

SGAA 8U Soccer Rules

Field size: Length: 60 yards Width: 40 yards

Ball Size: #3

Maximum Number of players on a team: 14

Number of Players on the field: 6 (not including goalie) Minimum Number of Players: 4

Game time: 2 – 18 minutes halves 5 minute break at halftime

1. Offside will be called in this league.
2. Slide tackles will result in a free kick with a warning from the referee; if the child slide tackles again they will be removed from the game. Any sliding action deemed a slide tackle or attempt at a slide tackle will be determined by the referee.
3. Players can get yellow or red carded by the referee only. Players will start fresh each game. When a player receives a yellow card they must leave the field and wait to come back in at the next substitution.
 - A. Redcarded players may not return for the game and are subject to suspension from subsequent games at the discretion of the SGAA Board.
4. Substitutions: May be made prior to the throw-ins (in your favor), goal kicks, after a goal has been scored, between halves, when a referee has stopped play due to an injury or after a player has been cautioned.
5. Minimum number of players: If a team, after game has started, drops to less than 4 players then the game will be halted and whichever team is in the lead will be declared the winner; if a tie – then it will go down as a tie.
6. Tie games: Games will end in a tie
7. Season standings ties: If it is a tie for first place then first place will be determined by goal differential
8. Head coaches can have a team mom and an assistant coach only on the sideline during the game.
9. The referee will stop the play for a player to tie their shoes. Game time will continue.
10. Heading: Is banned for divisions 12 & Under and below. Penalty: If during the course of play, a header is deliberately performed, play will be stopped and an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team.
 - A. The indirect free kick is to be taken from the place where the player touched the ball with his/her head.

B. An indirect free kick awarded to the attacking team inside the opposing team's goal area, must be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the player touched the ball with his/her head.

C. Neither cautions nor send offs shall be issued for persistent infringement or denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity related to a heading infraction.

Trophies will be bought for the season 1st place team and the tournament winner. All other trophies will be the responsibility of the parents. Parents will sit/stand on the opposite side of the field from the players benches; parents are not allowed to sit/stand behind the goal, at the corners of the field or on the player side of the field. Parents are allowed to sit on the bleachers provided by the athletic park.