

2011 NORTH GEORGIA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE RULES

1. 2011 Season

- The Jamboree will be Saturday, September 10th.
- Jamboree Hosts: U-6: Chattanooga Valley / U-8 & U-10: Rock Spring / U-12 & U-14: TBA
- Regular season games will begin Monday, September 12th.
- A post-season tournament will be offered to teams who wish to participate around Saturday, November 5th.

2. Age brackets.

- U-6 – 4&5 year olds
- U-8 – 6&7 year olds
- U-10 – 8&9 year olds
- U-12 – 10&11 year olds
- U-14 – 12&13 year olds
- U-16 – 14&15 year olds
- The age control date for eligibility is age prior to August 1st.
- A player may not play down an age group for any reason.
- A player may play up one age group with permission of their association's commissioner.
- A copy of each player's birth certificate should be submitted to his/her association for their records.

3. Rosters.

- Each team must submit a complete roster including player's name, birth date, and jersey number, as well as head coach, assistant coaches, and coaches contact information to their association's commissioner.
- The associations will submit a copy of each roster to the league commissioner prior to the beginning of the season.
- No player may be added to the roster after the beginning of regular season games.
- No player may play for two teams within the league.

4. Schedule.

- Regular season games will be held on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday evenings, and on Saturdays.
- A change in schedule may only be approved with the agreement of the head coaches of both teams involved, the notification of the commissioners of both associations involved, and the league commissioner.
- Makeup or rescheduled games may be held on Friday evening or Sunday afternoon provided ALL of the following conditions are met.
 - Agreement by BOTH head coaches.
 - Agreement by BOTH commissioners of the associations involved.
 - Approval of the league commissioner.
- The association of a team intentionally forfeiting a game without prior notice will be responsible for the referee fees for that game.
 - These fees should be paid to the site of the game that was forfeited.
- Cancellation of games due to inclement weather will be made by the game-site commissioner as necessary.
 - If a cancellation is necessary the game-site commissioner will notify the commissioner of each association that has teams playing at that site on that date.
 - The association commissioners will then contact their coaches.
 - The game-site commissioner is responsible for rescheduling games that have been cancelled due to weather at their site.
 - The head coaches of both teams and commissioners of both associations should be in agreement before a game is rescheduled.
- Games needing to be rescheduled due to outside conflicts should be coordinated in the same manner as above with agreement between both coaches, both commissioners, and the league commissioner.
- Any coach whose team is unable to play a scheduled game should notify all effected parties as early as possible so that arrangements can be made to reschedule.

5. Officials.

- The referees are responsible for enforcing the laws of the game, to make sure the players are properly equipped for the game, keep the official time of the game, and fill out an official report for the game.
- Referees should be professional and respectful in all dealings with coaches, players, spectators, and administrators.
- The official game report will be provided by the game site and will include the game date and time, team names, final score, and cautions/ejections given during the game.
- The jurisdiction of the referee begins 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff and ends when he/she leaves the general vicinity of the playing field.
- All judgment calls of the referee are final and binding and may not be protested.
- Referees fees will be as follows.
 - Small field- one referee \$20 per game
 - Large field- two or three referees \$40 per game to be divided appropriately between the officials.
 - 2 referees \$20 each
 - 3 referees \$20 center referee \$10 each assistant referee
- Referees will be paid per game report submitted.
- Referees will be paid for forfeited games provided they were at the game-site ready to officiate at the schedule kick-off time.
- If all games at a particular site are cancelled due to weather after the referee is on site, the referee will be paid one game fee.
- Referees who are notified of a cancellation prior to arriving at the game-site will not be paid a game fee.
- The referee shall give a 10-minute grace period from the scheduled kick-off before determining the game to be a forfeit.

6. League Standings.

- League standings will be determined by a win, tie, and loss points system.

The following scale will be used to determine the standings.

Win = 3 points

Tie = 1 point

Loss = 0 points

In the event of a tie in points the following will be used as a tie breaker.

Head to head record.

Goals allowed differential.

Shootout.

7. Player equipment.

- Players must be properly equipped to participate in the game.
- This includes age appropriate shin-guards.
- Socks that completely cover the shin-guards.
- Players may not wear jewelry of any kind except religious or medical alert necklaces and bracelets which must be taped down.

8. Gameplay.

- All games will be played according to FIFA laws of the game with the following exceptions:
- Games will be played on fields with smaller dimensions.
- U-6 & U-8 games will be 7vs.7, less than 5 a forfeit.
- U-10 – U14 games will be 8 vs. 8, less than 6 a forfeit.
- U-6 & U-8 games will consist of two, 20- minute halves.
- U-10 – U14 games will consist of two, 25- minute halves.
- All players must play in each half.
- Substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play by the team in possession of the ball and by the opponent of the team in possession provided the team in possession also subs.
- Substitutions may also be made on either team's goal kick or kick-off.
- Substitutions must enter the field from the half-line and must be at the half-line prior to the ball becoming dead.
- Slide tackling will only be allowed in the U-14 age bracket.
- Ball sizes. U6&8 – size 3 U10&12 – size 4 U-14 – size 5
- **Mercy Rule:** The game will be declared over if at the ten (10) minute mark of the second half or any point in the game thereafter a team has an 8 goal or more lead.

9. Conduct.

- All players, coaches, spectators, and officials are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
- Coaches and players must stay at least two yards behind the touch-line during play.
- Coaches may only coach their team from the sidelines between the half-line and the penalty area.
- U-6 teams may have one coach on the field of play outside of the penalty area.
- Players are expected to abide by the laws of the game at all times.
- The laws of the game are to be enforced by the referee.
- Players who persistently or excessively break the laws of the game, or show dissent to the referee's decision are subject to caution or ejection.
- Coaches who display dissent towards the referee's decision are subject to expulsion.
- Questions or comments made between coaches or players and the referee should be done in a calm respectful manner.
- Anyone who has been ejected by a referee must leave the game-site immediately. Failure to do so will result in a summons of law enforcement officials.
- Players who are sent off (shown the red card), or coaches who are dismissed will be suspended from the next game.
- Coaches who are dismissed more than once in the same season are subject to being suspended for the remainder of that season.

10. Spectators.

- Spectators shall stay two yards behind the touch-line on the opposite side of the field from the coaches and players.
- No spectators are allowed in the area directly behind the goals.
- Spectators shall not criticize or show dissent toward the referee's decision.
- Spectators who show dissent toward the referee's decision are subject to expulsion.
- Spectators should encourage members of their team and not criticize or degrade members of the opponent.
- No spectator should enter the field of play at any time except in the case of an injury to a child under their care.

11. Post-Season Tournament.

- The post-season tournament will begin Saturday, November 5th.
- If games are tied at the end of regulation, a full five (5) minute overtime period will be added on to break the tie. If the game is still tied at the end of the overtime period, the penalty kick system will be used to break the tie.

12. Remember.

- The North Georgia Youth Soccer League is for the recreation and enjoyment of the players, coaches, and fans.
- The intention is to teach the kids the game of soccer and give them the opportunity to compete in a safe, secure, friendly atmosphere.
- All coaches, officials, administrators, game officials, and spectators should set the example for the kids.
- They will do as we do!