

Churchland Soccer League-Recreation Age Group Rules

U12 RULES

- **Shin guards are REQUIRED for all players during all practices, games, and scrimmages. The guards are to be wholly covered by socks and the referee/facilitator may ask for an equipment adjustment during a game if they feel there is a safety concern.**
- **Slide Tackling is NOT permitted for the NON-Advanced Recreation teams (TASLi teams follow TASLi rules); including, but not limited to, practices, games, or scrimmages.**
 - **During Games**
 - The offending player may be removed from the game for a substitution.
 - The player and coach are cautioned/warned by the referee.
 - The offending player is allowed to re-enter the game at the next allowable substitution.
 - **Coaches are not permitted to teach, promote, or allow slide-tackling.**
- **The League will provide the uniform or direction as to the allowable uniform. Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) is the world-wide governing body for soccer. <http://www.fifa.com/>**

Team Size

These age groups will play 8v8 on the field with a roster size of no more than twice the numbers of players on the field. This allows for equal play among the players.

Practices

Practice for the U12 age group may consist of no more than 2 sessions a week for a maximum of 90 minutes each.

Goalkeepers

Goalkeepers are used in the U12 age group. It is encouraged to rotate the goalkeepers throughout all the players to even out the playing time.

Ball size-Ball size used for games and practice shall be a size 4.

Length of Game- There will be two thirty minute halves with a five-minute period at half time.

Goal/Corner/Penalty Kicks-FIFA Rules-The referee will call all goal/corner/penalty kicks.

Throw-Ins

FIFA Rules- Throw-ins are used for all out-of-bound balls going over the sidelines and are **INDIRECT**.

Instruction during the Game

U12 and older team coaches must ask and receive permission from the referee before entering the field for any reason. Coaches are asked to remain on their team's half of the sideline during play.

Substitutions

FIFA Rules-Substitutions are made at the stoppage times in the game. Permission must be asked to and received from the referee. Players must substitute from the half line of the field. Each player will play at least half the game except in the case of injuries, sickness, ejection, and/or disciplinary action.

Offsides-FIFA Rules-Offsides will be called during the game.

Score-The score at the end of a match is whatever the kids think it is. NO standings are kept.