

DIFFERENCES IN RULES FOR FIRE FC DEVELOPMENTAL SOCCER GAMES

Fall Season 2022

AGE OF PLAYERS	U 4 / U 5	U 6	U 7	U8
BALL SIZE	3	3	3	3
# OF PERIODS	4 Quarters	4 Quarters	4 Quarters	2 Halves
LENGTH OF PERIODS	6 min. (U4)/ 8 min. (U5)	9 minutes	10 minutes	22 minutes
HALF TIME (HT) PERIOD	4 minutes	4 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
BREAK BETWEEN QUARTERS 1&2 - 3&4	2 min.	2 min.	2 min.	N/A
KICK OFFS	Alternate to start quarters. Opponents line up behind 6-yard line.	Alternate to start quarters. Opponents line up behind 6-yard line.	Alternate to start quarters. Opponents line up behind 6-yard line.	Other Team KO 2nd Half. Backward OK.
# OF PLAYERS ON FIELD	3 v 3	3 v 3	4 v 4	4 v4
"POWER PLAY" RULE	U5 Age*-When a team is leading by 4 or more goals, the trailing team may add a player (4v3). When a team is leading by 6 or more goals, the trailing team may add another player (5v3)- *NOT USED FOR U4	When a team is leading by 4 or more goals, the trailing team may add a player (4v3). When a team is leading by 6 or more goals, the trailing team may add another player (5v3)	When a team is leading by 4 or more goals, the trailing team may add a player (5v4). When a team is leading by 6 or more goals, the trailing team may add another player (6v4)	When a team is leading by 4 or more goals, the trailing team may add a player (5v4). When a team is leading by 6 or more goals, the trailing team may add another player (6v4)
SUBSTITUTION OPPORTUNITIES	Any stoppage with Ref's permission	Any stoppage with Ref's permission	Any stoppage with Ref's permission	Any stoppage with Ref's permission
GOALKEEPER?	No	No	No	No
IS HEADING ALLOWED*	No	No	No	No
GOAL KICKS	Ball placed on 3-yard line, Attackers in own half. Ball is in play when it is kicked.			
OFFSIDE PENALIZED?	No	No	No	No
FREE KICKS	IDFK only	IDFK only	IDFK only	IDFK only
REQUIRED DISTANCE OPPONENTS MUST BE FROM A FREE KICK	4 yards	4 yards	4 yards	4 yards
WILL YOU ALLOW A SCORE DIRECTLY FROM A KICK OFF, GOAL KICK OR CORNER KICK?	No, the ball must touch a 2nd player first (IDFK)			
PENALTY KICKS?	No	No	No	No
HEADING ALLOWED? * (See Footnote 1)	No	No	No	No
ALLOW SCORE KICKED FROM DEFENSIVE HALF	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ALLOW REDO'S ON IMPROPER THROW-INS?	During 1st 4 weeks of season	During 1st 4 weeks of season	During 1st 4 weeks of season	During 1st 2 weeks of season

Footnote #1- *If a U10 or younger player intentionally heads the ball, award an IDFK to opponents from spot of foul (or 6-yard line if inside the goal area).

U4-U8 games may be officiated by either one or two team referees. (One from each team is recommended.)

The referee(s) should do a safety inspection of the players' equipment prior to each game. No jewelry is allowed--including all bracelets & ear rings. Tape over piercings is not acceptable; jewelry must be removed