



Youth Fall Soccer Program Rules

1. All players must play in each game and playing time must be distributed evenly. Coaches are free to rotate teams within their POD at each session and are encouraged to rotate teams while balancing competitive levels.
2. Our Program models [US YOUTH SOCCER](#) rules of play, with specific rulings as detailed below.
3. Our Fall 2020 COVID-19 Protocols take foremost priority in respect to Coach responsibilities.
4. Coaches can assign rotating captains for every gameday, and either flip a coin or have two opposing captains play a game of “Rock-Paper-Scissors” to determine Home/Away.
5. Game Time:
 - A. **Kindergarten**: Play four, 8-minute quarters with 5-minute halftime
 - B. **1st-2nd**: Play four, 10-minute quarters with 5-minute halftime
 - C. **3rd-4th**: Play two, 25-minute halves with 5-minute halftime
6. Game Play
 - A. **Kindergarten**: 4 players on the field per team (NO Goalie)
 - B. **1st-2nd**: 5 players on field per team (NO Goalie)
 - C. **3rd-4th**: 6 v 6 (5 + 1 Goalie)
7. Officiating:

Coaches are the referees for games.

 - A. **Kindergarten**: we want to emphasize FUN (avoid calling too many fouls, and if a player pushes or collides out of control with another player, there will be a change of possession).
 - B. **1st-2nd**: Coaches can be more disciplined in calling contact and basic rules, but still want to prioritize FUN and facilitate the flow of the game.
 - C. **3rd-4th**: Coaches can be strict with contact and the fundamental rules of play. Off-sides will be called for 3rd-4th games *only*, and indecent play/hand balls will be penalized with direct kicks for 3rd-4th.

We will do throw in's for all leagues.
NO slide tackles for all leagues.
8. Coaches, please make sure that parents and spectators are respectful and sportsman-like.

The referees/coaches have the right to ask spectators to leave the field if they are inappropriate.
You can always call Alex at (970)319-5416 if you need assistance.
9. Parents are expected to abide by our Aspen Recreation Code of Conduct, and referees/coaches can always refer them to the “Effective Parenting in Youth Athletics” resource in the Program Guide.

They can only cheer in a positive manner FOR their team/player, never AGAINST the opponent!
10. If you need assistance with a team, or a situation, please call;
Alex – 970-319-5416
11. Rainout and Weather Hotline (970)544-5834(JUDI)
Rainout decisions will be made by 3:00pm the latest.
12. **Have fun!**