

LITTLETON YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

2010 U10/Grade 3-4 Game Format & Rules

Format:

- Teams will warm-up at 6:15 & games will start promptly at 6:30pm unless otherwise communicated
- 7 players, including goalies, on the field for each team
- Coin toss winner will get choice of goal or ball possession
- Round-robin game format: 3 games of 15 min ea, 5 min break between each game when changing fields/teams
- Substitutions can be made on the fly (hockey-style), or whenever the play on the field is stopped no matter who has possession of the ball
- **All** players will play at least half of every game
- Coaches will be asked to help referee – one coach from each team. If only one is needed in addition to one adult ref, each team will supply one for each half of the game. In certain circumstances an adult ref may call the game alone, but ask the coaches to help make calls along the bench sidelines. **Students grade 7 – 12 should not ref games alone** – at least one coach will ref with one or more students for each half of the game.
- Coaches are encouraged to work along and/or in the field with their team, staying clear of the play (max of one coach per team)

Rules:

- Most FIFA rules will apply
- Ball must not move backward at each start of play
- All penalties will result in an indirect kick – no indirect kick will be closer than 10 yards/steps to the goal – no direct kicks or penalty kicks.
- Players will always be given the opportunity to re-take illegal throw-ins
- Goalies must not use their hands outside of the imaginary goal box (~10 yds in front of the endline). If the ball is carried outside the box for a punt or throw, play will stop & the goalie given a 2nd try.
- Sliding is not illegal but will be **strongly** discouraged!
- Encourage Good Sportsmanship! Problem players and/or parents should be brought to the board's attention – ie: not shaking hands at the end of games, foul language, physical play, etc. **will not be tolerated.**

Reminder:

The intent of the LYS program is to develop soccer players & encourage team play. Players in our age groups should not become position specific...try each player at different positions & have fun with it!