

## U8 - Standards of Play

Size 3 ball.

5v5 with a goalkeeper (4 players on the field of play and 1 goalkeeper).

Shin guards are required.

Substitutions are unlimited and may occur at any stoppage of play, but must be from mid field and at the referees' discretion

No coaches on field of play.

Two 20-minute halves / 5-minute break between halves.

Kick offs, free kicks, goal kicks, corner kicks and throw-ins are used to start or restart play.

All free kicks will indirect.

Opponents will be no closer than 6 yards from the ball on all restarts.

Opponents will be on their side of the mid-field line when the goalkeeper is throwing the ball back into the field of play.

Opponents will be on their side of the mid-field line on all goal kicks.

No penalty kicks during the season or during regulation play in tournament. (Please see tournament rules for "Matches Ending in a Tie After Regulation Play").

A penalty inside the box will result in an indirect kick top of the penalty box line closest to the spot of the foul.

No offside.

Referees will be scheduled when available / \$10 per team for referee.

If no referee the home team will be responsible for a referee / the away team coach may make a recommendation for a referee if he has one available at the time of the game.

Roster must be shown before each game.

\* Goalkeeper will not punt or dropkick the ball; an infraction of this rule will result in an indirect kick from the top of the penalty box line closest to the spot of the foul.

\*\* Absolutely no intentional head balls; an infraction of this rule will result in an indirect kick from the spot of the foul.