

SISL 2017 LEAGUE RULES

Sportsmanship

- Good sportsmanship should be practiced and encouraged at all times.
- Foul language and deliberate acts of bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- Grievances should be discussed with the League President. A player will receive a warning for the first offense, and will be removed from the league if the bad behavior continues.

Player Participation

- Every player should play at least half of every game.
- Substitutions may be made during any stoppage of play.

League Standings

- No league standings are maintained. Emphasis is placed on developing soccer skills and making it fun for all involved.
- Running up the score is discouraged.

Number of Players

- The maximum number of players on the field at any one time:

PeeWee	4 v 4
U7/U8	4 v 4
U9/U10/U11	8 v 8
U12/U13/U15	11 v 11
U16/U19	11 v 11
- All games should be played with even sides. If a team is short players, both teams will play short sided.

Equipment

- Shin-guards are mandatory.
- Tennis shoes or soft cleated soccer shoes may be worn.
- Ball Sizes: PeeWee, U7, U8 – 3, U9 through U11 – 4, U13 through U19 – 5.
- Uniform as handed out (jersey and black shorts) are the uniform you must wear in order to play. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Black or White socks must be worn to play
- **All jewelry must be removed prior to play. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- No hard plastic or metal hair accessories.

Duration of Game

- 4 v 4 games (4) 8 minute quarters
- 8 v 8 games (4) 15 minute quarters
- 11 v 11 games (2) 30 min. halves
- Co-Ed (2) 35 min. halves

Game Times

- Players should arrive 15 minutes before their designated times so that there is ample time for warm-up and practice prior to the game.
- Soccer played at Landis fields begins at 6:00 and end promptly at 7:30.
- Soccer at all other fields are from 6:15 to 7:45.
- Co-Ed games to start promptly at 6:30.
- PeeWee games are Saturday morning from 9:30 – 11:00. There is only one session due to player numbers.

Bad Weather Policy

- Clear all fields to the protection of a vehicle in the event of lightening
- If the fields are deemed unplayable, a League Official will leave notification on the league website, www.soudertonareasoccer.com, voicemail 215-721-7475, and/or posting to the league Facebook page. This means EVERYONE STAY OFF THE FIELDS – PERIOD.
- Any game can be canceled due to inclement weather upon agreement by the opposing coaches. It is the coach's responsibility to contact his/her players.
- There are **NO** make up games.

Start of Play

- Opponent must remain outside of the center circle until ball is touched by team with the ball.
- All jewelry must be removed prior to play.

Ball In and Out of Play

- Kick-in for PeeWee
- Throw-in for all other age brackets
- Corner kicks in all leagues

Off-Sides

- Off sides shall be enforced in U9/U10 – CoEd
 - Not in PeeWee and U7/ U8

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Substitutions

- In all matches, substitutions will be allowed as follows:
 - Substitutions will be unlimited.
 - Substitutions can be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:
 - Prior to any throw in
 - Prior to any goal kick
 - After any goal
 - Half-time

Fouls and Misconduct

- PeeWee thru U9/U10/U11 = All fouls shall result in an indirect kick. No penalty kicks
- U12/U13/U14/U15 = Fouls may be direct or indirect depending on the infraction. No penalty kicks
- U16/U19 = Fouls may be direct or indirect depending on the infraction. Fouls within the box shall result in a penalty kick.
- The ref/coach must explain all infractions to the offending player
- Contact is unavoidable when playing the ball. Deliberate pushing and obstruction should be discouraged. **SLIDE TACKLING is NOT ALLOWED** and will result in a red card and EJECTION from the game. A 2nd red card issued will result in removal from the league for the rest of the season.
- **Concussion Initiative-** Deliberate heading is not allowed in PeeWee,U7/U8,U9/U10/U11 games If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.
- **Build out Line**
U9/U10/U11 Fields will use the Build out Line.

Referee

- All games played using 2016/2017 FIFA rules except as modified by rules below
- PeeWee thru U11 = Coaches should be on the field acting as referees.
- U12/U13/U14/U15 = Referees shall be provided. However, in the event that a referee should not be available, coaches or

volunteer parents shall act as referees for that game.

- U16/U19 = Referees shall be provided. However, in the event that a referee should not be available, coaches or volunteer parents shall act as referees for that game.

Referee (cont.)

- Players, coaches and fans should treat all referees with respect.
- The referee's decisions are Final. DO NOT Argue or challenge calls on the field. This only sets a bad example for both parents and players. If you feel discussion is necessary, TALK (not argue) with the referee between quarters or at the end of the game.
- U16/U19 = Field players (excluding goaltender) must consist of a maximum of 7 male players and a minimum of 3 female players. The goalie can be male or female however this does not count into the 7 boys and 3 girls. The league is Co-Ed and NOT a Boys League.
- Referees will have the authority to remove coaches, players or parents that are being a disruption to the game.