

CBYSA U5-U7 Rules

(as of spring 2013)

Field Dimensions:	Length: minimum 25 yards maximum 35 yards Width: minimum 20 yards maximum 25 yards
Goal Size:	Recommended Size: 4 yards wide. Please note that, if mutually agreed upon, coaches can adjust the goal size to make them larger. It is not recommended to make them smaller than 4 yards. On fields with no permanent goals cones or flags may be used. If flags or cones are used a goal is scored when the ball passes between the flags or cones at a height no greater than 6 feet above the ground.
Length of Game:	Two (2) halves of 20 minutes (Games can be shortened for younger Players at coaches' request)
Length of Halftime:	Five (5) minutes
Ball:	Size three (3)
Number of players on field:	Three (3) players with NO goalkeepers
Offside:	No offside rule
Throw-ins:	May use a kick in or throw in
Fouls:	All fouls will result in an indirect free kick.
The Goal Kick:	The goal kick should be taken within 2–3 yards of the goal line anywhere across the width of the field of play at the nearest point from where the ball was retrieved. Opposing players must be four (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play. It is suggested that if necessary that opponents are in their own half of the field until the ball is in play.
Corner Kicks:	Corner kicks should be taken within three (3) feet of the corner. opponents should be at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.
Substitutions:	Multiple substitutions allowed. Substitutions may occur at any stoppage of play.
Slide Tackling:	Not allowed.

Miscellaneous:

At this age kids should be given a lot of freedom to play with little instruction. Rules should be explained simply and clearly with very little interruption of play. Coaches should minimize their 'on-field' time as much as possible. The ball is the 'toy' that all the kids want to play with. LET THEM PLAY.

All players must wear shin guards.

Spectators are not allowed behind the goal or along the touchline between the penalty box line and the goal line.

Coaches shall ensure that each player play at least 50% of each game.

Coaches are responsible for their behavior, the behavior of their players, and of team parents. Please do not direct negative comments at the referees. CBYSA will impose sanctions upon any coach who fails to enforce or abide by this rule.