

STATESBORO – BULLOCH COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Youth Soccer Rules and Regulations U-06 & U-08 AGE DIVISIONS

Lack of knowledge of these rules will not relieve any coach, parent, spectator or player of a team participating in the youth soccer program from the responsibilities and possible penalties herein. All coaches, parents, spectators and players, by there participating in SBCPRD soccer program, agree that they are bound by these rules.

The Under-06 and Under-08 Age Divisions are designed as instructional programs offered for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 7. These divisions allow players more time with the coach and energetic workouts due to playing both offense and defense. Players also remain actively involved for a longer period of time.

Section I – Administration

- A. The Statesboro – Bulloch Parks and Recreation Department (SBCPRD) follows the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Youth Soccer Association (GYSA), United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) with exception to the modifications found within the SBCPRD Rules and Regulations.
- B. Age Divisions – Age control date for all Age Divisions is August 1 of the current year
 - 1. U-06 Age Division includes players 4 and 5 years of age (co-ed)
 - 2. U-08 Age Division includes players 6 and 7 year of age (co-ed)
 - 3. U-10 Age Division includes players 8 and 9 years of age
 - a. If enough female players are registered in this Age Division a separate Girls U-10 League may be created.
 - 4. U-12 Age Division includes players 10 and 11 years of age
 - a. If enough female players are registered in this Age Division a separate Girls U-12 League may be created.
 - 5. U-14 Age Division includes players 12 and 13 years of age
 - a. If enough female players are registered in this Age Division a separate Girls U-14 League may be created.
 - 6. Older Age Divisions established based on number of participants
- C. Player Evaluations – All players in the U-08 and older Age Divisions must attend the published Player Evaluations prior to being assigned to a team.
- D. Team Assignments - All registered players will be assigned to a team.
 - 1. U-06 and U-08 Age Division will be assigned by SBCPRD Soccer Staff
 - 2. U-10 and older Age Division will be drafted by team coaches
- E. Team meetings, practices and games
 - 1. Teams may not meet more than 3 times per week (2 practice and 1 game or 2 games and 1 practice)
 - 2. Practices will be scheduled by SBCPRD. Coaches may schedule additional practices by contacting their area supervisor
 - 3. Games will be scheduled by SBCPRD. Any game conflicts must be resolved through SBCPRD. Coaches shall not change game times or locations at any time.

Section II – Sportsmanship

- A. Any coach or spectator acting in an unsportsmanlike manner or in any way that could prove detrimental to the league, players, spectators and/or coaches will be subject to disciplinary action by the SBCPRD and will be asked to leave the facility.
- B. At no time will the use of any tobacco product be allowed on the premises of any SBCPRD facility.

Section III – Coaches Responsibilities

- A. Only certified coaches designated by the SBCPRD will be allowed in the team technical area. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all substitutes and assistants remain at least one (1) yard from the touchline and in the team technical area.
- B. Injuries – Coaches must notify the SBCPRD of any injury to a player whether it happened during a practice or game.
- C. Player Discipline – If a player does not play for disciplinary reasons, it is the responsibility of the coach to notify the Athletic Supervisor prior to the game, and then at the game the coach must notify the field supervisor, opposing coach and game official.

Section IV – Playing Rules

LAW #1: THE FIELD OF PLAY

- A. Outer Dimensions (Yards)

Age Group	(L x W)
U-06	30 x 20
U-08	40 x 35
- B. Inside Dimensions (Yards)

Age Group	Penalty Area	Goal Area (L x W)	Penalty Kick Mark
U-06	None	None	None
U-08	None	10 x 3	None
- C. Center Circle Radius (Yards)

Age Group	Circle Radius
U-06	4 yards
U-08	4 yards
- D. Goal Dimensions

Age Group	Inside Width	Inside Height
U-06	2 yards (approx.)	4 feet (approx.)
U-08	4 yards (approx.)	6 feet (approx.)
- E. No one (spectators or participants) shall be allowed behind the end lines during the course of a game.
 1. The referee shall halt the game, if necessary, to enforce this rule.
 2. Further action by the referee shall be considered, if necessary, under provisions of Law #5 and Law #12.
- F. A technical area, as defined in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game, may be marked in the area designated by the SBCPRD for players' seating, unless such marking is not feasible due to the layout or arrangements of the particular field.

LAW #2: THE BALL

- A. U-06 and U-08 shall use a #3 ball.

LAW #3: SECTION A - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. The following shall be the number of players for each age division to take part in a match, the minimum required to begin a match, and the minimum required to continue a match once started:

	U-08	U-06
Maximum number on the field	6	3
To Start Match	4	3
To Finish Match	4	3

- B.** Only players listed on the official team roster may participate in a league match, unless use of additional players is required to meet minimum number of players required. In this case the field supervisor must be notified prior to beginning play.

LAW #3: SECTION B - SUBSTITUTIONS

- A.** Players being substituted must exit the field of play prior to players coming on the field.
- B.** All players shall leave and enter the field at the middle of the field.
- C.** Recreation: It is recommended that each player should play a minimum of half of each half of each match, if he/she meets practice participation requirements set by SBCPRD.
- D.** U-06 and U-08: Half of each half is the mandated playing minimum per player. It is recommended that whenever possible all players should play three-fourths of each game, unless the player is unwilling or unable.
- E.** It is the responsibility of the team coach to assure that the substitution rules are carried out.
- F.** No player shall leave the field of play prior to the expiration of the game without the consent of the referee.

***If any player does not play for disciplinary reasons or if she or he is unwilling or unable to play half of a match, it is the responsibility of the coach to notify the field supervisor. Coaches not playing their players the required time will receive:

- 1st offense: Verbal warning
- 2nd offence: Written warning
- 3rd offence: Suspension of coaching duties

***Any confirmed violations may result in immediate dismissal.

LAW #3: SECTION C - SUBSTITUTION TIMES (U-06 & U-08)

- A.** Substitutions may be made at the following times:
1. After a goal is scored
 2. During a throw-in for either team (at the referees discretion)
 3. Before a goal kick
 4. When play is stopped for an injury
 5. At half-time
- B.** At the following times substitutions are mandatory:
1. After the first quarter of play; and
 2. After the third quarter of play
- C.** At mandatory substitution time, all players on the bench must be substituted, unless injured or listed as ineligible on the team roster presented to the referee prior to the start of the match.
- F.** If this comes to the referee's attention during a match, he shall make a record of it on the game report, notify each coach, and then see that the match continues and is completed.
- G.** U-06: There is no goalkeeper and all players will be field players.
- H.** U-08: A goalkeeper will be used and it is recommended that the players be rotated equally so that every player plays the field and goalkeeper.

LAW #4: PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

- A.** All players should be in the uniform issued by the SBCPRD (jersey, shorts, and socks).
1. A player not in uniform may participate, but should wear a shirt that distinguishes him/her from the opposing team.

- B. The goalkeeper shall wear a shirt of a different color from his teammates, the referee, and his opponents, and does not require a number.
- C. U-08 and younger age groups shall wear only molded cleats or tennis shoes.
- D. Players shall not play with a cast.
- E. All players must wear shin guards covered with socks.
- F. Shinguards must be a commercially manufactured product specifically designed for the purpose.
- G. Homemade products such as newspapers or bandages will not be allowed.
- H. Players may not participate with improper equipment.

LAW #5: REFEREES

- A. In the event a referee is not present at a SBCPRD match, the coach of each participating team shall each referee one-half of the game, the halves to be selected by mutual consent or by a third person agreed upon by both coaches.
- B. In any event, the game must be played.
- C. In any games whose outcome is protested by one of the coaches of the participating teams; the referee will see that the entire game is played and then submit a report to the league.

LAW #6: ASSISTANT REFEREES – Will not be used for U-6 and U-8 matches

LAW #7: DURATION OF THE GAME -- Length of Games, Overtime Periods, and Ball Specifications

- A. The length of games, ball size, ball-weight, ball dimensions, and match tie breaking rules for each age group shall be as follows:

Age Group	Length of Games	Overtime Periods	Ball Size	Ball Cir.	Ball Weight
U-08	4 x 10 min qtrs.	Two 5-min. halves	#3	23-24	11-12 oz.
U-06	4 x 8 min qtrs.	N/A	#3	23-24	11-12oz.

- B. U-06 & U-08 shall have a 2-minute interval between quarters and a 5-minute half-time interval.

LAW #8: THE START OF PLAY

- A. Each team shall be represented at the field of play by a coach or assistant coach or a parent appointed in his/her place for the duration of the game.
- B. The field supervisor shall make the final decision, at the field of play, as to whether or not to begin the match, based upon his/her judgment of the condition of the field of play, the weather, or any other factor he considers pertinent.
- C. U-06: The opponents must be three (4) yards from the center mark while a kick-off is in progress.
- D. U-08: The opponents must be six (4) yards from the center mark while a kick-off is in progress.

LAW #9: BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

- it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line, whether on the ground or in the air;

- Play has been stopped by the referee

LAW #10: METHOD OF SCORING

- A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Laws of the Game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

LAW #11: OFFSIDE -- No Offsides in U-6 and U-8 age divisions

LAW #12: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- A. The game official will explain ALL infractions to the offending player.
- B. U-08 - Harassing the Goalkeeper: When the goalkeeper has taken possession of the ball within his own penalty area, opposing players are required to move away and to the side so as not to interfere with the goalkeeper putting the ball into play.
- C. U-08 - Opposing players shall not play or touch the ball until it has left the goal area.
PENALTY: For any infringement of this modification an indirect free kick shall be awarded at the spot of the infringement given the overriding provisions of Law XIII.
- D. U-08 - Pass-back to the Goalkeeper: A goalkeeper shall be penalized for handling the ball intentionally passed to him from the feet of a teammate.

LAW #13: FREE KICK -- (Direct and Indirect)

- A. All free kicks will be direct.
- B. Opponents shall remain four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.
- C. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within 3 yards of the defenders' goal.

LAW #14: PENALTY KICK

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during games.

LAW #15: THROW IN / KICK IN

- A. U-06: A kick-in shall be used from the spot where the ball crossed the touchline, kick-in is considered a direct free kick with the opponents (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.
- B. U-08: A second throw-in must be allowed if the player makes an improper throw-in on the initial attempt. The second throw-in takes place after the game official explains the proper method.

LAW #16: GOAL KICK

- A. U-06 and U-08: The kick may be taken within three (3) yards from the goal line and the opponents must be four (4) yards away from the ball.

LAW #17: CORNER KICK

- A. Opponents must be four (4) yards away from the ball.