Chili Soccer U08 Division Soccer Rules 2026

5v5

- The referee must be paid **$32** by the home team before the game can start.
- Field size should be 35 yards long and 30 yards wide.
- Size 3 ball is used.
- Each game has (4) **10 minute quarters** - with 3 minutes between quarters.
- **Four field players** at one time plus **goalie.**
- Kick Off may be taken **in any direction.**
- Goals can be scored from anywhere **on the offensive half of the field.** The ball must be touched **(by either offense or defense)** within the attacking team's offensive half of the field.
- Substitution is on **any dead ball regardless of team**. Coaches should not slow the game down during substitution but have their subs already to go. Notify referee when there is a substitution.
- All free kicks are indirect.
- **No slide tackles or bicycle kicks are allowed.**
- **No offside.**
- **Deliberate heading** is not allowed**. An indirect free kick** is award to the opposing team at the point of the offense.
- Only the **goalie** may touch the ball within the goal box, however any player may move through the goal box. **Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal box; the player is an extension of the box.** If a defender prevents the ball from going in the goal, while in the goal box**, a goal is awarded to the offensive team.** If an offensive player touches the ball within the goal box**, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team**.
- Goal kicks are taken at the top of the goalie box. ***Any time the goalie has the ball or on any goal kick***, the opposing team must retreat to midfield. Any player can take the goal kick.
- All balls going over the side lines will result in a thrown-in. Opposing team should be at least 4 yards away.

Let the referees do their job. Coaches, parents and other spectators should relax and enjoy the game.

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