

Arlington Soccer Club Referee Tip Sheet – September, 2009

U9 and U10 In-Town Games

Size of team on field: 6 v 6

Size of field: Full 6v6 field

Time: Two 30 minute halves, 5 minute half time break

Important rules to remember:

In addition to (or in modification of) the regular laws of the game, the following special rules will apply to ASC In-Town U9 and U10 games.

1. No Penalty Kicks at this level. Instead of a PK, a direct kick will be awarded at the top of the penalty box.
2. DIRECT and INDIRECT kicks are awarded based on the infraction according to FIFA laws of the game. Opponents should stand **10 yards** away from the ball on a free kick.
3. Goal kicks should be taken from the edge of the penalty box. The opposing team must stand 10 yards away. If the ball does not travel 10 yards, it is in play and either team may play the ball.
4. If a player does not understand the call, briefly explain the infraction to the offending player.
5. At referee's discretion, players may be given a second chance on throw-ins.
6. Off-sides rules do not apply.
7. No slide tackles, kids must stay on their feet. If there is an infraction, the opposing team will be awarded a direct kick and the referee should explain to the player that they need to stay on their feet. Coaches should also warn the player to stay on their feet. If the player continues to slide tackle, have the coach sub the player for one shift and the coach should talk to the player on the sideline.
8. Substitutions are per 11v11 laws of the game (both teams can substitute on a goal kick or after a goal is scored. Only the possessing team can substitute on a throw in, but if they choose to make a substitution the opposing team can substitute as well). If there is a substitution made for an injured player, the opposing team is allowed one substitution as well.
9. Substitutes should stand at mid field when ready to enter the field. They should also enter the field at the mid-field line.
10. Parents and players should be on opposite sides of the field. The two teams should be on the same side of the field.
11. On goal kicks or on goalkeeper saves followed by a goalie punt, throw or drop kick, the ball must touch the field or a player in the defensive end of the field. If the ball crosses midfield without touching the ground or a player, the opposing team will be awarded an indirect kick at midfield.
12. Goal kicks should be taken anywhere within 6 yards of the goal line. The goal box lines aren't marked, so use your best judgment about where to place the ball for goal kicks.
13. A pass back to the goalie from the foot of a teammate, or directly from a throw in are not allowed. In the case of an infraction, the opposing team will be awarded an indirect kick outside of the penalty area.
14. All jewelry must be removed. Medical alert bracelets can be taped.

Your role at this level is to continue to help players understand the game. Make sure to use your whistle to get the players' attention. If you find that a particular player is repeatedly being too aggressive, ask the coach to sub him out to give him/her a chance to cool down.