



U9 Divisional Rules

Players on the Field: 7v7 (6 in the field, 1 keeper)

Game Length Time: Four 12 minute quarters

Ball Size: 3

Roster size: 14 players max

Referees: Games are self-refereed. No more than 1 coach per team on the field during a game. 1 assistant coach per team allowed on sideline. Coaches advised to remain close to sidelines and not stand in the middle of the field or in the goal mouth.

Player Substitutions: Unlimited, all players should play minimum half of game. From the sidelines only after the coach-referee is notified. Only allowed on kickoffs, goal kicks, injuries, or personal team throw-in.

Stoppage time: Only at quarters (except for injured player); no overtime

Goalies: Yes (Must wear gloves at all times and not share them)

Offsides: No offsides.

Kickoffs- A second player must touch the ball before the initial player can touch the ball after the initial touch. Opposing team must stand outside of the center circle.

Kick-Ins: Ball is considered out of bounds if it has completely crossed the boundary line.

- **Goal Kicks:** Now when goal kicks or free kicks are taken in the penalty area by the defending team.
- They do not need to clear the penalty area for the goalies teammates to play the ball

Free Kicks: Penalty and indirect kicks (ball must touch another player before crossing goal line) allowed; ball must be at least 10 yards from goal line before kicking. Opposing team must stand back more than 5 yards from the kicker.

Make-up Games: Games are made up at the discretion of the Executive Director.

General Expectations: Parents, players and fans are encouraged to sit at least three feet from the sideline. No interference with game play and coach-referee calls should be respected. No parent or Coach is allowed to stand behind/beside the goal and talk to the keeper or any other player on the team for player and parent safety reasons.