



## Santa Barbara Soccer Club Fall League 2021 Rules and Regulations

### Registration

All players must be registered in our registration program, 'TGS' to be eligible to play in games.

### Age Bracketing

This is a grade based program for players currently in Transitional Kinder through Fourth grade. (TK-4).

### Game Day

- A size 3 ball will be used for the K-1 division.
- A size 4 ball will be used for the Grades 2-4 division.
- The League will supply the game ball. **No other balls are allowed on turf field.**
- The field size will be between 30x20 yards and 40x25 yards
- No throw-ins (only kick-ins). A goal CANNOT be scored directly from a kick-in from the sideline or on a goal kick from end line.
- Goal kicks will be taken from the end line. All opponents must be behind designated build out line.
- No off-side calls.
- In the TK-1 division players are NOT permitted to stand in goal zone as there are NO GOALKEEPERS in this division.
- Any handball in the attacking half of field will be a penalty kick taken from midfield. Every player on field must be behind the midfield line when the shot is taken.
- No Headers in this league, an indirect kick will be awarded for an intentional header.
- All indirect or direct free kicks: teams must be 5 yards from the ball.
- Each player on every team must play a minimum of ½ of each and every game, INCLUDING PLAYOFFS.
- Any team can play down one player and still NOT forfeit the game. You CANNOT play down two players. In the event you do have to forfeit, the game will register so the opponent will receive a maximum of 3 points. If one team must forfeit, the game should still be played using a combination of players from both teams. Please arrive to each and every game regardless of how many players you have.

- Your team will forfeit the game if you do not have the correct amount of players at kick-off. NO EXCEPTIONS. The league will start all of the games at the same time, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Games will be 50 minutes total.
- Substitutions can take place on any stoppage of play as long as the referee is notified.
- Any player deemed to receive a yellow card will have to report to the League Director who will make all final decisions regarding whether the player can return to game play or any subsequent penalty.
  - Yellow card infractions at the referee's discretion: slide tackling from behind, inappropriate language/physical conduct, etc.
- Teams will wear their league assigned uniforms, or their own uniforms as long as the uniforms match (jersey, shorts, socks) and each player has a unique number.
- No earrings. If earrings cannot be removed then they must be covered with medical tape for safety reasons.
- ALL parents and spectators must remain in the grass area. **Absolutely no one other than coaches and players are allowed on the turf field for safety purposes.**
- Coaches must coach and have teams in the designated coaching areas on your respective fields. (a map will be sent to all coaches).

### **Schedules and Standings**

All games will be scheduled on Fridays between 4:00-7:00pm, and referees will report scores to the league official at the field by turning in the game card, signed by both coaches, to the league official immediately after the game. Only referees are to approach and convene at the scoring table to complete the score card, after having agreed with the coaches on the score and obtaining both coach's signatures. Coaches are to proceed to their next game.

The League Director will defer to the Referee for the final score of any game. Any and all questions and/or concerns regarding any game are to be made via email to the League Director the **following day**.

Coaches are to report inappropriate parent behavior to the League Director to be addressed immediately on site.

Schedules and standings will be posted on the Santa Barbara SC website.

## **Points System**

A simple point system will be used, 3-points for a win, 1-point will be awarded to both teams for a tie and 0 points for a loss. The league will not post scores over a difference of 3 goals.

## **Playoffs/Championship**

### ***For Divisions with 4 Teams (TK-1):***

All teams play one 25 minute game Semi-Final (based on standings after week 9 1st place will play 4th place and 2nd place will play 3rd place). The championship match will be played 5 minutes after the semi finals end. The 2 teams that lose their semi-final will play a 25 minute consolation game 5 minutes after their semi final matches.

### ***For Divisions with 5 or 6 teams:***

The champions will be based on standings after the games complete on week 10.

## **Inclement Weather**

The League runs for ten Fridays from September 10, 2021 to November 12, 2021. November 19, 2021 is earmarked as a makeup date should we need to cancel due to extra heavy rain or lightning. Generally we will play rain or shine.

**The League will notify everyone by 2:00 pm on Game Day via eblast if we are cancelling.**

## **Parents**

- No Alcohol allowed on the premises
- No Animals allowed on the premises
- Absolutely no interacting with the Referees
- Please pick up all trash when leaving
- Unlike seasons past, all families if needed, will get from one side of the field to the other by going around the periphery of Girsh Park Turf.
- Parents - may want to bring a chair or blanket for seating
- CHEER FOR YOUR PLAYER'S TEAM !