



**WHERE:** Dakota Fields Complex, 3737 N Elk Vale Road, Rapid City, SD

**WHEN:** Your schedules are posted on your Sports Engine account. Login to your account at [blackhillsrapids.com](http://blackhillsrapids.com). On the left-side of your account homepage there is a schedule tab.

**UNIFORM:** The home team wears their burgundy top, the away team wears white. We recommend bringing both shirts to every game.

**GAME LENGTH:** There will be two 25-minute halves played.

**HOW MANY PLAYERS ON THE FIELD? WHAT SIZE IS THE BALL?**

They play 7v7: this is six outfield players and one goalkeeper. They will use a size 4 ball.

**ARE THERE OFFICIALS? WHAT ARE THE RULES?**

We will schedule officials for these games. There is a local (and nationwide) shortage of officials so there is a good chance you play matches without one. Please see below "Responsibilities of the Coach" for more info on when there is not an official.

We will utilize a buildout line at this age. When a goalkeeper has the ball (either in-hand or for a goal kick) the opposing team must move behind the midfield line. Once the ball enters play from the goalkeeper, the opposing team can pressure the ball. Goalkeepers are not allowed to punt the ball at this age.

Their offside rule is in effect at this age. Put simply: an attacking player cannot be closer to goal than the last defender when the ball is played to them. There is no heading. If a player heads the ball, a free kick will be awarded to the opposition.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACH:**

Warm your team up, give the players positions and structure, and assure you make this a positive experience! Coaches should always keep time for the game. When there is not an official present, the coaches will need to work together to help the game run.

We recommend finding a parent on the opposite sideline who is able to help call throw-ins. The coaches will need to make sure the build-out line rule is followed and call throw-ins on their sideline. It is not worth coaches attempting to call offside without an official.