



## U7 & U8 ECDSL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

- Under 7 & Under 8 players will play in a 5v5 (including keeper) environment.
- No scores or standings are maintained.
- District Festivals involve Club teams from within the district.
- No inter-district play is allowed unless neighboring districts are unable to offer their own Festivals.
- Any team traveling from another district is required to have their district's playing out permission and/ or an approved ATF for each festival they wish to enter.
- Game Leaders or Referees will supervise games.
- No more than 3 games can be played on a festival day, Saturday, or Sunday for a total of 60 minutes playing time.
- Boys and girls can play on the same team. Girls' teams may play against boys' teams only if necessary for scheduling purposes.

### Age U7 / U8 Game Format

5 vs 5 incl' GK's

Maximum Game Day Roster size 10 – players are encouraged to play fair time in all positions.

A Digital Ontario Soccer Roster with photos is required and only registered players who appear on the roster may participate.

Ball Size 3

Maximum Duration for weekly games is 40 minutes total - 2 x 20 minute halves

Maximum Duration for weekend festival games 3 x 20 - minute games with rest time between matches.

Field size 25-30 m wide x 30 – 36m long

Goal Size 5ft / 1.52m x 8ft / 2.44m

Coach Minimum Qualifications: Fundamentals or Learn to Train, Making Headway, MED & Respect in Soccer



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Festival Rules follow the “Fundamentals” Guidelines from the Ontario Soccer Development Outdoor Matrix (Revision Date: Feb 6 2018)

### \*Mini Soccer 5v5 Festival Rules\*

- Retreat Line - Halfway
- All free kicks are indirect.
- After the scoring of a goal the game is restarted at the center.
- When the Goalkeeper has the ball, in his/her hands, or at a goal kick, the opposition players are to retreat to approximately the ½ way line until the ball is touched by another player other than the goalkeeper. See retreat line document.
- To encourage play from the back, the goalkeeper can either throw the ball or pass the ball from the ground. No drop kicks/punts.
- Players, including goalkeepers, can be substituted at any stoppage in the game on the fly.
- When the ball leaves the field of play, along the sideline, the game is restarted by passing or dribbling the ball into play. A goal cannot be scored directly from the ball being passed in.
- When the ball leaves the field of play, along the end line, the game is restarted by a goal kick (no corner kicks).
- For more information, please refer to the Retreat line and Game Leader Presentations
- If one team is short of players please move players from opposing team- game not to be cancelled.
- Completed and signed Game sheets are to be handed to the game Leader/Referee by the Coach/Manager before the start of the game.
- Teams on one side of the field spectators on the other side of the field please.