



# JUNIORS SOCCER LEAGUE

## AGES 9-11



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### *Rules of Play*

### *Adapted for FCPR from US Youth Soccer*

**Field of Play:** dimensions are appropriate for the movement capabilities of 9-11 year-old children.

**Field Markings:** each park field may be different but all fields are appropriately sized for U12 play

**Goals:** the goals are 6 x 18 feet

**Ball:** must be a size four for game play.

**Player Attire:** all players must wear shin guards; Cleats are recommended. Team shirts will be provided prior to the first game.

**Number of Players:** coaches should strive for 6 versus 6. (5 players and 1 goalie) Administrators, coaches and referees should be encouraged to allow players from the team with sufficient numbers to 'loan' a player or two to the team that is short players and then PLAY. **\*\*Due to larger rosters, If both coaches agree, games can be played 7 vs 7 to allow more playing time\*\***

**The Referee:** this league will be using Coach/Ref. Both coaches can be on the field during game play and mutually call the game. All rule infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player. \*Refs will be used for the end of the year tournament\*

**Penalties:** No slide tackles; All penalties result in indirect kick: Ball cannot be scored on an indirect kick. Ball must touch another player first.

**Parent Assistants:** parents can be used to assist timekeeping, scorekeeping, and as linesmen, **but are not permitted on the field. – Only head coaches**

**Duration of the Match:** games shall begin at the scheduled time. There will be 25 minute halves, with running clock for both. The half-time break shall be approximately five (5) minutes. Once game is completed, all players and coaches must leave the field immediately to allow for next scheduled game

**Throw-Ins:** any ball traveling out of bounds on either sideline will result in a **throw-in**

**Goal Scored:** To start each half, and after goals, the ball will be brought back to midfield for a kickoff by the appropriate team.

**Offside:** there shall be no offside called during these games.

**Corner/Goal Kicks:** any ball traveling behind the goal will result in either a goal kick (if last played by an offensive player) or a corner kick (if last played by a defensive player). The distance the defending players must be away from the ball until it is kicked is the same as the radius of the center circle.

**Roster Size:** Recommended minimum – 8 players / maximum – 14 players

**Playing Time/Subbing:** A min. of at least 50% playing time is required—Subs at any play stoppage

**Lopsided rule:** Winning team needs to remove 1 player if winning team gets ahead by 4 goals. If the lead increases to 6 goals then the coaches will need to communicate on the best action to take (removing goalie, 6 passes before shooting etc.)



**Cancellation Line Info:** If the weather is questionable, please call 301-600-6291 (option 2). This line will be updated if there are any cancelations. A Standard greeting means practices/games are on

**If a practice date happens to be rained out it will be not be made-up.**

**Game rainouts will be re-scheduled on a Saturday at the end of the season**



**\*All players will receive recognition at the completion of a terrific season!**