

Burley Kiwanis Soccer Official Under 8 (U-8) Playing Rules

1. The Field of Play
 - a. Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.
 - i. Length: 50 yards
 - ii. Width: 25 yards
 - b. Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of four (4) yards is marked around it.
 - c. The Goal Area: A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line three (3) yards from the inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of three (3) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.
 - d. The Penalty Area: none.
 - e. Flag posts: none.
 - f. The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA.
 - g. Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corners and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The recommended distance between the posts is ten (10) feet and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet. Goals may be smaller in dimension.
2. The Ball: Size four (4).
3. The Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 9 players on the field (12 – 14 on the team).
4. Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited.
5. Playing time: Each player **SHALL** play in every game. Teams and matches may be coed.
6. Equipment
 - a. The Players Equipment: Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.
 - i. Blue Jersey –Home Team.
 - ii. Red Jersey- Away Team.
 - b. All players must have shin guards.
 - c. No shoes with front cleats may be worn (i.e., no baseball or football shoes if they have a front cleat, unless you cut it off). Only rubber cleats are allowed; metal cleats are not allowed. (Referees will check).
 - d. No jewelry, metal devices, or hazardous equipment may be worn. (Casts can be allowed if they are padded & the Referee approves them before the game).

7. The Referee: The Referee's decisions are final. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
8. Assistant Referees: 2 linesmen/women preferred. 2nd Center Referee also acceptable.
9. The Duration of the Match: The match shall be divided into four (4) equal, ten (10) minute quarters. There shall be two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.
10. The Start and Restart of Play: The opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.
11. The Ball In and Out of Play: Ball must be thrown in over the head, unless it is a corner kick. If a bad throw-in occurs the referee will explain how to throw a ball in and the player will have one (1) more try. If a second bad throw-in occurs, the referee will explain how to throw a ball in and the ball will be turned over to the other team.
12. The Method of Scoring: Ball passing goal line between goal posts.
13. Offside: None.
14. Fouls and Misconduct: All fouls shall result in a direct free kick. The referee must explain *ALL* infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct.
15. Free Kicks: All free kicks are direct and opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.
16. The Penalty Kick: None.
17. The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents must remain outside the goal area and at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.
18. The Corner Kick: When the ball passes the end line with the exception that opponents remain at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.
19. Drop Ball as a method by which a dead ball becomes alive. An official drops the ball to the ground. When the ball strikes the ground, it becomes alive and may be played by anyone.

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