

1. Length of games:

U7 play 5V 5 -4X10 /U-8 to U-10 play 7V7 2X 25 halves:/ U11& U12 play 9V9 2 X 30 halves: / U-13 to U-26 11V 11 2 x 35 minute halves:

2. Size of ball (supplied by the home team): U7 **SIZE 3 ball** U-8 to U-12 **Size 4 ball:** U-13 and older **Size 5 ball**

3. Referees: "Affiliated with NASO"

Home team supplies a certified approved referee for U8 TO U10. If there is only one referee, each team must supply a linesman.

Referees should be at least three years older than the oldest player. For U11 and older, SSI certified NASO sanctioned referees will be used to referee all SSI games. The only other two sanctioned referee can be the coaches of both teams **no parents can do SSI** - U11 or older.

SSI has a Zero Tolerance policy for any type of dissent or abuse (physical or verbal) toward a referee. (suspensions & fines)

4. Players' equipment:

These rules must be strictly adhered to due to insurance requirements. No exceptions. Must have a picture pass to play.

All players must wear shin guards that are fully covered by socks. Players may not wear jewelry.

Taped earrings are not acceptable. Hard clips or beads may not be worn in the hair.

No player may play while wearing any type of cast, even if covered. Cleats deemed dangerous by the referee may not be worn.

Goalie helmets are optional. SSI recommends that uniform shirts be numbered, for player identification. Personal glasses can be worn.

5. Number of players: **Max players** on the field to play the game; violators will be suspend & or fined

U7= 5 V 5 w keeper U-8 to U10 = 7 v. 7 / U11& U12 = 9 V 9 / U13 and older = 11 v. 11

In a Super Rec game if a team is short of players, teams must play match (that is, both teams must field the same number of players).

(No Forfeits-) / The exception is when a player is red-carded in the U13 and older. No substitutes play short.

6. Injuries: **No Heading from U12 and younger Div..**

When a player gets hurt, the referee **must stop the game immediately.**

The injured player must come off the field **min of 5 Minutes.** A substitution can be made for the injured player.

The injured player may return through a normal substitution. The match restarts with a drop ball at the place where the ball was at the time of the injury. **This includes any player stopping play for a minor injury.**

6A. Concussion: any head injury player MUST come off. SSI protocol on head injury.

7. Substitutions:

Substitutions may be made on any stoppage of play, with the referee's permission. If a substitution is being made due to injury, both teams may substitute other players, with the referee's permission.

8. Red and yellow cards:

A player or coach shown a red card receives an automatic two game suspension & or fined **(to be served the next two games)**.

A yellow card must leave the field for **a minimum of five minutes**, and may return at the discretion of the referee.

A substitution may be made for a carded player, whether a red or yellow card was received except in the U13 and older div..

The **referee must file a report regarding red/yellow cards** under Game evaluation/ Incident report on line with SSI.

9. Sliding:

NO Sliding by any field player; Sliding for the ball is not permissible and **is considered a dangerous play.**

The goalkeeper is the only player allowed to slide and only when making a save on a ball shot on goal.

10. Fighting:

Player: Players are automatically suspended from the league and or plus fines.

Adults (coaches or parents): The team is automatically suspended from the league and or plus fines.

11. Super Rec Five-goal differential rule: Read the protocol for 5 goal procedures

SSI vigorously enforces a five-goal differential. Please cooperate. Violations will be reported to both clubs Interleague Coordinators and the SSI Coordinator. Fines & Suspensions may result. All Reports filed within 48 hours

12. Spectators:

Home Teams and their spectators must occupy opposite sidelines from the Visiting Team and their spectators.

Example: red team and parents and players on north sideline; Green team and parents and players on South sidelines.

Coaches are fully responsible for the behavior of their team's spectators.

Coaches can be red-carded due to offensive behavior by their team's spectators.

13. Team Management:

The home team must call the visiting team a minimum of 10 days before to confirm game time & place.

For Bad Weather, Home coach must notify the visiting coach and referee at least 2 hours prior to game time.

If a game must be cancelled due to weather, there are no fines for this action," Mother Nature".

All scheduled games must be played. Make up any rainouts or rescheduled games. This could cause a fine.

14. THE NEW USSF RULES as MODIFIED are in effect Fall 2017

15. SSI will not entertain protests.

16. Problems of any kind are to be handled through your club's Interleague Coordinator, SSI on copy.

17. Any matters not covered by SSI guidelines will be handled by the SSI Arbitration Committee.