



# 5U/6U Game Day Tips

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Our 5U/6U soccer program offers a practice and game during each session. The first 30 minutes will be a practice session. The final 30 minutes will offer the players a chance to compete with another group.

## PRE-GAME

1. Touch base with other coach to make sure that you are on the same page.
  - Introduce yourself -Review the rules. -Who is on each field.
2. If your team is early, play a game of tag to warm the players up.
3. Remind your team of a theme for the game.

## The Game-

1. Let your players get a drink.
2. How did the players do with the theme?

## POST GAME

1. Shake the other team's hands.
2. How did the team do with the theme?
3. End the day with a 1, 2, 3 WOODBURY!!

## MANAGING THE GAME

1. One coach should be able to manage a field.
2. Manage the game for the players, don't play it for them.
3. React to what has happened; don't tell the player on the ball what to do.
4. **FLOW-** Can the players play with as little interruption as possible?

## WHAT IF?

The teams are unevenly matched?

- Play like players on each field.
- Mix the teams. Explain to the parents "WHY".
  - *Competition is more fun than winning/losing by a lot*

Your team is winning by a lot.

- "New Ball" the never Ending Ball.
  - Have additional balls at your feet. When ball goes out yell "New Ball" and get it into play. You can manipulate the re-start of play.

## LAWS OF THE GAME TO BE AWARE OF

Substitute on the fly (Law III)

No throw-ins (Law XV); Players should dribble-in or pass-in

On all Goal Kicks (Law XVI) the defending team backs up to the half way point on the field

No Corner Kicks (Law XVII); Ball goes over the end line and it is a Goal Kick

***Thank you for being a part of our club!***

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