



Santa Barbara Soccer Club Winter League 2022 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 Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. (Pre-K to - 6th).

Game Day

- A size 3 ball will be used for the PreK-K & 1-2 grade divisions.
- A size 4 ball will be used for the 3-4 & 5-6 grade divisions.
- The League will supply the game ball. **No other balls are allowed on the 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 the end line.
- Goal kicks will be taken from the end line. All opponents must be behind a designated build out line.
- No off-side calls.
- In the PreK-K through 3-4 divisions players are NOT permitted to stand in the goal zone as there are NO GOALKEEPERS in these divisions.
- Any handball in the attacking half of the 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 at 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 (or specifically designated parts of the turf). **Absolutely no one other than coaches and players are allowed on the designated coach/player parts of 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).

The league will notify coaches by 1:00 pm on Game Day via eblast if we are canceling. Make sure you mark your calendars for Friday, March 18th for makeup in the event of 1 rained out Friday.

Parents

- **No Alcohol** allowed on the premises
- **No Animals** allowed on the premises
- **No Food or Drink** allowed on the turf.
- Absolutely no interacting with the Referees
- Please pick up all trash when leaving
- Parents - may want to bring a chair or blanket for seating
- CHEER FOR YOUR PLAYER'S TEAM !

Schedules and Standings

All games will be scheduled on Fridays between 3:30-9:00pm, 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.

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

For regular season and postseason games, we will use the following format: 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. For all play-off games ties will go to a penalty shootout (5 players per team).

Playoffs/Championship

For Divisions with 4 Teams (G PreK-K and B 5-6):

On week 10, 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 6 teams (B PreK-K, G 5-6):

The champions will be based on standings after the games complete on week 10. They will not play any subsequent games, champions will simply be announced at completion of week 10 final game. In the event a tie exists the first tie breaker will be head-to-head for both matches. In the event a tie still exists we will schedule a 25 minute playoff game.

For Divisions with 12 teams (B 3-4, G 1-2)

These divisions will be split into 2 brackets of 6 (Brackets A and B). After week 5 the brackets will be reformed with the 3 teams with the most points from bracket A matching up with the 3 teams with the most points from bracket B. The 3 teams from both brackets with less points will be in a bracket together. **Champions from each reformed bracket** will be based on points accrued from weeks 6 through 10. They will not play any subsequent games, champions will simply be announced at completion of week 10 final game. In the event a tie exists the first tie breaker will be head-to-head for both matches. In the event a tie still exists we will schedule a 25 minute playoff game.

For Divisions with 14 teams (B 1-2)

This division will be split into 2 brackets of 7 (brackets A and B). After week 7 the playoffs begin. (Over the 1st 7 weeks one team from each bracket will have a bye and on that night they will play a friendly match (no points) vs the team from the other bracket that is also having a bye.) The seeding (1st through 7th) for each Bracket will be based on points, and the tie-break in each division will be based on head-to-head results, and if the two teams that are tied on points all also tied each other then they will flip a coin. **A single champion will be determined from all 14 teams**

Week 8: 1st place teams from both brackets have a bye (they can play each other in a friendly where the results do not count). Bracket A and Bracket B Game #1 is 2v7, Game #2 is 3v6, Game #3 is 4v5.

Week 9:

Bracket A & Bracket B Quarterfinals

- Week 9 Game #1= 1st place bye team v winner of Game #3 in same bracket)
- Week 9 Game #2= Winner game #1 v winner of Game #2 same bracket)

Consolation games format from week #7 results: Can no longer advance to the championship game.

- Week 9 Game #3= Bracket A Game #1 loser v Bracket B Game #1 loser
- Week 9 Game #4= Bracket A Game #2 loser v Bracket B Game #2 loser
- Week 9 Game #5= Bracket A Game #3 loser v Bracket B Game #3 loser

Note: All above teams will play again in Week #10 (consolation format to be determined by the Director after week 9 games).

Week 10:

Bracket A & Bracket B Semi finals games

- Week 10 Game #1 & #2 = Winners of Quarter Finals matches #1 & #2 in each bracket (no crossover game until the finals).
- Week 10 Championship Game #3 (25 minutes) = Winner Bracket A & B Semi -Final (Later time frame this evening TBD).

Note: No consolation games from Loser of Bracket A & B Semi- Final.

Consolation games from week #9 results. Can no longer advance to the championship game.

- Week 10 game #3= Bracket A Game #1 loser v Bracket B Game #2 loser
- Week 10 game #4= Bracket A Game #1 loser v Bracket B Game #2 loser
- Remainder of Consolation format will be released by the League Coordinator after week 9.

For Divisions with 16 teams (G 3-4)

These divisions will be split into 2 brackets of 8 (Brackets A and B). After week 7 the brackets will be reformed with the 4 teams with the most points from bracket A matching up with the 4 teams with the most points from bracket B into a new Bracket A. The 4 teams from both brackets with less points will be in a bracket together called Bracket B. The seeding (1st through 8th) in each bracket will be based on points, and the tie-break in each bracket will be based on head-to-head results, and if the two teams that are tied on points all also tied each other then they will flip a coin. Then, after teams are placed in each bracket, seeding of the new brackets will be determined on points with ties in points going to a coin flip. **2 champions will be crowned from the championship matches of each reformed bracket.**

Week 8:

Once the seeding of the new brackets for weeks 8-10 are set, then the play-offs for both brackets begin as Quarter Finals (1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5).

Week 9: Will be semi finals (and consolation games) winners of games 1v8 and 4v5 playing as well as winners of 2v3 and 3v6 playing. Note: All teams will play consolation games again in Week #9 (consolation format to be determined by the Director after week 8 games).

Week 10 will be the Championship match **for each reformed bracket.**

- No Consolation games during week 10. (Friendly matchups available upon request by week 9 made to League Coordinator.)
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