

SCCYSC U10 Rules (Club-Modified Rules For Under 10)

1 Licensed Referee is assigned to U-10 GAMES.

PREPARATION: Teams should arrive at least 20 minutes before game time. The referee will check equipment for safety. Shoes should be soccer cleats, turf shoes, or tennis shoes. No baseball shoes. No earrings or hard hair barrettes. Socks are outside shin guards, not inside and pulled over the shin guards, shirts are tucked in, and shoelaces are double tied. Home team provides the ball. Visitors call coin toss. Winner chooses the goal they will attack. **START GAME PROMPTLY**

THE GAME:

- No. of Players – 8v8 (7 plus the goalkeeper)
- Ball Size - # 4
- Goal Size – 6.5x18.5 **Pending**
- Field Size – approx. 47x30. **Pending**
- Length of Game - two 25 minute halves. 10 minute Half Break
- Substitutions - Conforms to the laws of the game (no substitution break).
- **New in 2016: On kick off the ball can go in any direction (even backwards)**
- **New in 2016: NO INTENTIONAL HEADERS, if in the opinion of the referee the player intentionally headed the ball an Indirect free kick will be awarded at the spot of the foul**
- Slide Tackling is not to be allowed and shall be treated as dangerous play.
- Free Kicks - only INDIRECT kicks
- Penalty Kicks - NO Penalty Kicks – if it is in the box, remove ball to nearest point on penalty box line parallel to goal line.
- Throw-ins - Conforms to the laws of the game. Leniency recommended for first 2 games of the season.
- Off-side -Conforms to the laws of the game. Leniency recommended for first 2 games of the season.
- Coaches and players should, at all times, be on the opposite side of the field as the parents and spectators.
- Coaches, parents and spectators are not permitted near the goals.
- Parents and Coaches should stay 3 feet back from the side line. Encourage coaches to observe from midline.

COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Remember that this is a Class 4 Recreational Division and NOT a Competition Division.
- Play all eligible players equally
- Require that parents maintain a pleasant atmosphere.
- Create a positive experience of team sports for non-athletic players and families - "Participation" not "Wins".

End of Game:

- Help players maintain good sportsmanship--win or lose.
- Watch for gloating or other unkind comments between players after the game.
- Please THANK THE REFEREES and the other team for their time and encourage your players and parents to do the same.
- PLEASE PACK TRASH OUT--EVEN ORGANIC TRASH (orange peels).