

# SGAA U10 Soccer Rules

**Field size:** Length: 70 yards Width: 50 yards

**Ball Size:** #4

**Maximum Number of players on a team:** 14

**Number of Players on the field:** 8 (including goalie)

**Minimum Number of Players:** 4

**Game time:** 2 – 25 minutes halves

10 minute break at halftime

1. Offside will be called in this league. (NFHS Rule #11)
2. No slide tackles.
3. Fouls and Misconduct. (NFHS Rule #12)
4. Intentional delay of game: This is considered to be unsportsmanlike conduct. (Example: A team continually ensures that the ball goes out of bounds in order to waste time and prevent the opposing team from scoring. This will be a judgment call on the part of the referee.) Either a direct or indirect kick will be awarded to the opposing team if the referee calls a team for this offense.
5. Substitution procedures. (NFHS Rule #3)
6. Minimum number of players: If a team, after game has started, drops to less than 4 players then the game will be halted and whichever team is in the lead will be declared the winner; if a tie – then it will go down as a tie. Because of lack of players a game ends in a tie then Rule #7 does not apply. If this affects end of season standings then rule #8 applies.
7. Tie games: If a game ends in a tie then another 5 minutes will be played. The kickoff team will be decided by a coin toss. The first team to score is considered the winner; game is over. If after 5 minutes of play the score is still tied then a kickoff will be done. Each team will chose 5 players, to begin with. Referee will choose the goal. The opposing team will place their goalie in position. If after 5 kicks per team the score is still tied then the kickoff will continue. All available players must kick first before a player gets a second kick. If after 3 rounds the score is still tied then it will be a tie game and only if it affects the first place season standing will there be a playoff game. This will be done at the end of the season and before tournament begins.
8. Season standings ties: If it is a tie for first place then a playoff game will be played. This will be done prior to any tournament game. Other ties will be decided by a coin toss.
9. Players can get yellow or red carded by the referee only. Players will start fresh each game. If a referee red cards a player then they are removed from the game and cannot come back in.

Please ensure players drink only water or sports drinks during game. This is to avoid dehydration and becoming sick. If necessary to eat during the game, please have the parent(s) or snack person provide fruit such as orange slices. Snacks and other types of drinks can be provided at the end of the game.