

Pajaro Valley Youth Soccer
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U-8 Rules

Please review the CYSA Modified Laws of the Game at: www.cysa.org and click on *Modified LOTG* (at the far right). The goal of PVYSC is to provide everyone, including coaches, referees, parents, spectators and especially our youth with a positive soccer experience. This is accomplished by promoting fun & sportsmanship. Our focus is beyond competition, wins & losses!

Please note that the club assigns referees to U-8 games. In the event that there is NO referee we request that a parent from each team act as a referee for each game. Come prepared with a whistle and watch or timer.

Pre Game:

Teams should arrive at least 20 min before the scheduled game time. Inspect fields & goals for safety. Five minutes before game time, coaches should line up their team at midfield. A referee parent should check equipment for safety. Shoes should be soccer cleats or turf shoes, but can be tennis shoes. No baseball shoes. No earrings, bracelets or any other type of jewelry, hard hair barrettes or watches. Players must have shin guards that must be worn under socks at all times or else they will not be allowed to play. Jerseys should be tucked in and shoelaces tied. Players with cast or splints are not allowed to play.

Coaches, parents and spectators are not permitted near the goals. Parents and coaches should stay 3 feet back from the touch line (side line).

Referees should ask for captains & have captains introduce themselves

Coin toss: visitors call toss. Winner chooses the goal they will attack first half. Loser of coin toss kicks off first half.

Please be sure to start your games on time. There are most likely games after yours and would like to start games throughout the day on-time.

Game:

6 players per side (5+Goalkeeper). Size 3 ball should be provided by the home team.

Game duration: 2-20min halves (no time added). 5 minute half-time.

Kick-off: From the center spot, ball should be kicked forward to a teammate, into the opposing half.

Substitutions: A break should be called at the 10 minute mark of each half, indicate a sub break, with the clock running. Substituted players may return at the half or sub break.

Fouls: No slide tackling, pushing, tripping, holding, spitting, grabbing of jerseys or obviously handling of the ball allowed. If inappropriate language, speak to the player(s). If a foul, stop play with whistle, EXPLAIN the foul, and award an indirect free kick (ball on the ground) where the foul

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occurred. There are NO penalty kicks. Award an indirect kick, but place the ball no closer to the goal line than the goal box line.

*Often players may fall on their own accord, or the ball may deflect off hands, which are not fouls. Say, "Play on!" to let players know there is no foul and play should continue.

Free kicks: All free kicks are INDIRECT (ball must touch any other player before a goal counts). If ball goes directly in the goal from an indirect kick without being touched by another player, it is a goal kick for the defending team.

Off-sides: There are no off-sides in this division, however as a referee try and encourage any attackers consistently poaching to remain involved in active play. DO NOT ALLOW GOAL TENDING; keep players at least six feet from the entrance of the goal.

Sideline out of bounds: Team last touching the ball losses ball to quick throw-in for the other team at that spot

Goal: When the whole ball crosses completely over the goal line. Help restart the game quickly with a kick-off for the team scored against.

Corner kick: No corner kicks in this division.

Goal kick: When ball goes over then end line regardless of which team touched it last. Goal kick can be taken by any defensive player from anywhere in the goal box, preferably toward one of the corners. Goal kicks should not be taken in front of the goal.

Injuries: When in doubt, whistle to stop play, check on player, with clock running. Also stop play for dangerous conditions: dogs running, small children, etc. Restart with an indirect free kick near midfield for the team last with the ball.

Safety is the number one priority! If necessary, call fouls, explain to players, and remind them to play fairly; play the ball and not the opponent. Stay out of the way as much as possible... let the game flow, let the players play and have fun!

End of game: Encourage teams to shake hands, thank the referees and cheer for the other team. All ties stand (no overtime, penalty kicks or shootouts!). **We are not keeping records of scores.** Observe teams for un-sportsmanlike gloating or unkind comments & discuss with the coach.

Coaches Responsibilities:

- Coaches should coach positively and calmly to set an example and should do so from their half near the half-line.
- It is the coach's responsibility to have a registration form/medical release for each player at every game. Anyone without these should not be allowed to play in the game.
- Play all prepared players at least 50% of the game, ideally equal time for all.
- Require that parents' spectators maintain a supportive & pleasant atmosphere.
- Congratulate excellent, fair play by both teams.
- Make sure all trash is picked up after the game, even organic trash! Thanks!