



Circle City FC

U8 Rules

1. Coaches on the field: First half of the season, one coach from each team will be allowed on the playing field during the game. Coaches outside the field of play will be restricted to the coaches' side of the field. They may use the entire length of the field. Second half of the season, no coaches will be allowed on the playing field during the game. Coaches outside the field of play will be restricted to the coaches' side of the field and may only utilize their half of the field.
2. A team must have at least four players to start the game and can finish the game with three players.
3. The game format will be short sided, 4v4 – NO GOALIE.
4. Only one referee will officiate games in this division.
5. No headers.
6. All players must make their best effort to keep from making a soccer move/play while on the ground. Slide tackles of any kind will not be permitted. A free kick will be awarded to the other team.
7. The game will consist of four 10 minute quarters.
8. A size 3 ball will be used.
9. There will be no score recorded or kept.
10. All free kicks will be indirect. Defending players must stand 5 yards away from the ball.
11. There will be no penalty kicks.
12. Both teams will be allowed substitutions after five minute intervals or at the referee's discretion.
13. All players will have two chances on kick-ins, if the ball is not successfully kicked in on the first attempt. The referee will show the player the correct method for the second kick-in.
14. NO player (offensive or defensive) will be permitted to enter or touch the ball once it enters the goalie box. If the offensive ball enters the box but fails to go into the net play will be whistled dead and a goal kick will be awarded to the opposing team. If the defensive ball enters the box but fails to go into the net play will be whistled dead and a corner kick will be awarded. If an offensive player touches the ball in the box a goal kick will be awarded. If a defensive player touches the ball in the box a goal will be awarded.
15. No offsides.
16. On goal kicks, attacking players must retreat to the midfield line. They can only advance to win the ball back once the ball has been kicked.