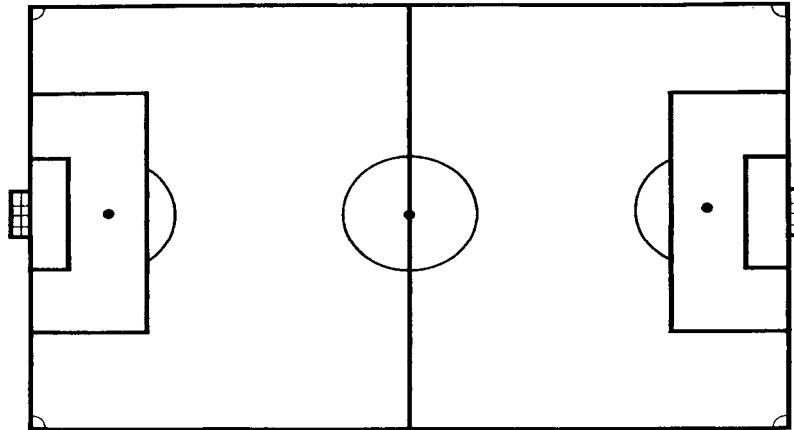

BANTAM PLAYING RULES U9 DEVELOPMENTAL**6v6 Playing Rules****A. Field**

1. Each field will be marked with white lines.
 - 1.1 Boundary Lines: 40-60 X 35-45 yards (40x50 preferred)
 - 1.2 Goal Area: 5 X 10 yards in front of each goal
 - 1.3 Penalty Area: 10 yards from the inside of each goal post x 14yd with penalty mark 8 yards from the midpoint of the goal
 - 1.4 Center Circle: 8 yard circumference at the center of the field

B. The Ball

1. The ball is a size 4.

C. Length of Games

1. The game will be played with two 25 minute halves.
2. There will be a 5 minute half-time period. Teams will change sides after half-time.

D. Players

1. Each team will play with six (6) players on the field, including a goalie.
2. Roster size: Roster Size – min 9, max 11
 - i. Minimum number to start game – 5 players, coaches and referees should encourage loaning of players to the short team and then play.
3. Playing Time – 50% of game time minimum
4. Player equipment:
 - 4.1 Shin-guards are mandatory and are worn inside the socks.
 - 4.2 Footwear can be athletic shoes or soft cleated shoes.



5. Substitution is unlimited and accomplished on any dead ball (throw-ins, fouls, goal kicks, corner kicks, injury stoppages, and goals). The player must come off the field before the substitute may enter the field. Permission from the referee is required.

Parents/Sportsmanship

1. All coaches, players, parents and spectators will be expected to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
2. All coaches, players, parents and spectators will be expected to follow the Rush Code of Conduct.
3. Players, coaches, parents and spectators are not allowed to stand/sit behind the goal line and/or directly behind the goal.
4. All calls made by the parent monitors are final. Disputes over a call will not be allowed.
5. Any coach, player, parent, or spectator acting in an inappropriate manner may be asked to leave the field by the parent monitor or a Rush Staff member.
6. All coaches, players, parents and spectators are highly encouraged to not yell "kick-it"; this sends the wrong message to the kids and is not representative of the game.
7. Remember, developmental soccer is about learning to play the game of soccer, it is not about winning. Let's encourage our teams and players to represent themselves well, respect and inspire through positive reinforcement.

F. Referee

1. There is to be one referee per field.
2. All rule infringements should be **briefly** explained to the offending player
3. The referee is usually a young man an/or woman trying to do the best they can. Typically they are also learning the game and may "miss" a call or make a mistake. They are not trying to manipulate anything or favor one side. Coaches, parents and spectators that have concerns or questions, should contact the Rush office.
4. Under no circumstances should the coach or parents/spectators approach the referee during or after the game.

E. The Rules of 6v6 Soccer

1. The game is started with the ball placed within the center circle. Players of the opposing team must be outside the circle when the kick is taken.
2. A goal cannot be scored directly from an indirect free kick or throw-in. The ball must touch another player on the field of either team before going into the goal for a goal.
3. A goal can be scored directly from the kickoff.
4. A goal can be scored from anywhere, but the ball must pass below the cross-bar and between the goal posts for a goal.



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5. When the ball goes wholly across the touch line (sideline), the game is restarted with a throw-in. When the ball goes wholly across the goal line, the game is restarted with a goal kick or corner kick. The ball is awarded to the team opposite of that of the player who last touched the ball.
 - 5.1 Over the touch line (sideline): The ball is throw-in from the spot on the line where the ball went out.
 - 5.2 Over the ENDLINE by the ATTACKING team: The ball is placed anywhere in the goal area.
 - 5.3 Over the ENDLINE by the DEFENDING team: The ball is placed in the corner where the ENDLINE meets the SIDELINE.
 - 5.4 Throw Ins – Allow one additional try if child does an illegal throw-in, after that change possession, referee briefly explains why it is illegal after first try.
6. No tripping, pushing, punching, holding, kicking or slide tackling an opponent. A player cannot pick-up, hold, stop or propel the ball with his/her hands.
 - 6.1 All infringements are punished by the awarding of a DIRECT FREE KICK.
 - 6.2 The kick is awarded to the opposite team and is taken from the spot where the foul occurred.
 - 6.3 Players of the opposing team must be a minimum of eight (8) yards away from the ball when a free kick is taken.
 - 6.4 If the foul occurred INSIDE the penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded and the ball is placed eight (8) yards from the goal line. All players except the goalkeeper and the player taking the penalty kick must be outside the penalty area and the penalty arc.
7. For offenses such as playing in a dangerous manner, preventing the goal keeper from releasing the ball from his or her hands, impeding the progress of an opponent (obstruction), or commits any other offense for which play is stopped results in an Indirect Free Kick.
 - 7.1 All infringements are punished by the awarding of an INDIRECT FREE KICK (i.e. the ball must touch another player on the field before it enters the goal).
 - 7.2 The kick is awarded to the opposite team and is taken from the spot where the foul occurred.
 - 7.3 Players of the opposing team must be a minimum of eight (8) yards away from the ball when a free kick or corner kick is taken.
 - 7.4 A goal cannot be scored directly off of an Indirect Free Kick; it must touch another player from either team to be a goal
8. Offside rule is **NOT** used in 6v6 soccer.
9. Goalkeeper rules apply in 6v6 soccer.
10. Goal Kick- ball must come out of box before ball can be played by either team
11. All other rules not mentioned here or if there is a dispute, FIFA Laws of the Game will prevail.



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12. If a team is behind by four (4) goals, an additional player may be added to the field, if the coach chooses to do so.

US Youth Soccer Recommendations:

1. Opposing Coaches, players and parents should shake hands after each match.
2. Parent/Coaches, non-participating players and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the kids.
3. Spectator and team benches should be on opposite sides of the field.
4. No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.