

2021 U8 SOCCER RULES

The goal of the Dixon Soccer Club U8 league is to introduce children between the 2014 and 2015 birth years, in the best way possible to the sport of soccer. For most of these players, this may not only be their first time playing soccer, but playing sports in general. It may also be their parent's first involvement with soccer. We want to promote the **Recreational** aspect of the sport and make sure all of the people involved with the U8 program (parents, players, coaches, family and friends) understand the goals.

The following is a list of the modified FIFA rules that will be used in order to help facilitate the function of the U8 league. This is an in-house league so the rules are modified for our play.

- All of the players will play at least half of the game. If a player is being disciplined and will not play at least half of the game, please make sure the parents are informed
- All of the players will be required to wear the appropriate league uniform for each game (this includes shin guards and any soccer style footwear) The players will not be allowed to play unless all of the proper equipment is worn
- There will be 6 field players total
- The games will be played in (4) 10 minute quarters with a 5 minute break at the mid-way point of the game
- All restarts of the game after a goal or a new quarter, will be done with a kick off from mid-field
- The games will start promptly at the scheduled time
- All games will be played at Northwest Park
- Each team is responsible for setting up their goal and two flags
- The club will not provide referees for the games. The coaches will be responsible for overseeing their games
- The coaches are responsible for maintaining control of their sidelines. This includes communicating with the parents and making sure they understand the rules
- The coaches are responsible for controlling the level of aggressiveness being played on the field. Do not allow the kids to pull, push or shove other players
- If one team is dominating the other, 5 or 6 to zero, the coaches shall take the appropriate measures to prevent the situation from getting out of control to the best of their ability (i.e., require more touches prior to taking a shot on goal, rotate players around more frequently, etc.,)
- There will be no score keeping

- Coaches, players, and parents shall not argue, challenge, or show any dissent towards anyone during the games and shall adhere to the DSC code of conduct. Incidents where coaches fail to maintain control of themselves or their sidelines will be documented and a report will be forwarded to the DSC Penalty and Disciplinary committee for review. Disciplinary action from written reprimand up to and including expulsion from the club/league may be assessed
- On throw-ins, when a bad throw-in is made, the player will be given another opportunity to throw-in the ball by teaching them the proper technique
- **NOT ALLOWED:** Slide Tackling, Penalty Kicks, Corner Kicks, Drop Kicks, or Heading the Ball
- On a goal kick situation, the opposing team will need to move to mid-field prior to the ball being put into play. Once the ball is put in play, the opposing team may cross the mid-field line
- No substitutions are allowed during the quarters unless it is for the replacement of an injured player or the changing of a player to help prevent the score from being run up
- No jewelry, watches, hair pins or casts shall be worn
- Any discrepancies that may come up shall be mediated by both coaches
- The use and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverages, immediately before, during, and/or after any soccer game at the park is prohibited
- This is not the World Cup. This is recreational soccer. Enjoy and good luck with the season