

U9 Basic Rules

Length of Games	2 x 25 minutes
# of Players On Field	6 (Including Goalkeeper)
Size of Ball	4
Duration of Games	50 Minutes
Half Time	5 Minutes
Referees	Two (one in the penalty area, one on the field)
Substitutions	On the fly
Offside	No

General Rules of the Game

After a Save...

A goalie can throw, pass or kick the ball out of his/her goal area.

Be aware of the three-line violation.

Ball Out of Bounds Over Sideline...

Kick In... Place the ball on the line where the ball went out and can pass it to a teammate. **This restart is an indirect free kick and a goal cannot be scored directly from the kick.**

Ball Out of Bounds Over End of Field...

If the ball goes out of bounds at the end of the field and the attacking player touched it last, it is put back in play with a **Goal Kick.**

Ball Out of Bounds Over End of Field...

If the ball goes out of bounds at the end of the field and the defending player touched it last, it is put back in play by a **Corner Kick.** **This restart is an indirect free kick and a goal cannot be scored directly from the kick.**

The Ball In and Out of Play...

The ball is out of play when:

*When the ball is over the red line on the side boards.

*Play has been stopped by the referee.

*It has wholly crossed a perimeter wall or has touched the side netting.

*It strikes the netting or any structure above or overhanging the field of play.

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

*It rebounds off a goalpost, crossbar or perimeter wall and remains in the field of play.

*It rebounds off the referee.

*It touches a player who has technically left the field by being within the restart line and between the gates to the bench, and who is being replaced by a substitute, but who is not playing or attempting to play the ball or interfere with

Retreat Line (U9 and U11 only)- The Retreat Line in U9 and U11 Indoor Soccer will be the nearest Defensive Zone Line. If a member of the opposing team comes inside the Retreat Line before the ball has left the goal area and interferes with play, the Referee will stop play and the restart will be retaken. When the ball has left the Goal Area, play will resume as normal and the opposing team can move inside the Retreat Line. Players can play the ball long if they wish in U9 and U11.

General Rules of the Game Cont.

Three-line Violation...	A three-line violation occurs when the ball is played by a player in his own defensive zone and the ball completely crosses all three lines in the air without touching another player, the referee, the field of play, the touch walls or goal wall in the defensive zone from which it was played.
Fouls in the Penalty Area...	Fouls occurring in the Penalty area are not given as Penalty Shots in U9. The restart will be an indirect free kick from the top of the arc
No Offense...	When a team has 2 fewer players eligible to be on the field than the opposing team, any player on that team may propel the ball over three lines without being in violation of this rule.
Infringements and Sanctions...	For a three-line violation, the referee awards a free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the restart mark at the center of the violating team's defensive line.
Free Kicks (all free kicks are INDIRECT!) ...	For all free kicks, the ball must be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. The kicker has 5 seconds to put the ball into play, and the referee indicates visually and verbally the 5 second count.
Time Restrictions on Restarts...	On any start or restart, the team entitled to the kick has five(5) seconds to play the ball. In the event of taking more than five(5) seconds, the kicker is penalized by a 2-minute technical offence penalty for delaying the restart. However, in U9 the offending team will not play short a player, just the offending player will be removed from the field.

For U9 – blue, yellow and red cards will not be used.

In U9, if a player is playing roughly, the referee should request that the coach substitute the player, and the coach should advise the player to play in a fair manner.

Any player who 'boards', spits at or strikes an opponent should take no further part in the game.