



COTTEE'S SCHOOLS 5-A-SIDE
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The main role of the game leader is to keep the game moving fluently, limit stoppages and assist players with all match re-starts. Most importantly, they must make every effort to create an environment that ensures that all players have fun. This person can be a capable Year 6 student, high school student, teacher or parent.

COTTEE'S SCHOOLS 5-A-SIDE – RULES SUMMARY;

- Field Size – 30m x 20m
- Start of play – Pass to a team-mate from the middle of the halfway line.
- Number of Players – 5 players on the field at one time. Interchange players at any stoppage in the match.
- Goalkeepers – No goalkeepers. Don't let children permanently stand in front of the goals
- Re-start after a goal – A player from the team that concedes the goal will pass or dribble ball into play from anywhere along back line. Defenders retreat to the half way line and move once ball is in play.
- Ball crossing the touch line – A player from the team that did not touch the ball will pass or dribble ball into play from the touch line. Defenders should be 5 metres away from the ball.
- Ball crossing the goal line after touching the defending team last – Corner kick. Defenders should be 5 metres away from the ball.
- Ball crossing the goal line after touching the attacking team last – Pass or dribble ball into play from anywhere along back line. Defenders retreat to the half way line and move once ball is in play.
- Offside – No offside
- Fouls and misconduct – For deliberate and serious acts of fouls and misconduct and handball a free kick is awarded. All free kicks are indirect, with defenders 5 metres away from the ball. An indirect free kick means a goal cannot be scored unless another player other than the kicker has touched the ball.

THE GAME LEADER SHOULD;

- Make sure the game is fun for all children.
- Encourage maximum involvement for all players.
- Use a "Ready, Set, Go" prompt to encourage quick decisions at restarts play.
- Encourage players to pass and dribble into play from goal and touch line restarts.
- Help defending team get back to the half way line at goal line restarts.
- Remember most fouls and misconduct at this level are not deliberate and serious; let the game flow, limiting stoppages.
- Praise and encourage both teams.
- Be enthusiastic, consistent and approachable.
- Remember the children are learning the game – be flexible and patient.