

## Crested Butte Youth Soccer Rules

### 1. Number of Players:

- **U14:** 11 vs. 11 – Including goalkeeper
- **U12:** 8 vs. 8 – Including goalkeeper
- **U10:** 6 vs. 6 – Including goalkeeper
- **U8:** 4 vs. 4 – No goalkeeper
- **U6:** 3 vs. 3 – No goalkeeper

### 2. Length of Game:

- **U14:** 2 – 35 minute halves
- **U12:** 2 – 30 minute halves
- **U10:** 2 – 25 minute halves
- **U8:** 4 – 10 minute quarters
- **U6:** 4 – 6 minute quarters
- **Halftime** Halftimes will be 5 minutes long. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter breaks will be 2 – 3 minutes.

**3. Equipment and Uniforms:** All participants are required to wear footwear that covers their toes, shin guards, and socks or pants that cover their shin guards. No baseball or football cleats. No jewelry or metal of any kind. Hats with hard brims and sunglasses are not permitted on the field during play. Soft hats, such as beanies, are allowable. Prescription glasses are permitted however, participants are encouraged to wear sport safe prescription eyewear if available.

**4. The Goal Box (U8 & U6)** is a semi circle that extends in an arc 3 yards in all directions from the center of the goal. Players on either team are not permitted to play the ball within the goal arc. The lines are part of the goal box. Players are permitted to move through the goal area. If an attacking player plays the ball while the ball is in the box, the defensive team will be awarded a goal kick. If a defensive player plays the ball while the ball is in the box, the attacking team will be awarded a corner kick. If the ball comes to a complete stop within the box, the defensive team will be awarded a goal kick.

### 5. Returning the Ball to Play from Out-of-Bounds:

- **U8 and older** will throw 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.
- **U6 & New 4 Year Olds** will kick the ball in if the ball is kicked out of play along a sideline instead of throwing the ball in. Goal Kicks and Corner Kicks will be utilized along the goal lines. Goal Kicks may be taken from any point along the goal line. Goals may be scored on Corner Kicks.

**6. Offside:**

- **U12 & U14:** The offside rule will be strictly enforced.
- **U10:** The offside rule will be softly enforced especially during the fall season. It will be more strictly enforced during the spring season.
- **U8 U6 & New 4 Year Olds:** Offside rule not enforced

**7. Goals** may be scored from anywhere on the field in games in which goaltenders are present (U10 and older). In games in which no goaltenders are present (U8 & U6), goals may only be scored by a team while they are in their attacking half of the field.

**8. 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 player who makes the initial touch at a kick-off may not touch the ball again until another player touches the ball.

**9. Free Kicks:**

- **U10 and older** games will use direct and indirect free kicks. Players from the team committing the foul are required to start play at least 8 yards (U10) and 10 yards (U12 & 14) from the site of the restart.
- **U8, U6 & New 4 Year Old** games will use only direct kicks. Goals may be scored on corner kicks. Players from the team committing the foul are required to start play at least 5 yards from the site of the restart.

**10. Penalty Kicks** shall be awarded if an official feels an obvious scoring chance was nullified by an infraction. Penalty kicks shall be taken from the center line in U8 and U6 games.



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