

Eastgate Soccer Dribbler Rules

The Field:

- U-6 fields do not have a goal area or penalty area marked as there are no goalkeepers or penalty kicks.
- U-6 fields should have a 3 yard radius center circle at midfield.
- Goals are portable 6'x4'.
- One coach per team is allowed on field with the players.

Referees:

- Only one referee is used at the Dribblers (U6) level.

The Ball:

- Size 3

Number of Players:

- 5v5 (no goalkeepers). Each child plays at least 2 full quarters.
- Eastgate Soccer strongly discourages the use of defensive strategies. The reason for not having goalkeepers is so that the chance of scoring a goal is higher. Players should not "sit" in the goal to prevent the opposing team from scoring.
- U-6 teams can substitute freely and do not have to wait for a stoppage of play.

Player Equipment:

- Shin guards are required. Uniforms will be different colors and numbered.

Duration of Match:

- Four 8 minute quarters with a 5 minute half-time
- Teams must change ends of field at halftime

Start and Restart of Play:

- All players of the opposing team must be at least 3 yards away from the ball on the kick-off and any free kick.

Scoring:

- NO SCORES ARE KEPT AT THE U-6 LEVEL!

Offside:

- Does not apply at the U-6 level

Fouls and Misconduct:

- All fouls shall result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team at the spot of the foul.
- Referees are to explain the foul to the player.
- There are no player cautions or ejections at this level.
- Coaches and Parents are subject to cautions and ejections.

Free Kicks:

- All kicks are Indirect (the ball must be touched by a minimum of two like team players before a goal can be scored.)

Penalty Kicks:

- None at this age level

Throw-in:

- None at this age level. Place the ball ~ 1 yard inside the touch line where the ball went out of bounds. The ball is kicked into play by the team that did NOT send the ball out of bounds. This is considered an indirect kick and cannot result in a direct shot on goal.
- Opposing players must be 3 yards away from the kicker.

Goal Kick:

- Place ball ~ 3 yards from the end goal line. Opposing players must be at least 3 yards away from the ball.

Corner Kick:

- Take from the corner of the field where ball was sent out on end line. Players are to be at least 3 yards away from the ball.