

# SGAA 6U Soccer Rules

**Field Size:** Approximate length 30 yards and width 20 yards

**Ball size:** #3

**Number of players on the field per team:** 4 (not including goalie)

**Maximum # of players per team:** 8

**Minimum number of players:** 3

**Game time:** 8 minute quarters, 2 minute break between quarters, and 5 minute halftime

SGAA will utilize North Carolina High School Rules for basic soccer rules, with the addition of the following rules:

1. On throw-ins: both feet must be touching ground and arms must be raised above the head. A player will be given a second chance if on the first time they do not throw the ball in correctly. After the 2nd time the ball will be given to the opposing team.
2. No player except the goalie will be allowed to use their hands to touch the ball. The referee will caution a player who continues to use their hand. The referee may then give the ball to the opposing team.
3. Slide tackles will result in a free kick with a warning from the referee, if the child slide tackles again they will be removed from the game. Any sliding action deemed a slide tackle or attempt at a slide tackle will be determined by the referee.
4. Goalie kicks: the referee will place the ball in position and will ensure that the ball crosses the quarter field line before anyone from either team touches the ball.
  - a. After repeated violations players will be asked to wait inside the large center circle for the goal kick to be performed.
5. The referee will stop the play for a player to tie their shoes. Game time will continue.
6. Head coaches can have a team mom and an assistant coach only on the sideline or standing with the goalie during the game (next to the goal not on the field).
7. Offside calls will first be mentioned to the coach as a caution, and then subsequently called and the ball turned over to the opposite team after the coach has been warned (if a goal is scored from an offside position, it will not counted).
8. Heading: Is banned for leagues with ages 12 and below. Penalty: If during the course of play, a header is deliberately performed, play will be stopped and an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team.

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- a. The indirect free kick is to be taken from the place where the player touched the ball with his/her head.
9. Tie game: No tie breaker will be played in this league.
10. Season standings will be based on a point system. Each win will earn a team 3 points, a tie will earn each team 1-point and a loss will earn no points.
11. At the end of the season a tie for first place will be broken by goal differential
12. Trophies will be awarded to all players on the winning team for the regular season. All other trophies will be the responsibility of the parents.
13. Parents will sit/stand on the opposite side of the field from the players benches; parents are not allowed to sit/stand behind the goal, at the corners of the field or on the player side of the field. Parents are allowed to sit on the bleachers provided by the athletic park.