

Dallas Park and Recreation Department
Youth Soccer Rules
2012-2013



Age Determining as of

Soccer (Boys and Girls)

Sept. 1 of Current School Year

Rules and Regulations

6U

- Play four 10minute halves
- No Penalty kicks will be awarded
- Player will have opportunity to correct throw ins
- Ball size: Youth #3
- Will play 5vs 5, one will be a goal keeper
- Offside will not be awarded
- Substitutions will be allowed at player injury, referee's discretion and between halves
- Standings will not be kept
- 12 players on the roster
- One referee per match

8U

- Play four 12 minute halves
- Ball size: Youth #3
- Will play 7vs 7, one will be a goalkeeper
- Offside will not be awarded
- No penalty kicks will be awarded
- Ball will change possession due to a throw in violation
- Substitutions will be allowed at player injury, referee's discretion and between halves
- 12 players per roster
- One referee per match
- Standings will not be kept

10U

- Play Two 25 minute halves
- Overtime only in playoffs, Two 10 minute halves
- Offside will be kept, Penalty kicks will be awarded
- Will play 9vs 9, one will be a goalkeeper
- Ball size: Youth #4
- Roster size is 12 players
- Standings and placements will be kept

12U

- Play Two 30 minute halves
- Overtime only in playoffs, Two 10 minute halves
- Offside will be kept, Penalty kicks will be awarded
- Ball size: Youth #4
- Roster size will be 18 players
- Will play 12vs 12, one will be goal keeper
- One referee and two assistant referee's per game

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Uniform regulations and exceptions are as follows:

- A. The uniforms will consist of a numbered jersey, shorts, socks, shoes, and regulation shin guards.
- B. Uniforms are mandatory by the second league game in which a player participates.
- C. There will be no jeans or cutoffs, no street shoes, no hats and no jewelry. The following exceptions are noted:

Goalkeepers may wear goalkeeper gloves, goalkeeper hats and sweats at any time. Knee pads, elbow pads, and sweat bands are permissible. Sweat or warm-up suits may be worn in cold weather provided the player's jersey is worn on the outside. No player may play in any type of cast unless approved by the referee. **It is mandatory that players wear numbers, ranging in size from four (4) to eight (8) inches on their jerseys and each player must have different number (no taped or hand-written numbers will be allowed).**

Player equipment - Consists of a shirt, shorts, socks, shoes and shin guards. Goalkeepers must wear colors, which distinguish them from players of both teams.

start of play - A coin flip decides which end to attack. Each team must stay on its own half of the field and defending players must be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked.

After a goal is scored, the team scored upon will kick off. After half time the teams change ends and the team takes the kickoff that did not kick off to start the game.

Ball in and out of play- the ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air, or when the referee has stopped the game.

Method of scoring - A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the cross bar.

A player is in an offside position if he is nearer to his opponents ' goal line than the ball, unless (a) he is in his own half of the field of play, or (b) there are at least two of his opponents nearer their own goal line than he is.

A player will only be declared offside and penalized for being in an offside position, if at the moment the ball touches, or is played by, one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee (a) interfering with a play or with an opponent or (b) gaining an advantage by being in that position
Trophies will be awarded to first and second place teams of each division in each age group, with the exception of U5, U6 and U8 where standings will not be Substitution Rules:

STANDINGS AND TROPHIES

League standings will be determined by the following point system:

Win	3 points
Tie	1 point
Loss	0 points
Forfeit	3 points for the other team

Points are cumulative through one season.

GAME FORFEITURE

The following constitutes a game forfeiture:

- A. Fielding an ineligible player.
- B. A suspended coach appearing at the game to coach the team.