

Scottsdale Soccer

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

Modified Rules For 1st Grade through High School – Fall Program

The rules shown here apply to all age groups, first grade and older. There are special rules by age group below; except as provided below, the FIFA Laws of the Game apply.

Player Participation

- Regardless of playing ability, all players should participate a minimum of half the game.
- Coaches should play all players at different positions (offense and defense) throughout the year.
- Instructions during the game to players should be positive in nature and directed at providing player tactical information.

Game Field Set-up and Game Play

- It is the responsibility of the home team to supply the game ball.
- Only two team officials will be allowed within their teams half of the field, one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach. Both coaches are to be positioned within the coach and player's half of the field during the game, which is outside the field of play. All spectators must remain on the opposite side of the field across from their team and at least three feet behind the touchline.
- For all fields except those located at Mountain View Park:
 - Teams and coaches sit on one side of the field.
 - All spectators (non-players, non-coaches) sit on opposite side.
 - Coaches and teams remain on their half of the field mid-line, and one yard outside of the field of play.
- For fields at Mountain View Park:
 - Players and coaches occupy the east side of the field.
 - Spectators occupy the west side of the field.
- A referee may suspend play when necessary due to spectator or participant interference or harassment until the individual(s) creating the disturbance leave the playing area to a distance of satisfaction to the referee. Said individual(s) shall remain silent for the duration of the match and take no further part in the match. Failure of the individual(s) to comply with the referee's request within two minutes may result in the referee's terminating the match and further disciplinary action by Scottsdale Soccer.
- Spectator(s) creating a disturbance may also be requested to leave the playing area by a league or club official and failure to provide their name to the referee or club official may be subject to additional disciplinary action.
- The referee may take action against team officials, bench personnel, and substitutes who fail to act in a responsible manner. The referee may display a red or yellow card and may expel them from the field of play and its immediate surrounds.
- All coaches and spectators must act according to the league Code Of Conduct and coaches are responsible for the behavior of their parents. The referee or club official may restrict where spectators sit depending on the field situation.

Substitution Procedure

- A substitution is requested by informing the referee. With the permission of the referee the player being substituted may leave the field of play. The substitute enters the field of play from the halfway line only after the player being replaced has left the field of play.
- Substitutions shall be unlimited and are allowed:
 - On your team throw-in / kick in.

- Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- After a goal by either team.
- After an injury by either team provided the referee stops play.
- At halftime and when applicable during water breaks.
- Substitutions are NOT allowed prior to a:
 - Corner kick.
 - Direct free kick.
 - Penalty kick.

Water Breaks on Hot Days

- Game days with water breaks will be determined at the discretion of the program officials.

Check-In Procedures

- Each team must check in with the referee prior to the start of the match and must identify one person who will be the primary coach for the match. All players must be dressed to play at the time of check in and equipment check.
 - Shin guards are required.
 - All field players will wear the club supplied jersey, shorts, and socks.
 - Socks MUST cover shin guards completely.
 - No toe cleats or metal cleats/spikes allowed.
 - Players will not be allowed to wear jewelry of any kind, including wrist bands, necklaces, bracelets, rings, or earrings. Bracelets are defined as any object encircling the wrist or arm. Exception: Medical Alert bracelet or necklace. These must be taped down. Taping of earrings/studs is NOT acceptable. These must be removed.
 - Hair control pieces made of metal, plastic or other hard material are not allowed.
 - Players with splints, casts, braces or other such devices may participate, if, in the opinion of the referee, these devices do not present an inherent danger to any players.

Roster Check

- Printed rosters will be used and are supplied to the referee.
- Players will line up in single file, each facing the referee. The referee/administrator will:
 - Inspect the equipment and uniform of each player.
 - Read the players' names, one by one, from the roster noted on the scorecard.
 - Upon hearing his/her name, the player will raise his/her hand to allow the referee to identify the player.
 - The player will then turn around to allow the referee to read his/her jersey number. The referee will then check off the player on the game roster/scorecard as being present and ready to play. Players listed on the game roster but not present at check-in, will be crossed off the game roster if not participating or noted as coming late.
- Players not on the roster will not be allowed to play. This roster is also the trophy order list so make sure roster problems are reported to recsoccer@scottsdale soccer.com

Specific Rules / 1st-2nd Grade (U8)

1. Teams use a size three ball.
2. Teams play four per side. There are no goalkeepers, and as such players may not stand and block the mouth of the goal during play; rather they should be encouraged to guard players on the other team.
3. Teams can play with a minimum of three players.
4. Games will be divided into four 10 minute quarters with a five minute break at the half and two minute break between quarters. Teams switch ends of field at the half.
5. On a goal kick all players for the opposing team need to be at midfield before the kick is taken. Once the kick is taken the players from the opposing team may cross the halfway line.
6. Slide tackling is not permitted.
7. Deliberately heading the ball is not permitted. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
8. Offsides is not enforced.
9. All free kicks are indirect and opponents will be ten feet away from the ball on all restarts. There are no direct free kicks nor penalty kicks.
10. Kick-ins will be used instead of throw-ins. The ball will be placed on the touch line with opponents ten feet from the ball. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in.

Specific Rules / 3rd-4th Grade (U10)

1. Teams use a size four ball.
2. Teams play seven per side, (six field players and one goalkeeper). Teams can play with a minimum of five players.
3. Games will be divided into two 25 minute halves with a five minute break at the half. Teams switch ends of field at the half.
4. Slide tackling is not permitted.
5. Deliberately heading the ball is not permitted. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
6. "Build Out Line"
 - a) This line is an additional line that is equidistant between the penalty area line and halfway line on each end of the field.
 - b) When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw, or roll the ball into play (punting is NOT allowed). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.
 - c) The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line.
 - d) If a goalkeeper punts the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the punt occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

Specific Rules / 5th-6th Grade (U12)

1. Teams use a size four ball.
2. Teams play nine per side, (eight field players and one goalkeeper). Teams can play with a minimum of six players.
3. Games will be divided into two thirty minute halves with a five minute break at the half. Teams switch ends of the field at the half.
4. Deliberately heading the ball is not permitted. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
5. Offsides is enforced.

Specific Rules / 7th-8th Grade (U14)

1. Teams use a size five ball.
2. Teams play nine per side (eight field players and one goalkeeper). Teams can play with a minimum of six players.
3. Games will be divided into two thirty-five minute halves with a five minute break at the half. Teams switch ends of the field at the half.
4. Offsides is enforced.

Specific Rules / High School

1. Teams use a size five ball.
2. Teams play nine per side (eight field players and one goalkeeper). Teams can play with a minimum of six players.
3. Games will be divided into two thirty-five minute halves with a five minute break at the half. Teams switch ends of the field at the half.
4. Offsides is enforced.