

Before the start of the game:

- Coaches of the first and last games are required to setup and take down the field as needed. (goals, net, corner flags)
- The goals must be anchored securely to the ground.
- Prior to game, referees will check players for proper footwear, shin guards, and jewelry.
 - Shin guards are mandatory. They must be worn under and completely cover by the socks.
 - Cleats are recommended. No metal cleats. Sneakers are acceptable.
 - A player may wear nothing that, in the opinion of the referee, is unsafe.
- Size 4 ball used (provided by one of the teams).
- The Length of each game for Girls and Boys are different due to the increased number of player per team on the Girls side:
 - For Boys:
 - Two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.
 - For Girls:
 - Two 33 minute halves with a 4 minute halftime

Start of the game:

- For Boys:
 - The game clock starts at the time stated on the game schedule. At 25 minutes past game start 1st half ends; at 30 minutes past game start halftime ends; 55 minutes past game start is the end of the game.
- For Girls:
 - The game clock starts at the time stated on the game schedule. At 33 minutes past game start 1st half ends; at 37 minutes past game start halftime ends; 70 minutes past game start is the end of the game.
- 7 players + goalie... total of 8 players per team is the *maximum* allowed on the field.
- If a team is short players, each team must start with an equal number of players.
- Referee chooses which team gets ball first and other team has choice of goal.

Start of second half:

- Teams will switch sides of the field.
- The team that did not kick off to start the game takes the kick off to start the second half.

During the Game:

- Penalty kicks will be taken as direct kicks from the top of the penalty box; no wall.
- Referees will explain all calls.
- Play stops on an injury.
 - As soon as the whistle stops play the referee will call the coach onto the field to tend to the injured player. (Parents should refrain from entering the field from spectators side)
 - The player must be substituted and remain off the field until the next substitution opportunity.
 - The game clock does not stop.

- No second chance will be awarded on throw-ins. Referee will explain what was done wrong and how the player should make it right.
 - **Loss of possession occurs.**
- Offside will be called if, in the discretion of the referee or assistant referee, the player is offside to gain an advantage or is directly involved with the play.
- All players **MUST** play at least half of the time they are there for the game.
- Substitutions per FIFA rules, except both teams are allowed to substitute on any throw-in.
- When a **4-goal differential** is achieved coaches **must** take action to prevent further scoring by the leading team. This may be accomplished by removing a player (beginning with the best player) from the leading team, making positional adjustments, or other suitable techniques.
 - If the coaches do not take action to correct the scoring differential the referee or age director may intervene and direct what action is to be taken.
- Follow FIFA rules.

Problems:

- The referee and age director will work together to solve on field problems.
- All communication with the referee, from coaches or directors, will be handled at halftime or at the end of the game.
- All problems, with players, coaches or parents will be directed to the age group director for action.
 - Referee discretion must be used to decide if a problem needs immediate attention or can wait for halftime or end of the game.

REMEMBER...

1. Stress skill and fun, cheer everyone.
2. Celebrate all goals for both teams.
3. Let parents know there are no losers.
4. Coaches & parents should demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.