

GUIDELINES FOR HOUSE LEAGUE COACHES - Under 6

Getting Started:

1. Call or email your players **as soon as possible** to let them know your name and phone number/email, the name of their team sponsor, and place and time of the first session.
2. Read the Code of Conduct for coaches (available on website under coaches). Remember that the objective of house league soccer is for all players to participate and have fun. This is why we split the group into 2 for games to encourage as much participation as possible. Recruit a parent to help you keep track of substitutions or help manage the kids if necessary.
3. If questions or concerns arise, please email office@owensoundminorsoccer.ca

Session Structure

A 25 minute skills session followed by a 5 minute water break and then a 25 minute mini-game.

- **6pm** - The first 25 minutes each team will practice on their own playing different games/activities to assist the children with skills development.
- **6:25pm** - There will then be a 5 minute water break.
- **6:30pm** - For the last part of the session, each team will be split into 2 groups and play a mini game against the other team assigned to their field using the pop-up nets. These 2 mini games will be 5 on 5 and encourage the children to participate and get as many touches on the ball as possible.
- During these mini games:
 - The coaches are allowed on the field and there is no referee.
 - You should not designate a child to be the goalie
 - If the ball goes out, stop the game and have a child kick it back into play
 - Games should be ending at **6:55pm**.

The fields will be set up for the coaches when they arrive however will need to put the equipment (pop-up nets, pylons) back in the room beside the canteen after each session.

Field Map – U6 plays every Tuesday evening at 6:00pm on Main Field which is divided into 3; Field A, Field B or Field C. (map of Kiwanis Soccer Complex is available on website)

<https://www.owensoundminorsoccer.ca/facilities>

Weather Policy

In the case of inclement weather: Please visit our website or Facebook page.

If it is apparent that it is unfit to play any games late in the afternoon, OSMSA will contact CFOS and ask them to put the cancellation announcement on their 5:00 pm news. We will also post cancellations to our website and Facebook page.

If games are not cancelled by 5pm they will go on as scheduled and will be cancelled at the field if necessary.