

U8 Guidelines

Downey KO Tournament

ELIGIBILITY

Each team participating must submit a completed Team Roster, in player jersey number order, signed by the Regional Commissioner. Incomplete rosters will not be accepted.

The Head Coach of any registering team must be age-appropriately trained to be eligible to participate in the League. The Coach and Assistant Coach must be Safe Haven certified and be identified on the team roster form. There must be a Coach and an Assistant Coach listed.

SCORING

All U8 Tournament matches are 'Friendly'. No scores will be posted.

PROTESTS

There are no protests as the matches are 'Friendly'.

RULES

- Match Time: Two (2) 20-minute halves
- Players: 7 v 7 including Goalkeeper
- Ball Size: Three (3)
- No Score keeping
- No standings
- No penalty cards.
- No Penalty kicks.
- No headers.
- No offside
- All free kicks in the penalty area shall be placed on the nearest spot on the line of the penalty area.
- All restarts shall be given two attempts while guiding player.
- Throw ins only, no kick ins.
- Goalkeeper may kick the ball from the ground or throw the ball out from goal on live play.
- All free kicks will have a 6-yard clearance for safety.
- All players must be deemed safe to play by the referee or assistant referee (Shin guards covered, no rings or sharp objects, no hard casts or jewelry, proper cleats or footwear).
- Medical ID necklaces can be worn if taped to chest. Medical ID bracelets can be worn if taped to wrist.

- All players must also have a unique number on his/her jersey and all jerseys must match. Jersey number must match number listed on roster.
- The home team must ensure they have a change of jersey color (or pinnies) if the referee asks for a change due to color conflict.
- All major and technical fouls will be enforced resulting in a direct free-kick as appropriate.
- Substitutions will only be allowed at quarter breaks and at halftime, unless substituting for an injured player.
- Goalkeeper cannot play more than two quarters in goal.
- Any player that plays any quarter in goal must play equal amount of quarters on the field per match.
- Player MUST agree to play goalkeeper before being placed in that position.

PLEASE REMEMBER: THIS IS YOUTH SOCCER.

**WE ASK THAT EVERYONE CONDUCT THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY,
MAKING THIS A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR YOUTH PLAYERS.**

Referees, while respecting the Laws of the Game, will do their best to keep the game flowing, simple, fun, and most importantly, safe for the players.

Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their parents on the sidelines. Referees will reserve the right to eject coaches or terminate games in which parents and spectators are unable to control negative behavior directed towards referees, players, or other spectators of the game.

SPECTATORS

Spectators must remain in the spectator-defined areas.

No firearms, alcoholic beverages, smoking or vaping are allowed at any field.

Spectators can cheer, encourage, and support players BUT in absolutely no case can they discourage, distract, or comment on opposing players or teams. If a field marshal, tournament committee member or referee feels the need to give a warning, or ask a spectator to leave, they can do so.

If a referee asks a spectator to leave the fields, the spectator must do so immediately. If they do not cooperate, the game will be terminated.

Parents or guardians are responsible for other family members, their behavior, and safety.