



2017/2018 Youth Club League Rules

1. No metal cleats
2. Shin guards mandatory. Violators will not be allowed to play-period.
3. NO GUM ON SITE ANYWHERE IN THE COMPLEX
NO UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR
4. IMMEDIATE RED CARD DISMISSALS
FIGHTING, OR SWEARING AT AN OPPONENT OR OFFICIAL
5. YELLOW CARD CAUTION
INCIDENTAL SWEARING OR OTHER REASON IN THE OPINION OF THE REFEREE
UNDER FIFA/USSF GUIDELINES
6. Field size/Ball Size
 - a. U8 thru U11: ¼ Field- 27 yds X 50 yds
 - i. Ball Size 4: U8 thru U11
 - ii. Format is 7v7
 - b. U12 thru HS: ¼ Field- 27 yds X 50 yds
 - i. Ball Size 5: U12 thru HS
 - ii. Format is 6v6
7. Free Kick Restarts
 - a. Throw-ins from the side
 - b. Goals may be scored directly from kick-off
 - c. Re-starts must be taken within 5 seconds
8. **No punting or dropkick by the Keeper**
9. **Slide Tackles-** No Sliding or leaving the feet of any kind for any reason is allowed
(Exception is the keeper attempting to make a save within the goal-box.)
 - a. Restart will be an indirect free kick at the point of infraction (Infractions that occur inside the box the restart will be at the top of the box.)
10. Goalkeepers
 - a. May not hold the ball for more than 5 seconds
 - b. May not use their hands on the ball from a direct pass from own teammate
 - c. May not punt or dropkick the ball
 - d. May roll or throw the ball from the penalty area, OR place ball on ground and kick (no limit as to how far the ball may travel).
 - e. Goal-kicks must land outside of the penalty area before any player may touch the ball
 - f. Goal-kicks may be played into the forward ½ of the field

11. Dead-ball fouls

- a. A wall may be formed in front of a free kick restart
 - i. Opponents must be 5 yds away from the ball
 - ii. Kicking team must play ball within 5 seconds
 - 1. If not, possession goes to the other team
 - iii. FIFA rules dictate “direct vs indirect” kick at referees discretion

12. Mis-conduct penalty

- a. Yellow Card/Red Card System
- b. U8-U14 – Any player who receives a Yellow Card must come off the field until the next dead ball. A Player may come into the game to replace that player. Exception is the Goalkeeper does not have to come off.
- c. U15-U18 – A Yellow Card will result in a man down situation served by the player who received the Yellow Card (Exception : If Keeper receives a Yellow Card, a field player must serve that penalty. Player is released when the team that is a man up scores or when TWO minutes expire. Player that received yellow card must serve the penalty from the opposite side of the field from the benches.
- d. FIFA/USSF Laws govern all else not stipulated above.

13. Game duration

- a. Games will be two 20 minute halves
 - i. Halftime will be 2 minutes
 - ii. Game Clock will start on time.

14. Substitutions

- a. On the fly may be from the bench area or center of the field. Players should not be stepping off the pitch from opposite side of the field.
 - i. If the player enters the game before the substituted player is within 5 feet of the touchline, it is a penalty to be enforced at referees discretion
 - 1. Restart from the point of infraction.

15. Home Team/Away Team

- a. Home Teams will wear light colored jersey
- b. Away Teams will wear dark colored jersey **AND POSSESSION OF BALL TO BEGIN GAME.**

16. Operating scoreboards

- a. There will be running clock

17. Balls that strike overhead wire, will remain live. Balls which hit light fixtures result in an IFK for opponent directly below where ball hit.

18. Rosters

- a. Each team is allowed to have 15 rostered players and 2 rostered coaches.
- b. Rosters are locked after the team has played their 4th game.

19. If there is a problem that occurs, please come find Bill or Phil.