

# Crown Sports Center

## Youth Soccer Rules

### Outdoor Leagues

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#### Player Eligibility

- \*Age divisions are determined by a player's age as of August 1, 2010.
- \*Players may participate in an older group. A player is only eligible to play up one age division. If a player is playing on a premier team they cannot play in a lower age and lower level of play, they are allowed to play up a division. The same would apply for any intermediate players – they are unable to play in the recreation level of same age division. For example, a player playing U14 Premier cannot play U12 Intermediate. A player can play U14 Premier and U12 Premier. A player can play U12 Premier and U14 Intermediate.
- \*Roster must be submitted prior to the first game of all leagues. Before the start of the team's second game, roster will be frozen. Coaches should take this into consideration when submitting rosters. Players may not drop from one roster and add to another roster in the same division at any time.
- \*Roster will need to be signed by coach, player and player's parent or legal guardian. The roster will have coaches, player and parent code of conduct on back. Please make sure you read and understand.
- \*The suggested max roster size for all outdoor teams is 15 players.
- \*All teams in the intermediate and premier divisions must have numbers on their jerseys and be coordinated on the roster that is turned in.
- \*All players in divisions U8 and above are required to have an active Crown Player Id Card. Cards are \$10 and good for one year. Extra cards or replacement cards are \$5 during the active year.**

#### Scheduling

- \*Teams having special scheduling requests must submit a Crown Sports Center schedule request form at least one week prior to the starting date of the season. All requests will be reviewed but not guaranteed to be granted. Any requests received after the schedules have been made will more than likely be denied.
- \*Make-up times, dates, and fields are at the discretion of Crown Sports Center. Make-up games may be scheduled on weekday evenings, weekdays in which school is not in session, or teams may be scheduled two games on any given Saturday or Sunday. Please keep in mind you might have to play a make-up game without your entire roster available for the game.
- \*Schedule changes after the season starts will not be guaranteed. If a situation arises that you need to change a scheduled game you must call and email Louie by 5:00pm on Wednesday of that week. Any rescheduling after Wednesday at 5:00pm will result in a \$25 fee assessed to the rescheduling team. **This is not an invitation to change your schedule weekly.**

\*Teams that forfeit a game will be assessed a fee equal to the cost of the referees scheduled for the game (the forfeiting team will pay for both team's referee fees). This fee must be paid to Crown Sports Center before the team's next scheduled game. Any team forfeiting a game or games may be denied admittance to future sessions at Crown Sports Center.

### **Coaches on the field**

\*Coaches will be on the field in the U6 league only. In these leagues the coaches will also serve as the game officials. There will be no official fee in U6.

**\*Only two (2) coaches per team on the sideline**

Team Area shall be restricted to coaches and players only.

Spectator area will be on the opposite of the team area. Spectators shall be 2 yards off the sideline.

No one shall be permitted directly behind the goal or within 4 yards on the goal line.

### **Equipment**

\*Home team shall provide the game ball. U6 – Size 3, U8-U12 Size 4, U14-U18 Size 5.

\*All playing member of a team (except keeper must have shirts of the same color and design. In case of two teams having the same color uniforms, the visiting team will wear pennies. Pennies will be supplied by Crown Sports Center. Goalkeepers must wear a different color than that of either team.

\*Shin guards are required for all players in leagues of U18 and younger. Players wearing a hard cast will be permitted to play if adequately padded, approved by the official/Crown Staff member.

\*No Jewelry or hats may be worn during a game. Earrings should be taped if you do not take them out.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

\*In case of inclement weather cancellation information will be listed on our website [www.CrownSportsCenter.com](http://www.CrownSportsCenter.com). Crown Sports Center will attempt to make all cancellation 2 hours prior to game time. If there is doubt, only coaches should call 410-742-600 ext. 114. The Crown Sports Center cancellation line is 410-742-6000 ext. 111. Please listen to the complete message.

**All teams are guaranteed their set number of games per season under all normal circumstances. Crown Sports Center will do everything in their power to make sure games postponed due to weather are rescheduled. In the case of extreme weather, and game cannot be rescheduled, Crown Sports Center reserves the right to terminate the game without refund.**

### **Protests**

\*Crown Sports Center will not consider protests related to judgment calls of officials or application of rules. Any suspected misapplication of rules may be brought to the attention of Crown Sports Center.

\*Protests concerning player eligibility must be made to game officials and/or Crown Staff member prior to the completion of that game. The Crown staff member may require protested player and coach to provide identification of player in question. Refusal to comply with this request shall result in immediate forfeit of the game. All protests must be submitted in writing to Crown Sports Center within 24 Hours of the date of the game. Coaches of protested players must provide proof of age to the director within 7 days after notification of such protest.

### **Suspensions**

\*Crown Sports Center shall have the authority to impose suspension for any of the following reasons:

-Unsportsmanlike conduct which cause any player or coach to be ejected from a game. That player or coach will also not be permitted to participate in the team's next game. Players or coaches issued a red card after any game will be suspended from that team's next game or games. In addition the suspended player and/or coach must meet with the director prior to being reinstated. Players on more than one team, and coaches that coach more than one team, that receive a red card will also serve a suspension from those games as well.

-Any verbal or physical abuse directed towards officials, opponents, opposing coaches or Crown Staff members during or before and after game will not be tolerated. If there is any physical contact or verbal threats against an official or staff member, the offender will be subject to an automatic suspension for the season or longer. Crown Sports Center officials may extend a suspension for up to three years.

-Spectators are considered an extension of the team, but may not enter the field of play. Coaches will be held responsible for the actions of their spectators. Spectators who enter the field before, during or after a game are subject to a suspension or removal from grounds and may result in disciplinary action against the team. Harassment and unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators will not be tolerated. Crown Sports Center officials may take disciplinary action against teams for the conduct of their spectators.

-Crown Sports Center may level suspensions against teams, coaches, or individual players. Such suspensions may be for one game, several games, remainder of the season, or for several season as determined by the Crown Sports Center.

### **First Aid**

\*Crown Sports Center has a limited first aid kit. It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain their own first-aid kit and first-aid given to players. First-Aid is not the responsibility of the officials or any Crown Sports Center Representatives. Ice packs for injuries are available from Crown Sports Center.

### **Playing Rules**

**1.Time:** Games will consist of two twenty-four minute halves. Time is running except in cases of injury or other situations deemed necessary by an official. If time expires after

an awarded penalty kick, that penalty kick will be completed. Game times for tournaments may be different from those listed above.

**2. Time Outs:** NO Timeouts

**3. The home team** will be the first team listed on the schedule.

**4.** There will be **no pre-game coin toss.** The home team will kick-off to start the game. The visitors will kick-off to start the second half. **Teams will switch goals at halftime.**

**5.** All age groups will play **eight players** (seven plus keeper). Team can begin a game with six players. Forfeits will be declared if a team has less than six players to start a game or if the team has less than five players to finish a game.

**6. Substitutions:**

-Prior to a throw-in, on team possession

-Prior to goal kick by either team

-After and Injury by either team

-After a goal by either team

Officials should be notified of a goalkeeper change. Penalty for failure to notify official of keeper substitution is loss of possession. **Guaranteed Substitutions will be awarded when a goal is scored. The game official will raise his left arm to signal the substitution and drop his arm to restart play.** The game will restart with a whistle when substitutions are sufficiently in position.

**7.** Only **one whistle** will be sounded for free kicks or it is a guaranteed substitution situation. Players will have **5 seconds to take the kick** after it is positioned. Failure to take such kick within five seconds results in a free kick for the opposing team.

**8. CARDS**

Blue Card---2 minute "Minor" Penalty-(Blue Card- player serves entire 2 minute penalty and team plays man down for 2 minutes or until a goal is scored) Example-encroachment, persistent fouling/violations, etc.

Yellow Card--5 minute "Major" Penalty – (Yellow Card – player serves 5 minute penalty and team plays man down for 2 minutes or until a goal is scored) Example – dissent, language, rough fouls, etc. Two yellow cards does equal a red card. (see #15) Carded players must serve the entire time of the penalty regardless if a goal is scored.

**9. Game Ejections (Red Card team Man Down for remainder of game)**

**Verbal/Physical abuse towards official, coach, opponent, fan or Crown Sports Center employee. Player or coach will serve a minimum 1 game suspension as decided by Crown Sports Center.**

**10. Penalty Kicks** will be awarded for direct free kick fouls which occur within the penalty area. The keeper must stand with heels on the goal line and may not move until the ball is kicked. The kicker may not kick the ball until the referee signals with a whistle. The kicker may not play the ball a second time until the ball touches the keeper or another player.

**11. Goalkeepers:** After gaining possession (safety first-protect the keeper) of a ball, the goalkeeper must release it within five seconds. If the goalkeeper kicks the ball while he is outside of the penalty area, he may not handle the ball inside the penalty area until it has been touched by an opponent. The goalkeeper may not pick up a ball that has been intentionally passed to him by a teammate off of that teammate's foot. Any goalkeeper infraction results in a free kick (direct) awarded to the opponents at the center spot mark. If there is obstruction or inadvertent charging committed against the goalkeeper, the

referee will award an indirect free kick. Violent or serious foul play against the goalkeeper may result in a two minute penalty or ejection. After the keeper has gained possession the defense must either stand still or take the closest exit out of the box.

**12.** The kick-off must travel **forward**.

**13. Standings** will be based on three points for a win and one point for a tie, and one point subtracted for a forfeit. Scores will be reported by game officials. Ties in standings will be broken by:

- a. head to head play (wins/losses, then goal differential in head to head play) May be different in tournament play.
- b. if tie still exists then total least goals allowed.
- c. if still tied, we will have co-champions.

**14.** Any team forfeiting a game must pay all officials scheduled for that game. This payment must be made directly to Crown Sports Center prior to that team's next game. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all remaining games.

**15. Tournaments:** held at Crown Sports Center will follow these rules except:

- a. length of games will be announced prior to tournament.
- b. there will be no time-outs unless otherwise notified by referee.
- c. all tournament play will be six-a-side (five plus goalkeeper)

**16.** All Crown Sports Center leagues will adhere to special mercy rule if the losing team requests. On any goal differential of 8 or more goals, the trailing team may add an extra field player.

**17.** All teams must have an adult (over 21) on the sideline for all games. Teams cannot have more than 2 coaches in the box at anytime. Spectators are not permitted in the bench area during the game for any reason.

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