

# 10 and under

## Playing 9 v 9

1. This is a competitive league - scores and standings will be kept. There will be one referee directing this game.
2. This league will use a number 4 size ball.
3. Each team will have 9 players on the field, which includes the goalie. A team needs a minimum of 6 players to start the game
4. Liberal substitutions at the referee's permission.
5. Substitutions on throw-ins can only be initiated by the team in possession of the ball. Substitutions can be made by either team during goal kicks and injury substitutions with the referee's permission. Teams are free to make substitutions at half-time and after a goal has been scored. No substitutions can be made on fouls or corner kicks.
6. There will be no "cherry picking" (having an offensive player continually or purposefully in an off-sides position {behind the defense} to gain a tactical advantage, making no attempt to play with the flow of the game). Once the referee has identified the tactic, it will be called as offside until the offending team ceases.
7. Fouls and misconduct will conform to FIFA.
8. No slide tackles (2 players, 1 intentionally slides into the ball in order to get it away from opponent's foot).
9. Once a goalie has possession of the ball he/she has 6 seconds to put the ball into play.
10. Duration of game:
  - a. The game will consist of two 25 minute halves.
  - b. Time between halves will be 5 minutes.
  - c. The referee keeps the official time.
  - d. Mercy rule: If in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute of the second half a team has a 7 goal lead, Ball game.
11. *When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue."*