

Southland Soccer League Rules

U8-U10 will play 6V6

U11-U14 will play 8V8

U15 and up will play 7V7

Parents & Spectators are not allowed onto the fields. Anything that is green turf is forbidden by all other than coaches, officials, and players. Any team that violates this will be required to forfeit their match. Please respect the flow of traffic which helps keep the tournament running on time.

Age Groups

USYSA & US Club Soccer. See age chart posted on website. We use the calendar year method – single birth years.

Winter Classic Tournament - Clock runs on a loop and will not stop.

Foul when time expires: In the event of a foul & the clock runs out the free kick or penalty will still be taken even though the buzzer went off. The referee has the final decision in this matter.

2021/22 League Time: 42 minute game with 3 minutes in between to clear fields and start next game. The clock will not stop & is continuous. Please leave the fields immediately after your game so the next game can begin on time.

The teams have to clear the area and the next two teams need to be prepared as the clocks will not stop to wait until teams are ready. If teams are ready early they can start. If they are not they will lose time in their game.

Game Ball: Every Team MUST have a ball to use for match play. (U8 & lower is a size 3, U9-U12 is a size 4, & U13 & above will use a size 5 ball. Each team needs to provide a ball to use during games. The league will not supply game balls.

Cleats: Rubber and molded studs are allowed. No metal cleats are permitted.

Substitution Procedure

Substitutions are on the fly and may occur on an unlimited basis. Both players must be within the touchline and no more than a yard from their bench area when the substitution is made. When both players are on the field neither player may touch the ball. Infringement of this procedure may incur warning (Yellow Card) from the official.

Referee and other Officials

The Referee(s) shall be responsible for control of the game. The referee's decisions regarding control are FINAL. There are no score clocks so the referee will keep the official time.

Match Play

- o There is no sliding permitted regardless if it is a tackle or attempt at the ball.
- o When the ball goes out of bounds the game will restart with a throw in.
- o When the ball hits the ceiling above it will be an indirect kick directly below where the ball hit.
- o Goalkeepers can punt the ball if they choose, however – NO GOAL CAN BE SCORED DIRECTLY FROM A PUNT OR A GOAL KICK.
- o A Goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff.
- o Everything else is common sense and according to FIFA as much as it can apply.

Bench and Team Area

Only players and coaches will be allowed onto the fields. U8-U10 teams are between the 2 fields. U11 and higher the teams will be on the curtain side. Since space is tight we ask that teams have their bags lined up neatly and stay off both fields. Pay attention. After a game we ask that teams leave the area immediately and do not leave any garbage such as water bottles, tape, etc. **Please throw away all trash in garbage cans.** Please do not spit on the field. No Gum chewing.

Scoring, and Tie Breakers

- League games are scored 3 points for a win, one point for a tie, and no points for a loss
- Tie breaking to decide group winner in the event of a tie in points - in the following order:
 - o Goal Differential – A MAXIMUM OF 4 either on the plus or negative side.
 - o Least Goals Allowed
 - o Penalty Kicks – Best of 3 Penalties followed by sudden death – cannot repeat any players

CAUTION AND/OR EJECTION

All coaches must keep "coaching from the sidelines" to a minimum. If persistent infractions occur, the referee may stop the game and warn or caution the offending coach. Harassment of players by a coach or parent will not be allowed. All coaches and substitutes must remain within the designated bench area during play.

A player and/or a coach who has been ejected from a match shall not take any further part in that match, and shall also be prohibited from participating in the next following game played by that team. Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for the actions of their parents and families. Let's set a good example!

Our League Director also reserves the right to expel a player, parent or Coach from league play for gross violations of the laws of the game, the House, Rules, or damage to Ho Chunk Soccer property

FORFEITS

In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded three points for the win. The victory will be recorded as a 4-0 score. No team having a forfeit loss may advance to the next round. Any team having a forfeit loss may be denied entry to future Winter Classic Tournaments.

TEAM ROSTERS

Maximum roster size for U8-U10: 14 and U11-U12: 16 and U13 and above is 18.

The Maximum roster size is common sense as coaches want to be able to manage their players and play time. If a team goes over the maximum roster size we will not punish them but we do not recommend it.

Players can only be on one team in an age division. A player can be on a roster in a different age group as well but must be with the same club. A player cannot play in multiple age groups with different club teams. The Player MUST be listed on all rosters he might play with at time of team. To avoid any negative situations please be sure players are all rosters within the club that they will play with or potentially play with. Clubs may add players to their roster as long as it is before the weekly deadline of Thursday at 12PM (noon) before the Saturday games.

TOURNAMENT & LEAGUE FLOW

As you may have ascertained from reading the tournament rules to this point, it is the intent of the Tournament Committee to keep this tournament on schedule. This is a self-adjusting factor that all games will be ended no later than the starting time of the next scheduled game. Know it in advance, appreciate it in advance, and understand it in advance. Any time lost during a particular match, for whatever reason, will be at the time expense of that match, and not those that follow. Also, be advised that the Tournament Committee has instructed all referees to deal with any intentional delay of game according to USSF rules. Please let this rule keep us on schedule as intended, and be aware that abusers are subject to the consequences.

AUTHORITY

Decisions of the Tournament Committee are final, and the Tournament Committee shall have the authority to make any decision to ensure a successful tournament. The Tournament Committee and the Midwest Wings Soccer Club shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or individual if the tournament is delayed or canceled in whole or in part.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Remember, this tournament is for the encouragement of fair play, good sportsmanship and the development of superior soccer skills. We ask that all coaches, players and parents keep this in mind during their matches as well as those matches at which they may be spectators. We would especially ask that you:

- A. Maintain respect for the referee and other officials; they are in control of the game, not you.
- B. Remember that running up a score against a weaker opponent serves no purpose. A goal differential of higher than four still counts only as four in the tie-breaker tabulations.
- C. Act as you would wish others to act when visiting your tournament.