



## **SPDSA U9 Community Outdoor Rules for Soccer**

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**Except what is stipulated below all other rules of FIFA, ASA Indoor Boarded rules and SPDSA Rules and Regulations apply**

## **U9 Community Rules**

### **1. GOALKEEPER**

One player is assigned the duty of playing in goal. However, for developmental purposes, a goal keeper should not be assigned to play in net for the season.

### **2. GOAL AREA**

The designated Goal keeper can use their hands within  
The rectangular box.

### **3. GOAL KICK**

When a player on the attacking team is the last player to touch the ball over the opposing team's end line and not between the goal posts, then a goal kick is awarded to the defending team.

For a goal kick, the ball may be placed anywhere in the rectangular portion of the goal area. All players of the attacking team are required to move out of the attacking zone and beyond the retreat line. The goalkeeper must pass the ball to a team-mate within the attacking zone.

### **4. CORNER KICK**

When a player on the defending team is the last person to touch the ball over their own end line and not between the goal posts, then a corner kick is awarded to the attacking team.

### **5. BALL OUT OF PLAY –RESTARTS**

A Throw-In is awarded to the opponent of the player who has last touched the ball when the whole of the ball crosses the touch line.

### **6. GOAL KEEPER POSSESSION/RETREAT LINE**

The Retreat Line will come into effect in two situations during the game:

- A Goal Kick
- A Free Kick to the defending team within it's own goal area

At these two restarts, the opposing team is required to move beyond the Retreat Line. The player taking the kick can then pass the ball to one of his team-mates without the pressure of an opposing player nearby.

When the ball has left the goal area, the play will resume as normal and the "opposing" team can move inside the Retreat Line.

The Retreat Line in Mini Soccer will be the Halfway 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. Players cannot play the ball long over the Retreat Line from a Goal Kick or Free Kick from within their own goal area — they must play the ball short to a team-mate.

Goalkeepers cannot drop kick the ball from their hands beyond the Retreat Line. If the ball goes beyond the Retreat Line without previously touching the ground, a free kick should be awarded to the opposing team at the point where the ball crossed the Retreat Line

## **7. OFF-SIDE**

There are no off-side at the under 9 level of soccer

## **8. SCORING**

Goals can be scored from anywhere on the field.

## **9. FOULS**

If a foul occurs (tripping, ball handling, etc.) then an **indirect free kick** is awarded.

Move opposing team 5 yard back from free kick.

The ball must be passed before a shot can be taken.