

Fall 2018 Sawyer Youth Soccer: U-08

Rules:

- 5 players plus a goalie (a total of 6 on the field)
- Size 3 soccer ball
- There are **two 20-minute halves**.
- There is 1 referee.
- There is no "offsides"
- When one team's keeper has possessed the ball with their hands or a team is taking a goal kick, all players on other team must retreat to midfield. The goalkeeper/kicking team is encouraged, but not required to wait until opponent gets behind midfield. Play resumes once throw/kick is taken.
- Head balls are not permitted.
- Keepers can only throw/roll/put ball back on ground and kick (No Punts).
- All restarts from fouls are indirect.
- Two consecutive illegal throw-ins results in loss of possession.
- Each player must play 50% of the game. No compromise here. This is probably the most common issue of complaints. Please figure out a system that works for you on how to keep track.
- Limit of 2 coaches (1 Head Coach and 1 Assistant) on sidelines of games.
- **All coaches on the sideline must have completed the background check.**
- Maximum of 2 coaches on sideline during game.
- No parents/coaches are allowed behind the goals during the game and need to remain on the sideline. Ne exceptions unless a parent is dealing with an injury, but must return to their sideline.
- Although not a rule, a good philosophy (and strongly encouraged) is to let players play different positions so they can learn.

Other Info:

- 2 practices per week for 1 hour each. You can determine the best practice times that works for the team. You should generally expect to share a field with another team for practice. Scrimmages can be arranged between coaches.
- Fields will be available for practice starting on **August 13th**
- Marking lower fields will take place on **August 18th**.
- Games will begin on **August 25th**.
- League results/standing are not kept. Tournament seeding is random draw and scores count then.
- Each team must have a team picture (**scheduled for 9/8 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM and 9/11 for 5:30 PM to 7 PM**). We use these pictures to get sponsorship funding. Players can elect for separate pictures at advertised rates. **CASH/CHECK only operation**.
- In the event of a cancelled game, we will attempt to get the game rescheduled as the calendar permits.
- Parent or parent representative for each child needs to be present (at the field) for all games and practices.