



PV United Recreational Soccer
U8 Rules (Club Modified Rules For 4v4)
Referees are assigned to U8 GAMES

Referees - We will make every effort to assign a referee to games. In the event a referee DOES NOT SHOW, each coach will referee one half of the game

PREPARATION:

Teams should arrive at least 10 minutes before game time. The referee will check equipment for safety. Shoes should be soccer cleats, turf shoes, or tennis shoes. No earrings or hard hair barrettes. Teams switch sides at half-time.
START GAME PROMPTLY

Game Starts:

- Home team starts kick-off first half. Away team starts kick-off second half.
- After a goal has been scored, the game shall be restarted by a kick off, to be taken by a player of the team against which the goals was scored.

THE GAME:

- Number of Players - 4 players per side - No Goalie
- Ball size: # 3
- Length of Game: 2 - 20minute halves. 5 minute halftime.
- Unlimited Substitutions - Teams may borrow players from the other team to make up the 4 players

RULES:

- 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
- Do not call offside.
- Unintentional handballs play on.
- Allow re-throws for bad throw-ins. Remind players how to do it properly.
- No slide tackling, pushing, or tripping. Stop play, explain the foul, and award free kick where the foul occurred, but no closer than the goal box line.
- All free kicks are INDIRECT (ball must touch any second player before a goal counts).
- Goal kick: can be taken anywhere in the area of the goal
- Throw-in/Kick-ins: all opponents must be at least 8 yards from the ball, a goal may NOT be scored directly from a kick-in.
- **Corner Kick - For balls that would result in a corner kick the attacking team is awarded a throw-in at the halflines. - 2018**
- Stop play for injuries with the clock running. Restart play with a free kick for the team that had the ball when play stopped. If possession is not clear the ball goes to the defending team
- 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.

COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Remember that this is a Recreational Division and NOT a Competition Division.
- Play all eligible players equally and 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
- Please shake hands with referees and the other team
- PACK TRASH OUT