

SYSL RULES

The following rules apply to the 3rd & 4th Grade League only.

As per league rules, any rule not covered here goes by FIFA

1. Number of players on the field is 8v8.
2. Time limit is two (2) 25 minute quarters with a 5 minute break at the half. Games will end in a tie. There will be NO shootouts. A coin toss will start each game. Winner of the coin toss picks the goal to defend, and the loser of the toss kicks off.
3. Slide tackles are **NOT** permitted. A player slipping as he/she shoots is not a slide tackle, however, he/she should try to stay on their feet.
4. Throw-Ins: All throws will be given only one (1) chance to restart the game properly. Any infraction turns the ball over to the other team.
5. Coaches must remain on the coaches' sideline on their half of the field. NO coach or spectators will be allowed on the ends of the field by the goals.
6. All kicks will use the FIFA format of direct free kick, indirect free kick, and penalty kicks depending on the infraction or foul.
7. All players must play at least half of each game.
8. Please note that referees are taught that if the ball plays the hand, it's not a handball. A handball is when the hand plays the ball.
9. Goalies must wear a shirt distinguishing them from the rest of the team. Please remember this on game day.
10. Goalies will be allowed 6 seconds to punt or throw the ball. No player may pass the ball back to his/her own goalie to be handled, and the goalie may not pick up the ball if the last player to intentionally touch it was his/her own teammate.
11. Offside will be called in this division. If you need help with this rule, please feel free to ask a referee.
12. A minimum of five (5) players is needed to start a game. Failure to field at least five players will result in a forfeit if the proper number isn't reached within 10 minutes of start time. The opposing coach may play down to the number of players you have, however it is his/her discretion whether they play short.
13. Substitutions are unlimited. They may occur on your own throw in, any goal kick, at the half, after a score. You may substitute one player for any injury time out.
14. When the game is stopped for an injury, the injured player must be substituted but may reenter at the next substitution point.
15. As mentioned in your coaches' pledge, you will be expected to help resolve problems with parents/spectators who are not acting appropriately prior to referee involvement.