

2016 Jarrettsville Rec Soccer

U8 Rules

Field size

- a. 30 yds wide x 50 yards long
- b. Center circle – diameter 5 yds
- c. Goal box – 18 yards wide x 8 yds deep
- d. Goal – 12 ft wide x 6 feet tall

Pre-game

- a. Coaches will pick 1 or 2 players to act as captains for determining sides.
- b. Referee will flip a coin or have players pick number of fingers to determine sides
- c. All players must wear their team jersey/shirt
- d. All players must wear shin guards
- e. Goalie must wear an alternate color top, different from both teams
- f. There are 5 field players and 1 goalie to start play. If a team has 8 or fewer players the game may be played with 4 field players and a goalie. This is at the discretion of the side with fewer players. If both teams have more than 10 players, the coaches may agree to play with 7 players at a time.

Game play

Time of Play

- g. Play will occur in four (4) x 10 minute periods. A 3 minute break after the first and third quarter and a 5 minute break for half time.
- h. Teams will switch sides at half-time.

Rules of Play

- i. Throw ins for balls that go out on the side lines. Improper throw ins will be re-played after instruction from the referee up to 3 throws for a given out-of-bounds event.
- j. Kick ins from the top line of the goal box when sent across or the goal line or last touched by the attacking team. Corner kicks when sent across or last touched by the defending team.
- k. Goalie may use hands anywhere inside the penalty box. Possession determined when two hands touch the ball at the same time. Possession may not be challenged by attacking players.
- l. Goalie has 10 seconds to distribute the ball.
- m. Tripping, pushing, hitting, heading, slide tackling, tackling from behind and hand balls result in a direct kick. A direct kick awarded to the attacking team in the

- penalty box will be taken from 6 yards in front of the goal on the goal line measured by the referee or by a spot on the field. Only the goalie and child taking the kick are allowed in the box at the time of the kick. If blocked, the striker may not be the next attacker to touch the ball. If the kicker does touch the ball, an indirect kick will be awarded at the spot to the defensive team.
- n. Obstruction, delay of game and injury related stoppages of play will result in indirect kicks.
 - o. There is no offsides.
 - p. Yellow cards will be issued for flagrant fouls where malice or intent is determined by the referee. A child will be immediately sent off for 5 minutes of play time. A second yellow card offense is immediately translated to a red card and subject to the red card disciplinary action.
 - q. Red cards will be issued for fighting. This will extend to both players if retaliation is seen by the referee. Players will be suspended for the remainder of the current game and two further games. Two red cards in a season will result in expulsion from the league.
 - r. Free kicks will be allowed a 5 yard buffer from opposing players upon request by the coach or players.
 - s. One coach from each team may coach from the field of play during the game. Coaches intentionally interrupting play as determined by the referee will be asked to coach the remaining game from the sideline upon the first offense.
 - t. For parents/fans who disrupt the game as seen by the referee: A warning will be issued by the referee for the first offense. A second offense will result in dismissal from the fields of the rec complex. It is the coach's responsibility to see the parent/fan off the complex. If this doesn't resolve the issue, the referee may halt play and end the game. The Jarrettsville Rec Parent Code of Conduct provides the guidelines for acceptable behavior and consequences for handling issues.