

Southland Soccer League Rules

U8-U10 will play 6V6

U11-U14 will play 8V8

U15 and up will play 7V7

Games are two 20 minute halves in length. Halftime is 2 minutes or less. It is important to stay on time. Time can be adjusted for an entire age group depending on the amount of teams entered vs. the time allotted. * a note about the number of players on the field.

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There possibly could be things discovered or determined that a change in rules or structure may benefit the overall quality of the league, it is a work in progress as we develop so please be patient and understanding in the event a change is made. This will only occur if it benefits all teams participating.

League Fee: No team will be allowed to compete without league fees being paid before league play begins.

Waiver: All players are required to have a waiver turned in before they compete or train. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit for any matches the player has played in.

Team Roster: A team roster must be turned in before the league play begins. We will allow players to be added during the season as long as that player is not on any other team within that division. That player can be added as long as a waiver is turned in as well. All Players on a teams roster must appear on their team page on the www.southlandsoccerleague.com website.

Substitution Procedure

Substitutions are on the fly and may occur on an unlimited basis. Both players must be within the touchline and no more than a yard from their bench area when the substitution is made. When both players are on the field neither player may touch the ball. Infringement of this procedure may incur warning (Yellow Card) from the official.

Referee and other Officials

The Referee(s) shall be responsible for control of the game. The referee's decisions regarding control are FINAL.

Match Play

- There is no sliding permitted regardless if it is a tackle or attempt at the ball.
- When the ball goes out of bounds the game will restart with a throw in.
- When the ball hits the ceiling above it will be an indirect kick directly below where the ball hit.
- Goalkeepers can punt the ball if they choose.
- Everything else is common sense and according to FIFA as much as it can apply.

Bench and Team Area

Only players and coaches will be allowed onto the fields. U8-U10 teams are between the 2 fields. U11 and higher the teams will be on the curtain side. Since space is tight we ask that teams have their bags lined up neatly and stay off both fields. Pay attention. After a game we ask that teams leave the area immediately and do not leave any garbage such as water bottles, tape, etc. Please throw away all trash in garbage cans. Please do not spit on the field. No Gum chewing.

Fans

Spectators are not allowed on any turf area. If there is consistent infractions in this rule the team with the fans on the turf may forfeit the game. Fans may walk across the field to enter bleachers located on the North Wall before a game begins and after, never during. Spectators are allowed to watch games from the bleachers.

Shoes

No Cleats. Turf Shoes and Flat Shoes are allowed.

League Standings, Scoring, and Tie Breakers

- League games are scored 3 points for a win, one point for a tie, and no points for a loss
- Tie breaking to decide group winner in the event of a tie in points - in the following order:
 - Winner of head to head match
 - Goal Differential – A MAXIMUM OF 4 either on the plus or negative side.
 - Least Goals Allowed

CAUTION AND/OR EJECTION

All coaches must keep "coaching from the sidelines" to a minimum. If persistent infractions occur, the referee may stop the game and warn or caution the offending coach. Harassment of players by a coach or parent will not be allowed. All coaches and substitutes must remain within the designated bench area during play.

A player and/or a coach who has been ejected from a match shall not take any further part in that match, and shall also be prohibited from participating in the next following game played by that team. Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for the actions of their parents and families. Let's set a good example!

FIGHTING: In the event there is a fight any player, coach, or fan involved in violent fighting will be expelled from the league and facility permanently, fighting in any form will not be tolerated.

Our Director also reserves the right to expel a player, parent or Coach from league play for gross violations of the laws of the game, the House, Rules, or damage to Southland Center Soccer property

FORFEITS

In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded three points for the win. The victory will be recorded as a 4-0 score.

TEAM ROSTERS

Players can only be on one team in an age division. A player can be on a roster in a different age group

Game Day Flow

As you may have ascertained from reading the league rules to this point, it is the intent of the League Committee to keep this league on schedule. This is a self-adjusting factor that all games will be ended no later than the starting time of the next scheduled game. Know it in advance, appreciate it in advance, and understand it in advance. Any time lost during a particular match, for whatever reason, will be at the time expense of that match, and not those that follow. Also, be advised that the League Committee has instructed all referees to deal with any intentional delay of game according to USSF rules. Please let this rule keep us on schedule as intended, and be aware that abusers are subject to the consequences.

AUTHORITY

Decisions of the League Committee are final, and the League Committee shall have the authority to make any decision to ensure a successful league. The League Committee and the Midwest Wings Soccer Club shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or individual if the tournament is delayed or canceled in whole or in part.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Remember, this league is for the encouragement of fair play, good sportsmanship and the development of superior soccer skills. We ask that all coaches, players and parents keep this in mind during their matches as well as those matches at which they may be spectators. We would especially ask that you:

- A. Maintain respect for the referee and other officials; they are in control of the game, not you.
- B. Remember that running up a score against a weaker opponent serves no purpose. A goal differential of higher than four still counts only as four in the tie-breaker tabulations.
- C. Act as you would wish others to act when visiting your tournament or league.

