

West Side Coalition Rules

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The Field: Each club will do what they can within the constraints of space to comply with a length of – minimum of 45 yards and maximum of 60 yards and width of – minimum of 35 yards and maximum of 45 yards.

The Goal Area: A 6 yard area. 6 yards from the goal post along the goal line and 6 yards into the field with a line drawn parallel to the goal line to enclose the area.

The Penalty Area: A 10 yard area. 10 yards from the goal post along the goal line and 10 yards into the field with a line drawn parallel to the goal line to enclose the area.

There will be no penalty mark or penalty arc markings on the field.

Corner Flags: Will be used and will be a minimum of 5 feet tall.

The Corner Arc: Will be an arc 24 to 36 inches.

Goals : 6 feet tall and 18 feet wide. If the existing goals used by clubs do not meet this measurement, they will be used. Clubs are not to procure 6' by 18' goals and incur costs. **ATTENTION:** Please anchor goals using long bolts or U bolts that go several inches into the ground. Sand bags are not appropriate.

The Ball: A size 4 ball will be used

The Number of Players: Six (6) players for each team on the field, one of whom will be the goalkeeper.

Substitutions: With the referees permission at the following times:

- a. Anybody's goal.
- b. Anybody's goal kick.
- c. Your own throw in.
- d. 1 for 1 for the injured player. (The opponent team may sub if they wish to.)

Playing time: Strive to attain 50% playing time for each player.

The Player's Equipment: Will consist of shoes, shorts, jersey, socks, and shin guards completely covered by the socks. No jewelry (to include no taped over earrings), hard hair pieces, or metal or plastic items that could be dangerous to the player or to others. In cold weather, clothing may be worn under the uniform – under shorts and jersey.

The Referee: Clubs will assign a referee comfortable at the U-9/10 level. If a referee is not available a coach or assistant coach may need to fill the role.

The Assistant Referee: Use parents unless the club wants to use this as a training ground for referees.

The Duration of the match: Will consist of two equal halves of 25 minutes with a 5 minute half-time interval.

The Start and Restart of Play: The opponent will be 8 yards from the ball until the ball is in play on starts and restarts. A goal may not be scored directly from a kick off. The recommendation is for the team to retain possession.

The Ball In and Out of Play: The ball must completely leave the boundaries of the field whether on the ground or in the air to be out of play. The only other time the ball is out of play is when the referee blows the whistle.

The Method of Scoring: The ball must completely cross the goal line between the uprights and the cross bar. See note above regarding no goal direct from a kick off. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick and from a goal kick.

Offside: Offside is not a consideration for the U-9/10 game.

Fouls and Misconduct: Infractions of the law will result with an indirect free kick which means that someone else must touch the ball before a goal can be scored. There will be no direct free kicks.

No slide tackles will be allowed. Should this occur, the opponent will be awarded an indirect free kick.

The Penalty Kicks: There will be no penalty kicks.

The Throw-In: Players will receive one chance at a throw-in.

The Goal Kick: The ball must leave the penalty area for the ball to be in play. All opponents must be outside the penalty area before the kick is taken.

The Corner Kick: The opponent will remain 8 yards from the corner arc until the ball is in play. In play means when the ball has been kicked and it moves.

For infractions that occur in the goal area caused by the defending team, the ball will be placed at the top of the goal area line for the kick to be taken. For infractions in the goal area caused by the attacking team, the ball may be placed anywhere in the goal area by the defensive team for the kick going away to be taken. In this case, the ball is not in play until it has left the penalty area.

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