

## 2016 Youth Soccer Variations by AGE GROUP SCYSC

| AGE GROUP                    | U5 - 2012            | U6 - 2011 | U7 - 2010            | U8 - 2009            | U9 - 2008         | U10 - 2007        | U11 - 2006                 | U12 - 2005                 | U13 - 2004                 | U14 - 2003                 | U15+ - 2002                |
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| BIRTH YEAR                   | 2012                 | 2011      | 2010                 | 2009                 | 2008              | 2007              | 2006                       | 2005                       | 2004                       | 2003                       | 2002                       |
| BALL SIZE                    | #3                   |           |                      | #3                   | #4                | #4                | #4                         | #5                         | #5                         | #5                         | #5                         |
| MATCH DURATION               | Four 8min quarters   |           |                      | Three 15 min periods | two 25 min halves | two 25 min halves | two 30min halves           | two 30 min halves          | two 35min halves           | two 35 min halves          | two 40min halves           |
| OVERTIME PERIODS             | NO                   |           |                      | NO                   | NO                | NO                | 2X 10 min PER LEAGUE RULES | 2X 10 min PER LEAGUE RULES | 2X 10 min PER LEAGUE RULES | 2X 10 min PER LEAGUE RULES | 2X 10 min PER LEAGUE RULES |
| GOALKEEPER - See note 4      | NO                   |           |                      | NO                   | YES               | YES               | YES                        | YES                        | YES                        | YES                        | YES                        |
| GOALKEEPER Punting -note 5   | N/A                  |           |                      | N/A                  | Not allowed       | Not Allowed       | Yes                        | Yes                        | Yes                        | Yes                        | Yes                        |
| MAXIMUM ROSTER SIZE          | 8                    |           |                      | 8                    | 12                | 12                | 14                         | 14                         | 16                         | 16                         | 18                         |
| TOTAL PLAYERS ON FIELD       | 4                    |           |                      | 4                    | 7                 | 7                 | 9                          | 9                          | 11                         | 11                         | 11                         |
| INCORRECT THROW-IN           | RETAKE - see note 1  |           | RETAKE- see note 1   | goes to opponent     | goes to opponent  | goes to opponent  | goes to opponenet          | goes to opponent           | goes to opponenet          | goes to opponent           | goes to opponenet          |
| FREE KICK/DIRECT KICK        | IFK - See note 3     |           | IFK - See note 3     | PK @ 7 yrds          | PK @ 7 Yrds       | PK@ 8 Yrds        | PK @ 8 Yrds                | Per FIFA RULES             | PER FIFA RULES             | PER FIFA RULES             | PER FIFA RULES             |
| Built out Line used - note 6 | Yes - uses half line |           | Yes - uses half line | Yes @ 14 yds         | Yes @ 14 yds      | NO                | NO                         | NO                         | NO                         | NO                         | NO                         |
| OFFSIDE ENFORCED             | NO                   |           |                      | NO                   | **YES SEE NOTE 2  | **YES SEE NOTE 2  | YES                        | YES                        | YES                        | YES                        | YES                        |
| SLIDE TACKLE                 | NOT ALLOWED          |           |                      | NOT ALLOWED          | NOT ALLOWED       | NOT ALLOWED       | OK                         | OK                         | OK                         | OK                         | OK                         |
| HEADERS                      | NOT ALLOWED          |           |                      | NOT ALLOWED          | NOT ALLOWED       | NOT ALLOWED       | SEE NEW RULES              | SEE NEW RULES              | SEE NEW RULES              | SEE NEW RULES              | SEE NEW RULES              |

**NOTE 1 - FREE THROW RETAKE** In addition to allowing the player to retake the throw, please instruct player as to their mistake. At U-08 and below, allow 1 retake. Play on after that, even if still incorrect. We don't want half of the match taken up with throw-ins. Since incorrect throw-ins will never result in a change of possession at this level, it is acceptable for a coach and/or referee to give instructions to players prior to the throw if it will help teach the player and keep the game flowing.

**NOTE 2- Offside** will be enforced for U-9 and U-10. However, coaches and parents are expected to understand that it is normally the job of Assistant Referees to watch for this. We do not assign Assistant Referees to these matches. Therefore, it is possible that a referee may not be in position to see a "close" offside call. The referee will use their best judgment and their decisions will be final. Coaches and parents will **NOT** argue offside calls (or lack of). For those coaches who may be more familiar with soccer "tactics"; you are not to be trying to coach "offside trap" at these levels.

(All Ages) Injury stoppage (or any other unusual situation): Restart with a Dropped Ball per USClub Laws of the Game.

**NOTE 3 FREE KICK-** If the match happens to be sanctioned by Washington Youth Soccer (very few, if any, Skagit Valley youth matches are) then..."If one team is clearly in possession of the ball, the game shall be restarted

with an IFK by the team in possession of the ball at the point where the ball was when play was suspended. Should there not be clear possession at the time play is suspended due to an injury or any unusual situation, there will be a drop ball at the spot where the ball was declared dead.”

**NOTE 4 - TOTAL PLAYERS** The total number of players on the field shall include the goalkeeper, when a goalkeeper is used (U-9 and older).

**NOTE 5 PUNTING-** Where indicated, goalkeepers are not allowed to punt the ball. They must throw/roll the ball.

**NOTE 6 - Build-out lines:** The build out line is used to promote playing the ball out of the back in an un-pressured setting. When the goal keeper has the ball, either during play or from a goal kick, the opposing team should move behind the build out line. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goal keeper, can pass or throw/roll the ball to a team mate. After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal

#### **Misconduct For Recreational Matches -**

**Coaches/team staff -** Referees are instructed that, in the event of a Warning or Expulsion being issued to a team staff member (Head Coach, Asst. Coaches, etc.), the appropriate card will be displayed to the offending staff member (Yellow = Warning, Red = Expulsion). The Referee will contact the Referee Assignor for coach or parent problems.

**Players -** For U-11 and above: Normal FIFA/USClub guidelines/procedures will be followed and the Referee will file a misconduct report via the Referee website. For U-10 and below: The Referee will not issue or present yellow and red cards to players. Referees may suggest a player be substituted and provide a cooling off period.

Please refer to SCYSC Code of Conduct for further guidelines