

Boys Age Group Rules 25/26 Season

	Under 7 (2019)	Under 8 (2018)	Under 9 (2017)	Under 10 (2016)	Under 11 (2015)	Under 12 (2014)	Under 13 Prem (2013)	Under 13 Champ (2013)	Under 14/15 (2011, 2012)
Number of players on pitch	5	5	6	7	7	8	11	9	11
Half Court Press	All	All	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Kick in / dribble in for all 'throw ins' ⁽¹⁾	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Changes to Dribble In Rules ⁽²⁾	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
4 Goal Rule / 6 Goal Rule ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾
Rolling Substitutes	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ball used	# 3	# 3	# 3	# 4	#4	# 4	# 5	# 5	# 5
Duration	12 mins	15 mins	20 mins	3 x 20 mins	3 x 20 mins	3 x 20 mins	2 x 35 mins	2 x 35 mins	2 x 40 mins
Offside	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Penalty Spot (Distance from goal line)	6 yds	6 yds	7 yds	8 yds	8 yds	9 yds	12 yds	10 yds	12 yds
Wall Distance for free kicks	4 yds	4 yds	5 yds	6 yds	8 yds	8 yds	10 yds	8 yds	10 yds
Penalty Area Dimensions	8 yds x 6 yds	8 yds x 6 yds	10 yds x 8 yds	10 yds x 8 yds	12 yds x 10 yds	12 yds x 10 yds	18 yds x 44 yds	12 yds x 15 yds	18 yds x 44 yds
Yellow / Red Cards	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Back pass rule ⁽⁴⁾	YES ⁽⁴⁾	YES ⁽⁴⁾	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
8 Second Goalkeeper Rule	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Minimum players registered per team	8	8	9	10	11	12	15	15	17
Scoring from Kickoff / Restart	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

*** 1 - Kick in / dribble in rule** - At U7 and U8, for restarts for throw ins, players can also restart play by either a kick in or dribble in - so this season, only dribble in from sidelines for throw ins and dribble in not from corners, free kicks, goalkicks, etc.

*** 2 - Changes to dribble in rule** - This season at U7 and U8, players can no longer restart play from all deadball situations with a dribble in. Dribble in now ONLY for throw ins.

*** 3 - 4 goal rule / 6 goal rule** - If a team goes up by 4 goals in any game, the losing team can add an extra player while the scoreline remains a 4 goal difference. If a team goes up by 6 goals, the losing team can add another extra player. EG. at 4-0 at U8 it becomes 5v6 and at 6-0 it would become 5v7.

*** 4 - Backpass rule** - While the backpass rule will apply at U7 and U8, referees should start by reminding players and coaches of the no back pass rule and allowing play on rather than awarding a free kick. After 2 reminders in the same game, a free kick can be awarded.

Special Instructions

- All players and coaches are to abide by all the laws of the game as set out by FIFA except where modified above.
- For any competitions in knock out stages the goal keeper who is in goal at the final whistle must remain in goal for any penalty shootout. They can be changed before the final whistle, but not after. If competition is centrally timed then when the horn blows the game ends and the ball is dead, even if in the air.
- All matches must start on time when multiple matches are played at a venue. They must finish at the allotted time regardless of how many minutes have been played.
- If a referee is absent or running late the coaches of the teams must start the match on time without them.
- For any clashes of colour the away team (right hand side of fixtures) must wear bibs.
- Goal keepers must be a different colour to outfield players.
- All teams must bring the correct size balls to matches.
- If 2 or more teams tie in any group or league table the Champion or runner up will be determined by head to head. If this is still a tie a one off game will be played to determine the winner.
- Parents must stand on the opposite sides of the pitch to the coaches and substitutes.