

U9 RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO REFEREES

U9 format is 8v 8 with a goalie. Games are two 25 minute halves.

Field should be 75 to 80 yards long and 30 to 35 yards wide. A single box 12 to 15 yards from the end line should be pitched.

The laws of the game apply, including offside, with these modifications:

1. All free kicks are indirect. This means that there are no penalty kicks.
2. For a violation in the area that would otherwise be a penalty kick, the referee may use discretion in the placement of the ball. Since a wall is allowed, there may be no goal-scoring chance if the ball is placed too close to the goal. The referee may move the ball farther away from the goal to allow a scoring opportunity.
3. Walls do not have to be 10 yards from the ball, due to the reduced size of the field. Referee's discretion, but 6 to 8 yards is appropriate.
4. Two tries are allowed on a throw-in, but it must be the same player.
5. All goal kicks are to be taken from the top of the marked box.
6. Safety of the players is of primary concern. While we still want to keep adults from running onto the field when a player appears to be injured, the game can be stopped without a dead ball situation if the referee believes that there is an injured player who needs attention.
7. A player who is on the ground should not be allowed to play the ball regardless of the circumstances. The next time there is a player on the ground, it may represent a dangerous situation, and the players should become accustomed to hearing a whistle whenever anyone falls near the ball.
8. Advantage should not be given if the foul results in an apparent injury.

Instructions to teams:

Reporting Results:

GO TO MySoccerLeague.com, and:

1. sign in as team contact,
2. click on Report Game Results,
3. enter the results of the game.

Results should be reported within 72 hours (Tuesday night following a game). If no one on your team has internet access, then you **MUST** contact the club president who will assign someone to report game results for your team.

If there are not enough results reported to determine team strength, the teams will remain in one flight.

Please note that since this is a recreational soccer league, standings are not visible to the public, only to league officers.

Game cards are to be mailed to the match secretary by the winning team, or the home team if there is a tie.

The address is:

Game Cancellation Procedures: If for any reason, the coaches agree to cancel a game, or change the time or place of a game, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE REFEREE COODINATOR, Jerry Nelson at 883-9507. Referees will not be provided for rescheduled games.