

## 2018 U8 SOCCER RULES

The goal of the Dixon Soccer Club U8 league is to introduce children between the 2011 and 2012 birth years, in the best way possible to the sport of soccer. For most of these players, this may not only be their first time playing soccer, but to sports in general. It may also be their parent's first involvement with soccer. We want to promote the **recreational** aspect of the sport of soccer and make sure all of the people involved with the U8 program (parents, players and coaches) understand the goals we wish to attain.

The following is a list of rules that will be used in order to help facilitate the function of the U8 league.

- 1) All of the players will play at least half of the game. If a player is being disciplined and will not play at least half of the game, please make sure the parents are informed.
- 2) The games will be played in (4) 10 minute quarters with a 5 minute break at the half way point of the game.
- 3) All restarts of the game after a goal or a new quarter, will be done with a kick off from mid field.
- 4) There will be 7 field players total, including the goalie.
- 5) The games will start promptly at the scheduled time.
- 6) For boys, game days will be either Monday or Wednesday and Saturday. For girls, game days will be either Tuesday or Thursday and Saturday.
- 7) All games will be played at Northwest Park. The field #4 north side of the wooden bridge. Field #5 south of the wooden bridge along Parkgreen Dr.
- 8) All of the players will be required to wear the appropriate league uniform for each game (this includes shin guards and any soccer style footwear)The players will not be allowed to play until all of the proper equipment is worn.
- 9) The Saturday 9am start teams are responsible for getting the equipment from the snack bar and setting up the fields.The last teams are responsible for breaking down the field and taking the equipment to the snack bar.
- 10) During the weekday games, each team is responsible for setting up the field and breaking it down.
- 11) Each team is responsible for making sure their sideline is clean after the game.
- 12) The club will provide referees for the games.
- 13) The coaches are responsible for maintaining control of their sidelines. This includes communicating with the parents and making sure celebration or any yelling from the sidelines is controlled.

- 14)** The coaches are responsible for controlling the level of aggressiveness being played on the field. Do not allow the kids to pull, push or shove other players.
- 15)** If one team is dominating the other, the coaches shall take the appropriate measures to prevent the situation from getting out of control (i.e., require more touches prior to taking a shot on goal, rotate players around more frequently, etc.).
- 16)** There will be no score keeping.
- 17)** The referees will have the authority to remove any player(s) from the field if the coach fails to control the level of aggressiveness of their player(s).
- 18)** Coaches shall not argue, challenge, or show any dissent towards the referees. Incidents where coaches fail to maintain control of themselves or their sidelines will be documented and a report will be forwarded to the club PAD committee for review. Disciplinary action from written reprimand up to and including expulsion from the club/league may be assessed.
- 19)** On throw-ins, when a bad throw in is made, the player will be given another opportunity to throw in the ball by teaching them the proper technique.
- 20)** Slide tackling is not allowed.
- 21)** There are no penalty kicks.
- 22)** There are no drop balls.
- 23)** No corner kicks will be allowed.
- 24)** No heading is allowed.
- 25)** On a goal kick situation, the opposing team will need to move to mid field prior to the ball being put into play. The goalie will have the option of rolling the ball out, throwing the ball out, or passing the ball out on the ground. Once the ball is put in play, the opposing team may cross the mid field line.
- 26)** No substitutions are allowed during the quarters unless it is for the replacement of an injured player or the changing of players to help prevent the score from being run up.
- 27)** No jewelry, watches, hair pins or casts shall be worn.
- 28)** Any discrepancies that may come up shall be mediated by the referee, along with input from both coaches.