









The Greenhaven Soccer Club has adopted the U-6 Program that uses the Small-Sided Game Format that is recommended by the US Youth Soccer Association. The U-6 Program focuses on player enthusiasm, high quality coaching, and top level training and games. The Greenhaven Soccer Club will provide both players and coaches with structured training from experienced and educated trainers. The Greenhaven Soccer Club's primary goal is to make soccer incredibly rewarding for everyone involved.

⚽ INTENT:	The small-sided format is designed to increase the number of contacts a player has with the ball, more playing time for a player, to create more opportunities for a player to make decisions during the game, and to develop more well rounded players on both sides of the ball; both offensively and defensively. The small-side format encourages scoring by a player and success on the pitch. The small-side format allows coaches more instruction time with players while at practice and the opportunity to “watch” the players’ game with minimal input.
⚽ FIELD:	Each field should be approximately 30 yards long by 20 yards wide (30 x 20). The fields can be established with field cones. There shall be a 4 ft. x 6 ft goal at either end that can be a pug goal, flags, or cones.
⚽ FIELD EQUIPMENT:	Two (2) pug goals, at least six (6) field cones, and four (4) size 3 soccer balls for each field. All players for HOME TEAMS will be required to wear game pennies.
⚽ BALL:	U6 players shall play with size 3 soccer ball.
⚽ PLAYER EQUIPMENT:	A player must wear shin guards that are fully covered by socks and soccer cleats. No jewelry, necklaces, earrings, etc.
⚽ # OF PLAYERS:	Team rosters will have a <u>maximum</u> of 11 players and a <u>minimum</u> of 9 players . Rosters shall be co-ed and the minimum number of players from each sex will be established by the Greenhaven Soccer Club each year based on registration.
⚽ COACH/ FACILITATOR:	The Coach will receive training from the Greenhaven Soccer Club so he/she can run age-appropriate exercises/activities and will provide a developmentally appropriate environment for the players. The environment (exercises/activities) becomes the teacher. The Coach will handle the training of the players during practices.

During the games, the two Coaches will each monitor a separate game and will designate an assistance coach(s)/parent(s) to monitor the other game. The coaches/parents will watch play and will cheer for the players, but will refrain from giving the players instruction.

 FIELD MARSHALL:	<p>The Field Marshall is designated by the Greenhaven Soccer Club to supervise the set-up of the fields, to start and monitor the quarters of games, to issue and collect game pennies to the home teams, and to collect game cards from each team.</p>
 GAME FORMAT:	<p>Teams will play three concurrent 3v3 games on parallel fields. A team will play with a minimum of 6 players (2v3).</p> <p>The HOME TEAM for the first scheduled games is required to arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start and assist the Field Marshall with field set-up.</p> <p>Prior to the game, each Coach is responsible for completing the game card that details each player's rotation by quarters.</p> <p>The HOME TEAM is responsible for wearing game pennies. The game pennies can be obtained from the Field Marshall or from the Coach of the HOME TEAM from the previous game.</p> <p>There will be four (4) eight minute quarters with a two minute period between quarters and a five minute period between halves. Substitutions can occur at any time. Each game shall have a Coach/Facilitator responsible to assure the flow of game occurs throughout the quarter. No scores are kept.</p> <p>The Coach/Facilitator will stand along the touchline near the center of the field and will have four (4) balls. The Coach/Facilitator will start play by introducing a ball onto the field of play. If the ball is played out of bounds or into the goal, then the Coach/Facilitator resets the players and restarts play with a new ball. If the Coach/Facilitator no longer has balls to restart the game, then play is stopped and the players retrieve the balls. Once the Coach/Facilitator has the balls, then he/she will restart the game.</p> <p>After the game, each Coach is responsible for delivering the game card to the Field Marshall.</p> <p>The HOME TEAM for the last scheduled games is required to assist the Field Marshall with field breakdown and clean up.</p>
 GAME STOPPAGE:	<p>The coaches/parents that are supervising the games should only stop play when a player is injured or if a player is displaying reckless play.</p>
 FOULS & MISCONDUCT:	<p>All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.</p>
 FREE KICKS:	<p>All free kicks will be direct. The opponent must be at least 4 yards from the ball.</p>
 THROW-INS:	<p>There are no throw-ins. The coach/adult leader will restart play by introducing a new ball into the game.</p>