

CW3 U6 and U8 Clarifications – SPRING 2009

1. There will be a box around the goal extending one yard beyond the goal posts on the goal line and then ten feet onto the field. This is both the goal box and penalty box.
2. Goal kicks may be taken from anywhere inside the box. They do not have to be taken from the corners of the box.
3. For u8 only. A direct kick offense foul committed inside the box will result in a penalty kick for the team that was fouled. The PK will be taken from the center of the line of the box running parallel to the end line. All players must be behind the ball when the PK is taken.
4. Any foul committed inside the box that would result in a free kick will be taken from the spot on the line of the box closest to where the foul occurred. Opposing players must be ten feet from the ball or standing on the goal line between the goal posts forming a “wall” when the kick is taken.
5. All free kicks are indirect. This includes kick offs, corner kicks and goal kicks.
6. When a team is awarded a free kick all opposing players must be at least ten feet from the ball.
7. Any player who persists in playing “like a goalie” will result in the coach being cautioned. The second offense will result in the coach being removed from the field and the surrounding area. In other words, “out of sight and ear shot” of the pitch.
8. Coaches should refrain from physically picking players up and moving them into position.
9. Permission to substitute must be obtained from the referee before subbing. Please see point #6 on the “Variations to the Laws” sheet for more information on subbing.
10. At the taking of free kicks it is not necessary for the kicking team to wait until the other team has their players “all set” before taking the kick. Of course kicks that require a referee’s whistle before proceeding are exceptions.
11. At the u6 and u8 levels it is desired that all players have an opportunity to play every position. Having one or two players dominate the offense is not a league objective. Every player should have multiple opportunities to take throw ins, free kicks, as well as to shoot and score during the course of a season.
12. Coaches should not touch players while they are taking a throw in. The players need to learn proper technique at this early part of their soccer career. If a foul throw is made, the referee will instruct the player what adjustment should be made and then allow the player to have another try.