

## **SCCYSC U12 Rules (Club-Modified Rules For Under 12)**

2 Licensed Referees are assigned to U-12 GAMES.

**PREPARATION:** Teams should arrive at least 20 minutes before game time. The referee will check equipment for safety. Shoes should be soccer cleats, turf shoes, or tennis shoes. No baseball shoes. No earrings or hard hair barrettes. Socks are outside shin guards, not inside and pulled over the shin guards, shirts are tucked in, and shoelaces are double tied. Home team provides the ball. Visitors call coin toss. Winner chooses the goal they will attack. **START GAME PROMPTLY**

### **THE GAME:**

- No. of Players – 9v9 (8 plus the goalkeeper)
- Ball Size - # 4
- Goal Size – 6.5x18.5 **Pending**
- Field Size – aprox 75x47. **Pending**
- Length of Game - two 30 minute halves. 10 minute Half Break
- Substitutions - Conforms to the laws of the game (no substitution break).
- **New in 2016: On kick off the ball can go in any direction (even backwards)**
- **New in 2016: NO INTENTIONAL HEADERS, if in the opinion of the referee the player intentionally headed the ball an Indirect free kick will be awarded at the spot of the foul**
- Substitutions: Unlimited, can be made when the team is in possession of the ball at a throw in, goal kick, after any goal and half time. Players entering the game should wait at the mid line until the substituted players have left the field and the referee has signaled for that player to enter the game.
- Off sides, Fouls, Throw-ins, Penalty Kicks: conforms to FIFA rules.
- Coaches and players should, at all times, be on the opposite side of the field as the parents and spectators.
- Coaches, parents and spectators are not permitted near the goals.
- Parents and Coaches should stay 3 feet back from the side line. Encourage coaches to observe from midline.

### **COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Remember that this is a Class 4 Recreational Division and NOT a Competition Division.
- Play all eligible players equally
- Require that players and parents maintain a pleasant atmosphere.
- Create a positive experience of team sports for non-athletic players and families - "Participation" not "Wins".

### **End of Game:**

- Help players maintain good sportsmanship--win or lose.
- Watch for gloating or other unkind comments between players after the game.
- Please THANK THE REFEREES and the other team for their time and encourage your players and parents to do the same.
- PLEASE PACK TRASH OUT--EVEN ORGANIC TRASH (orange peels).