

# Crested Butte Youth Soccer Rules

Pages 19-23 in US Soccer Player Development Initiatives

## 1. Number of Players:

- **U6 & U8:** 4 vs. 4 – No goaltender

## 2. Length of Game:

- **U6 & U8** 4 – 10 minute quarters
- **Halftime** Breaks should be 5 minutes

## 3. Required Equipment

- Shin guards with socks or pants that cover them.
- Full water bottle
- Footwear that covers toes
  - i. No baseball or football cleats allowed
  - ii. No metal spikes
- Athletic clothing
- Size 3 soccer balls (provided by Parks & Rec)

## 4. Uniforms:

- Parks & Rec will provide jerseys that all participants must wear during games.

## 5. Officiating

- The kids should be the first source of officiating, this helps them learn the rules of the game and learn to play fair.

## 6. Player Safety

- No heading of the ball is allowed
- No jewelry or metal may be worn
  - i. Medical tags or devices excepted
- No brimmed hats or sunglasses
  - i. Prescription glasses allowed. It is strongly encouraged for participants to wear sport safe eyewear if.
- Soft hats (beanies) are allowed for warmth

## 7. Returning the Ball to Play

- **U8** throws the ball in if the ball is kicked out of play along a sideline. Goal and Corner Kicks will be utilized along goal lines.
- **U6** kicks the ball in if the ball is kicked out of play along a sideline. Goal Kicks and Corner Kicks will be utilized along the goal lines. Goal Kicks may be taken from any point along the goal line.

## 8. Offside rule is not enforced.

## 9. Goals

- May only be scored by a team while they are in their attacking half of the field.
- Goals may be scored on Corner Kicks.

## 10. Kick Offs will take place at the beginning of a game, the beginning of a new quarter or half, and following all goals. All kick-offs are indirect.

- The ball must move forward before being played backward. The initial touch player may not touch the ball again until another player touches the ball.

## 11. Free Kicks will be indirect. Players from the team committing the foul are required to start play at least 5 yards from the site of the restart.

**12. Penalty Kicks** –there are no penalty kicks.

**13. Substitutions**

- Allowed during any play stoppage
- Unlimited number allowed



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