

SSC RECREATION LAWS OF THE GAME

1. MATCH GUIDELINES

	U4	U5	U6	U8	U10	U12
Length of Match	4 x 8 Min Quarters	4 x 8 Min Quarters	4 x 8 Min Quarters	4 x 10 Min Quarters	2 x 25 Min Halves	2 x 25 Min Halves
Ball Size	3	3	3	3	4	4
Format	3v3	3v3	4v4	5v5	6v6	8v8
Goalkeeper	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Throw-Ins	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Referee	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Penalty Kicks	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Kick Offs	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Corner Kicks	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Offsides	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES

2. PLAYERS and COACHES

All players shall be registered with SCYSA for a sanctioned game. One (1) parent may remain on the bench as a player manager. All other parents must remain on the opposite side of the field.

3. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions may be made as follows:

- Prior to a restart in your favor or when the opponent is subbing
- Prior to any goal kick
- After any goal
- At half time and quarters
- Following an injury (opposing team may also substitute on a one-for-one basis)

SSC & SCYSA require that all Recreation players participate in at least one half of the match. If a player is present, but benched for disciplinary reasons, DOS must be informed prior to the start of the game.

4. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- No Slide Tackling.
- The league has a zero tolerance policy with the use of foul language by all participants (spectators, players or coaches). Referees are directed to eject any participant, who use foul language or behave in an unsporting behavior. A player may return after a cooling off period as long as the behavior does not continue. **It is the discretion of the referee to allow the player to continue to play.**

5. RESTARTS

U4	U5	U6	U8	U10	U12
"New Ball"	"New Ball"	Kick from where ball exited field	FIFA laws of game	FIFA laws of game	FIFA laws of game

- U4/U5 - "NEW BALL" methodology. Each coach, on the pitch, will have a ball in their possession. The coach closest to where the ball goes out of play will stop play. Then will say "NEW BALL" and place another ball in play in proximity to where the ball went out of play. The NEW BALL must not give advantage to either team. Coach should encourage speed of play and not try to excessively direct player positions. Coaches must stop play if any player is in danger (e.g. a player goes to the ground close to where the ball is in play).
- U6 - The ball will be touched "dead" and placed on the line where the ball exited play. A player will kick the ball back in to restart play.

6. GRACE PERIOD

Teams will be allowed ten (10) minutes after scheduled match time to field a minimum number of qualified players. If the minimum number of players are present the match must start on schedule. If the "no-show" team arrives before the referee leaves the pitch, the match may be played if both:

- The team that has won by forfeit elects to play the match with the final score deciding the winner of the match.
- The duration of the match is shortened by the amount of time between the scheduled match starting time and when the match actually starts.
- The spirit of the game compels the referee to allow the match to be played if at all practical.

7. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the coaches shall, upon arrival at the pitch, wait thirty (30) minutes from the scheduled match starting time before determining whether or not the pitch and weather conditions will allow for safe play.

To prevent damage to the pitch, an SSC Representative may declare the pitch unusable due to bad weather. Prior to the start of the match all decisions regarding play will be made by SSC Representatives. Once the match begins the referee will make **all** decisions regarding stopping or continuing the match. If a match is abandoned due to severe weather all players must immediately return to their cars.

GAME CANCELLATIONS DUE TO FIELD CLOSURE:

Everyone should sign up to receive text messages via www.summervillesoccerclub.com. All field closures will be reported on the Club website.

8. SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. Referees have full authority to terminate a match if fans become abusive and exhibit unsporting behavior.

- Coaches and teams must be located on one side of the field and parents/spectators must be located on the opposite side. No spectator is allowed on the end line (behind the goalie).
- The league administrator, member of the SSC board, or SSC DOS may ask any person to leave the field or facility for what they deem unacceptable behavior.
- Suspended coaches are not allowed on any complex where a SCYSA game is being played until the suspension is served, regardless of the number of teams he/she coaches.

9. MATCH RESCHEDULINGS/FORFEITURES

Determined by the SSC DOS.

10. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

Protests of circumstances allegedly affecting the outcome of the game in youth soccer are discouraged. Protests contesting the outcome of any game may be registered with the DOS through the coach. The DOS will review the protest and arbitrate a decision. It is at the discretion of the DOS to reschedule a match. **NOTE: REFEREE DECISIONS ARE NOT DISPUTABLE.**

11. THE LAWS OF FIFA AND USSF SHALL GOVERN ALL SSC MATCHES EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN.

