

# Huntertown Lions Youth Soccer

## U-6 Questions and Answers

### General

- **Why do I have to coach and/or “Referee”?**
  - It’s a requirement for your child to play. We believe our club is enhanced with parent participation. We also hope that with this exposure, parents will volunteer to coach their children in future years.
- **What if a particular parent wants to coach or “Referee” every week?**
  - This is not allowed.
- **When does the season begin?**
  - Fall --- 9-9-06, Spring --- 4-16-07. Each season last six weeks.
- **What time are our games?**
  - Please look up your team’s game time on the provided schedule.
- **What is picture day?**
  - It’s the day we take team pictures. Please have your child there early even if you don’t purchase, so that the team picture is complete. Pictures are taken at the north end of the parking lot by the school.
- **What is the Kohl’s Cup?**
  - The Kohl’s Cup is a recreation festival for all of the recreational players of northeast Indiana. This year it will be on Sept. 30th **and** Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. More info specifics will be handed out early in the season.
- **Should we have practices?**
  - The U-6 teams don’t practice. If the team would like to arrive early for more time to get to know each other, that is OK.
- **What about snacks?**
  - During the game, a water bottle is OK. Please wait until after the game for any snacks. We encourage families to use the Lion Club’s concession stand. Selection and prices are very good!
- **What about rain or bad weather?**
  - We don’t post cancellations. We will play in most weather conditions. Dress as needed. We will cancel for dangerous situations. If in doubt, please come to the game.
- **What equipment does a player need?**
  - The provided uniform and shin guards. If cleated shoes are worn, toe cleats must be removed.
- **What field does U-6 use?**
  - The field just inside the baseball fence on the east side of the concession stand.

## Game Specific

- **When should we arrive for games?**
  - 10 to 15 minutes prior to the start time will allow for the “Coaches” and “Referees” to get organized.
- **How long does a game last?**
  - 4 ten minute periods. With 5 minute breaks between periods.
- **What if the game ends in a tie score?**
  - It’s OK. Parity is fine.
- **Do we report scores?**
  - No. We don’t track scores or post standings.
- **How many players on the field for each team?**
  - Four.
- **Do we use a goalkeeper?**
  - No.
- **What do we do if the teams have the same color of uniforms?**
  - Find the Field Marshal wearing the bright green vest. They will get a set of vests for the home team to wear over their uniform. Please return them after the game.
- **Which team is the “Home” team?**
  - The team listed first on the game schedule.
- **How many “Referees” per game?**
  - 1 from each team.
- **What am I supposed to do as a “Referee”?**
  - Have fun with the kids, keep track of the game time, and determine which team gets the ball when it goes out of the field of play or when a goal is scored. Also call fouls such as unnecessary roughness, pushing or shoving, or intentional handballs when needed. When a foul is called against a player, the opposing team gets a “free” kick from the spot of the foul. The team not taking the “free” kick must be at least 10 feet away from the ball when it is kicked. Free kicks have to be taken at least 12 feet away from the goal.
- **What am I supposed to do as the Coach?**
  - Manage who is on the field during the game, choose a starting line up, and substitute players in and out. Positive encouragement is great.
- **How is a game started?**
  - Ball is placed at the center of the field. The team listed second on the game schedule will kick off. The ball must go towards the opposing goal. The opposing team must be outside the center circle. One of the “Referees” should say “play” to start the game. The teams alternate kicking off at the beginning of each period. Teams will switch ends only the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
- **What happens when the ball goes out of the field of play?**
  - The team that didn’t put the ball out shall throw the ball in from the touch (side) line where the ball went out. If the ball goes out over the goal (end) line, it is thrown in from the touch line nearest where it went out.
- **What happens after a goal is scored?**
  - The other team gets to kick off from the center of the field. The same as the beginning of the game.
- **When do we substitute players?**
  - Anytime at this age level.