

MYSL U-9 & U-10 (6v6) Rule Modifications

In addition to the regulations contained in these rules and regulations and the associated MYSL playing grid, the following rules and regulations will apply to the U-8, U-9 and U-10 age groups:

1. The offside rule is **not** enforced.
2. **No** goal kicks – game is restarted with goalkeeper possession and goalkeeper can throw, kick, punt, or dribble the ball back into play.
3. The pass-back rule is **not** enforced.
4. When the ball crosses a sideline, the game is restarted with a throw-in from the spot where it crossed the sideline.
5. The goalkeeper after handling the ball may not punt the ball over the halfway line. For example, if a goalkeeper kicks the ball, it must bounce at least once before crossing the halfway line. However, the goalkeeper would be permitted to kick the ball across the halfway line if it is not picked up or handled first. **Please Note: By definition ALL drop kicks by the goalkeeper would be considered a violation of this rule.** Violation of this rule will result in awarding a throw-in (in order to move the game along) to the opposing team of the offending goalkeeper at the nearest intersection of halfway line and sideline. A goalkeeper may not directly receive and handle a throw-in.
6. **All players must be eight yards from the player taking any restart.**
7. All free kicks are **indirect (except penalty kicks), with opponents at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.**
8. For U-8, U-9 and U-10, the following field markings will apply: a halfway line across the field; four corner arcs with two-foot radius; the goal area will be sixteen yards wide and six yards into the field of play joined by

a line parallel to the goal line; the penalty box should be 10 yards by 24 yards into the field of play joined by a line parallel to the goal line.

9. The start of play shall be a kick-off from a center mark and all opponent players must be eight yards from this mark on their side of the field. A goal may be scored directly from the kick-off.
10. Corner kicks will be taken and, in the absence of field markings, the ball should be placed within two feet of the corner. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.
11. Penalty kicks may be awarded in accordance with FIFA laws of the game and will be taken eight yards from the goal line, at a mark or place which is approximately the center of the goal.