

DEARBORN SOCCER CLUB IN-HOUSE PROGRAM

RULES FOR U-7 thru U-8

Small-Sided Games

US Youth Soccer policies require that teams under 10 play games with not more than six (6) per side (with goalies).

Game Cancellations

In House games will not be rescheduled after the season begins. Any conflict with scheduled games must be addressed with the DSC Field Scheduler prior to the beginning of the season. Tonya Hunt (313) 610-1972

Laws of the Game

These rules supplement "official" FIFA soccer rules, abide by GLSL rules and DSC policies.

Law I – The Field

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length not more than 40 yards and not less than 20 yards, its width not more than 20 yards and not less than 15 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. US Youth Soccer recommends a 125-yard length and a 20 yard width.

B. Markings: Distinctive lines not more than 5 inches wide as follows: A halfway line shall be marked out across the field; a center circle with a 5-yard radius; four (4) corner arcs each with a 2 foot radius; a goal area – 6 yard line

C. All U7 & U8 divisions abide by GLSL U9 rules

D. Goals: The size of the soccer goals are as follows:

- U7/U-8 will use the 6/12 goals at Crowley Fields #3, #4

Law II – The Ball

- Size 4 Ball used for U7 & U-8

Law III – Players

A. Maximum number of players on the field for U7 & U8 rosters will not exceed eleven (11). There will be no goalkeepers for U4 Thru U6. Following GLSL rules, U7 & U8 divisions will play 5 players and 1 goalkeeper per team.

- Substitutions: U7 & U8 allowed any time ball is out of play with the permission of the referee.
- Playing time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% (percentage based on having an even number of players) of the total playing time of the game.
- Teams and games may be coed, all girls, and all boys. One (1) boy on a mostly girl team is considered an all boys team.
- In eligible or Improperly Registered Players
 - Any team, player, parent and coach playing a player, who is ineligible, whether accidentally, intentionally, or otherwise, shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part and may face further disciplinary action by the member organization and/or the board of directors, depending upon the nature of the violation. (The Coach is over all responsible for the team)
 - In case of forfeiture, the score shall stand 1-0 against the forfeiting team, unless the member organization or competition has a different forfeiture score.

Law IV – Player Equipment

- Footwear: Tennis Shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes allowed. No toe-spikes will be allowed. All footwear must conform to FIFA (except tennis shoes).
- SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY.
- No jewelry is to be worn by any player on the field. **Earrings are not allowed.** Starter earrings have to come out, no taping ear rings or the individual cannot play.
- No wristbands or friendship bracelets allowed.
- No metal or plastic Hair pins, Clips or ties

Law V – Referee

- U7 & U8 A certified referee will be used for all games to keep the playing environment fun, safe, and focused on the children.
 - The referee will abide by FIFA rules, including keeping time, enforcing the laws of the game, and stopping and restarting play. When there is a stoppage in play, the referee will explain to the players why the stoppage occurred.
 - No coach shall be allowed to be on the field during the time the game is being played. Coaches must stay between the two goal boxes.
 - Referees decisions are final. Parents and spectators on the sidelines may not yell at referees or enter the field of play during the game. Coaches are responsible for parents and spectators of his or her players. Coaches are to be familiar with soccer rules and to be able to explain them to parents before

Law V – Referee (cont'd)

- and/or after the game. Parents or spectators entering the field or arguing with referees will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- U7 & U8 Coaches will be issued a caution (yellow card) and ejection (red card).
 - All yellow cards must be reported to the In-House Director
 - A red card results in a minimum two (2) game suspension and will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee for possible further action.

- Referees shall use the following signals along with the verbal words:
 - Indirect kick – Arm extended straight up and say “Indirect Kick”
 - Corner kick – point to the corner and say “Corner Kick”
 - Goal kick – point to the goal area and say “Goal Kick”
 - Referees shall wear the designated uniform and have a whistle and a stopwatch.
 - If no referee shows, coaches or parents will referee the game and will notify the In-House Referee Assignor of the no-show.
 - Any problems are to be addressed to the In-House Referee Assignor.

Law VI – Assistant Referee

- Not used for U7 & U8; center referee only.

Law VII – Duration of the Game

- U7 & U8: The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves. Total Game Time Is 40 Minutes. (20 minute per half)
- **Players will show up to the game 15 minutes early for Safety Check in (DSC Policy #2)**
- There shall be a five (5) minute break at halftime U7 thru U8.
- Players must be ready to play and on the field at the 5 minute mark.

Law VIII – The Start of Play

- Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
- Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark at kickoff
- No coin tosses; the visiting team will kick off first and alternate with the home team between quarters or halves.

Law IX – Ball In and Out of Play

- Ball must completely cross the line to be out of play.

Law X – Method of Scoring

- Conform to FIFA except no official score shall be kept
- Opposing team shall move back to 6-yard line (goal kick line)
- U7 & U8 will abide by GLSL rules. (Restart at center mark)

Law XI – Offside

- A. No Offside Calls Shall be made U7 – U8

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

- Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - Red and yellow cards apply to players and coaches for all U7/U8 divisions.
 - Slide tackling will not be permitted and shall be mentioned in the pre-game talk. When the referee stops the game because of a slide tackle, the game will be restarted by an indirect free kick against the team of the player that did the slide tackling.
 - When a player enters restraining arc, an indirect free kick will be awarded at the 6-yard line.

Law XIII – Free Kicks

- Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - All free kicks will be indirect.
 - Opponents must be five (5) yards away.

Law XIV – Penalty Kicks

- There are no penalty kicks in small-sided games.

Law XV – Throw-Ins

- All U7/U8 Divisions will Throw the ball in (abide by GLSL rules).

Law XVI – Goal Kick

- If the team attempting to score a goal, kicks the ball over the goal line, the defending team puts the ball back into play with a goal kick.
- The goal kick should be taken within the designated 6 yard goal box. U4-U6, the opposing players must move back to the half way line.
- All U7/U8 divisions abide by GLSL rules.

Law XVII – Corner Kicks

- If team defending goal last touches ball before it crosses the goal line, the attacking team puts ball into play with an indirect kick at the corner arc. Ball must be placed inside or on the corner arc.

DSC Policy #1 – Coaches

- U7/U8: Will abide by GLSL rules.
 - Coaching from the sidelines, giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position, is permitted provided:
 - No voice assisting/enhancing device is used
 - Tone of voice is informative and not a harangue
 - No coach, assistant, substitute player, parent or spectator can be on field during playing time.
 - Coach, Assistant, player and/or spectators must remain on the respective side of the field as their team and can only go from 18 yd. line to 18 yd. line.
 - No coach, assistant, substitute player, parent or spectator can be behind either goal area.

DSC Policy #2– Safety /Roster Check

- ALL coaches are required to bring their team roster to each game (and exchange rosters)
- Coaches and players are to arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time
- Coaches are to perform a safety check and roll call of the opposing team
- The safety check and roll call is required to be signed and documented on the team roster
- Each coach will retain the opposing teams' signed Safety/Roster form for all teams they played against
- Each coach will submit all signed Safety/Roster forms when the participation trophies are picked up
- All signed team rosters need to be adequately documented, signed, dated, and organized to provide validation that each DSC team has adequately performed a Safety/Roster check for each game played (as evidence that the DSC has an effective process safety process in place)
- Coaches that do not retain/provide evidence of the Safety/Roster check for each of their scheduled games may result in penalties (up to and including termination)
- Coaches that have identified discrepancies with the opposing team's safety and/or roster are required to submit a complaint with the documented team roster to the DSC Oversight Committee Chairman – Dave Paluszewski (davepaldsc@yahoo.com)
- All complaints are taken seriously and follow the formal process as documented on the DSC website
- Any identified infraction as noted above may result in a penalty up to and including termination from the DSC. The DSC Oversight Committee will oversee all infractions to this game-day procedure and a final report will be provided to the DSC Board at the end of the season.
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DSC Policy #3 – Risk Management Policy

- **All DSC Coaches** have to be Risk Management approved and display their card at all time when in contact with players.

Miscellaneous DSC Policies:

- Opposing teams (players/coaches) should shake hands after each game.
- Participation awards will be given to all players. No trophies or awards will be given for best team.
- All players, coaches, parents, and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the youngsters.
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products will not be allowed near the playing areas.
- Changes to these rules are not permitted without the DSC Board approval.