

**Oshawa N.A.S.C. Soccer - RULES FOR MINI SOCCER
UNDER 8
2013**

Rule #1. All playtime shall be run in accordance with the Rules and By-Laws of the game under the jurisdiction of N.A.S.C. Soccer, unless superseded by the N.A.S.C. Rules for Mini Soccer. **No Stats will be kept for this age group.**

Rule #2. Soccer Cleats are mandatory, as well as, Shin Guards - which must be worn under the socks while on the field. NO casts or helmets are allowed during practice or scrimmage. The list of players and a copy of each player's waiver form must be at all events (this is necessary incase of injury)

Rule #3. All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are strictly prohibited and must be removed. The only exception is a Medic- Alert bracelet/necklace/watch. The chain portion must be taped down in order to secure the medic-alert. The symbol cannot be taped down. Using tape to cover any jewelry (except medic-alert) is not acceptable.

Rule #4. All players classified in the Under 8 will play Mini Soccer (this does not prevent an under 8 player from playing up for/on a 1 age division -older -team for a maximum of three (3) league games.

Rule #5. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is six (6), and maximum number of players per team is twelve (12).

Rule #6. Player groups should be balanced before the start of the scrimmage between the two (2) groups. Each side can have up to 6 players (including a goalkeeper) on the scrimmage field.

Rule #7. A fifteen (15) minute practice stressing kicking properly, passing, dribbling and shooting. A short scrimmage consisting of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves will follow.

Rule #8. All players must be given a balanced amount of playing time during each scrimmage. This is the responsibility of the coach.

Rule #9. Substitution- It is the responsibility of the coach to exchange players fairly and frequently during the scrimmage.

Rule #10. No goals are allowed from kick-off in Mini Soccer. The offside rule does not apply to Mini Soccer.

Rule #11. Kick ins will be used to re-start play.

Rule #12. The field size will be thirty-six (36) metres in length and thirty (30) metres in width.

Rule #13. Goal Size should be 1.52 metres in height by 2.44 metres in length. Goal netting should be securely attached to the frame, proper pegged at base and be in good repair.

Rule #14. The goal area will be rectangular, extending four (4) metres out from the goal line and four (4) metres along the goal line from the centre of the goal on either side.

. The goalkeeper cannot handle the ball outside the four (4) metre goal area.

Rule #16. Any player may re-start play from a goal kick within the four (4) metre goal area.

Rule #17. Penalty shots are to be taken from the six (6) metre line directly in front of the mid-point of the goal.

Rule #18. The referee must explain infractions to the offending players.

Rule #19. Coaches, managers, team officials and parents shall not criticize game officials or each other at any time and shall encourage the same attitude among all players and supporters.

Rule #20. The ball is to be considered "frozen" immediately when the referee, at their discretion, considers that it is "in the possession" of the goalkeeper.

Rule #21 All players must be four (4) metres back during a goal kick.

Rule #22. One coach from each team will be allowed on the field of play to instruct players provided they do not impede or harass the referee or the players. No person will be allowed to stand behind the goal line at any time during the game.

Rule #23. The designated home team is to supply a size four (4) game ball. Each team is to supply one complete goal net and two corner flags.

****** Each U8 Team pays the referee \$9.00 before the start of the game.

Rule #24. Corner flags must be 1.52 metres (5 feet) high and made of plastic/vinyl collapsible material meeting N.A.S.C. approved standards. A streamer or flag must be attached to the top of all corner flags.

Rule #25. Coaches must have nets, corner flags and field set up for practice and scrimmage by the 6:30pm start time.

Rule #26. All spectators are strongly encouraged to sit opposite of the teams at the practice/scrimmage field.