

2007 SSAF U14 BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENT - RULES

The rules of FIFA soccer applies to this tournament. The only difference is that we are not playing on a regulation field and we only have 7 players and 1 goalie (8 total).

1. **Coaches:** Two are permitted
2. **Players:** 7 on the field plus 1 goalie (8 total). Maximum of 12 players on the roster. At least 6 players and a goalie (7 total) are needed to start/ play a game. All should wear shin pads
3. **Ball Size:** Size 5
4. All games will be centrally timed and start at the sound of the horn. Teams have 2 minutes to show up after the horn. Failure to do so will result in a loss. The air horn will signal the end of the half and will sound again to signal the beginning of the second half. Three sounds of the air horn will signify the end of the game.
5. **Playing Time:** Each game time slot lasts for 25 minutes with the following breakdown:
 - 3 min. - Time for teams to get on the field with a brief warm-up
 - 10 min. - Game Play - First half
 - 2 min. - Halftime break
 - 10 min - Game Play - Second half
6. **Throw-ins:** One warning will be given for Foul throw-ins
7. **Free Kicks:** Are all indirect and opposing players must be at least 5 yards from the ball.
8. **Penalty Kicks:** Are awarded and taken according to regular FIFA rules
9. Goalkeeper may not drop kick the ball (must throw it within seven seconds after possessing it).
10. Goal kicks (from the ground) can either be taken by the goalkeeper or a defensive player. It must be taken within 5 yards of the goal.
11. **Pass backs** to keepers are allowed.
12. **Cards:** Yellow card and Red cards are in full affect. A player who receives a red card will be kicked out of the current game and shall not be allowed to play in the subsequent game. An accumulation of 2 yellow cards in a game will result in expulsion from the current game and the subsequent game.
13. **Time Outs:** There will be no time outs.
14. **Injury time:** We cannot have any injury time due to time constraints.
15. **Substitutions:** Can only be done during a goal kick, throw-ins and half time.
16. **Offside:** There will be no offside...but Cherry picking will be called: a player may advance past the defending team as the ball is being advanced by his or her own team. A player will be called for "Cherry picking" if he/she is found standing past the defending team when the ball is not being advanced by their own team.
17. **Play-off rounds:** teams will be seeded according to their results from the round robin play and the top 2 teams from each division will be placed into a single elimination bracket tournament. Timing for games will be the same as it was for Round Robin Games. If a tie results after regulation time, the teams will then play 5 minutes of overtime (golden goal). If after the 5 minutes of overtime is up and there is still no winner, we will then go to penalty shoot outs. ****For the first round of the play-offs, we may have to by-pass the 5 minutes of over-time and head straight to the penalty shoot-out if we are short for time.**
18. **Shoot-outs:** Only players that were currently on the field will be allowed to start the shoot-outs. 5 players from each team will be picked from the field to start the shoot-out. All 5 players will have a chance to shoot on goal and after 5 players from each team have gone through, the team with the most goals win. If after the 5 players from each team have gone through and a winner has not been decided, it will go into sudden death. Goalies can be used as penalty kickers. A team must go through all players that were currently on the field before going to the players that were sitting on the bench at the end of the game.
19. GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS...AND HAVE **FUN!!!**