



West Chester Soccer Club



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Instructional Division
Rules & Modifications

Mission:

The instructional division is to learn the game of soccer and have FUN!

- This rule supersedes all others.

We are here to make these kids first experience with soccer an enjoyable one.

- This league is for the KIDS ... not the coaches or parents!
- There will be no scores or standings kept for this division. The main objective is to provide a fun introduction to the game of soccer.

Field of play will measure approximately 50 yards x 30 yards.

Teams will use a size 3 ball, which is to be supplied by the scheduled home team.

Players & Substitutions:

- The instructional game: 6 players vs. 6 players (no goalies)
- Each team should begin play with four players in an offensive position and two playing defense.
- Defensive players should be encouraged to move out toward the midfield as much as possible, even allowing them to cross the half line when they have possession of the ball.
- We want the kids to score goals! Please don't allow the score to become lopsided – it should be fun for all the players on both teams!
- NO GOALIES and coaches and referees will encourage defensive players to move off of the goal circle.
- Coaches may substitute for any player during a dead ball situation, with the consent of the referee.
- Every player must play a minimum of 2 quarters of each game, except in the case of illness or injury. In most cases, it should be very easy to get all the players three quarters of playing time.
- One coach from each team may be on the field during play to assist the kids with positions.
 - Another coach may be positioned off the field - behind the goal also helping position player.

Player Equipment:

- All players must wear shin guards.
- Soccer cleats are recommended but not required at this level.
- Baseball cleats are not permitted due to the toe cleat.
- No player will be allowed to wear jewelry and/or a hard cast.
- No hats can be worn during play.

Referees:

- Each game will be refereed by two (2) WCSC approved referees.
 - The referees will be in charge of all elements of the game and will enforce proper conduct.
- Each referee is to be paid \$10.00 by the scheduled home team.
 - In the event that only one referee is present, he/she will be paid the entire \$20.00.



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Coaches are not permitted to changes the rules in this league at any time.

- Only the Instructional League Commissioner may change the rules!
- Remember, this is also an instructional league for referees!

Compliments are appreciated ... but berating these kids will not be tolerated!

- Think about it being your own kid with an over enthusiastic coach yelling at them - don't do it!

Duration of the Game:

- A game will be made up of four (4) quarters each lasting eight (8) minutes.
- There will be a one (1) minute interval between periods and a five (5) minute break at halftime.
- **Teams will change sides of the field after each quarter. Yes, each quarter!**
- In the event that a game should be cancelled due to inclement weather before halftime, the game will be rescheduled.
 - In the event of a rain reschedule = work with each other and the club scheduler, Marcie (rosenston@fuse.net) to quickly get a date and time.

Start of Play:

- A coin toss will determine choice of goals to defend and first possession.
 - Visiting teams will call the toss with the coin toss winning team will choose the goal to defend and the coin toss losing team will take the kick. To start the game

Ball in & Out of Play:

- The ball is out of play when it crosses the touch line or goal line, or if the referee stops play for any reason. As instructed by the referee, the ball will be put back in play via a throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, or drop ball.
- If a player makes a mistake on a throw-in, they will be allowed a second chance. If the second attempt is unsuccessful, the ball will be turned over to the opposite team.
- If a goal kick is awarded, that kick can be taken from anywhere along the goal circle.

Fouls & Misconduct:

- It is not expected that discipline will be a factor at this level; however, the referees will enforce rules infractions representing rough play and/or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - The referees will address these issues with the coach prior to any disciplinary action.
- All rules infractions will result in an indirect kick.

Rescheduling of Games: (weather or school conflicts)

- If for any reason a game needs to be rescheduled; please contact Marcie at rosenston@fuse.net
- Games cannot be rescheduled without scheduler interaction
- Rescheduling works best when the home and visiting coaches choose a mutually convenient date and contact the Club to arrange for referees.

HAVE FUN, TEACH SOCCER SKILLS, AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!