicker may not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player

15) Penalty Kick – Only used in U9 and U10

Penalty kick occurs when a member of the opposing team commits a direct kick foul inside his/her own box.

- * kick is taken from the penalty spot
- * every player but the designated kicker must be outside of the penalty box
- * ball is in play when the kicker makes contact with the ball and it moves forward
- *kicker may not touch the ball again until it is touched by another player