

U12 Rules

Rule 1:

Teams will play on a full mini field.
Ball size: 4

Rule 2:

Games will consist of two 35 minute halves with a 5 minute break.

Rule 3:

Standard team size will be 9 players per side, one of these 9 will be the goalkeeper.

Rule 4:

When playing with fewer players per side, teams **must** match number of players.

Rule 5:

Players must wear shin guards (covered by socks), and soccer cleats. No jewelry of any kind (earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc) allowed.

Rule 6:

Players will have fair playing time in all positions. Unlimited substitutions will be allowed during any stoppage of the game.

Rule 7: OFFSIDE

Offside rules apply.

Rule 8: Free Kicks/Goal Kicks

- ALL free kicks are indirect
- When the goalkeeper has the ball, the opposing players must retreat to approx. the ½ way line until the ball is touched by another player other than the goalie.

Rule 9: THROW INS & CORNER KICKS

Throw ins and corner kicks are allowed. Foul throw rule will be enforced.

Rule 10: Pass Backs

The pass back rule (to the goal keeper) will be enforced.

Rule 11:

All players and coaches should exchange handshakes at end of game.

Rule 12:

Calls and decisions made by referees must be respected. Unless continuing to play is deemed unsafe, the only appropriate time to discuss calls with a referee is either at half-time or after the game, with both coaches present.