

# South Shore Soccer League

## Rules Modifications for U12 (8v8)

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**The Field:** The field of play shall be rectangular. It is recommended that the length of the field be between 70 and 80 yards long. It is recommended that the width of the field be between 50 and 60 yards wide.

**Markings:** Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide. A halfway line shall be marked across the field. An optional center circle with an eight (8) yard radius. Four optional corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius. A goal area that extends six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. A penalty area that extends fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

**Goals:** Down sized goals should be used. The recommended height shall be six (6) feet high by eighteen (18) feet wide.

**The Ball:** A size four (4) soccer ball shall be used.

**Number of Players:** There shall be eight (8) players one of which will be a goalkeeper on the field. A minimum of five (5) players are needed to start or to continue play. There shall be a maximum of fifteen (15) players on the roster.

**Substitutions:** Substitutions for league competition will be unlimited, and may be made with the consent of the referee by either team **if the substitute is at the halfway line immediately prior to the following times. The player leaving the field will exit at the halfway line and the substitute will enter at the half way line.**

Prior to a throw-ins if the team in possession of the ball substitutes,

Prior to goal kicks,

**Prior to the restart for the beginning of the second half,**

Prior to re-starts after goals, and

Prior to re-starts after an injury stoppage **(A substitute for an injured player need not be standing at the halfway line immediately prior to the injury.)**

**Duration of the Game:** The game shall be two (2) equal halves of thirty (30) minutes each. There shall be a five (5) minute halftime break.

**Start of Play:** Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball on all Free Kicks, Kick-offs or Corner Kicks. On Goal Kicks or Free Kicks taken by the defense within the penalty area, the opponents must be eight (8) yards away or outside the penalty area.

**Offside:** **There shall be off sides.**

**Penalty Kick:** Penalty kicks shall be taken from a mark 12 yards from the goal.