



## Santa Barbara Soccer Club 2023 Winter League Rules and Regulations

### Registration

All players must be registered in our registration program, Playmetrics, 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 30 x 20 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 e-blast if we are canceling.**

### 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 3:45-8:45pm (Divisions PreK/K. 1st/2nd, and 3rd/4th and on Saturdays between 4:00-6:00pm (Division 5th/6th), 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 5-6 and B 5-6)***

On week 10, there is only one game which is the Final between the 1st and 2nd place teams. If tied after 50 minutes, the ref will go to penalties (5 players from each team). The 3rd and 4th place teams do not play on week 10.

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#### ***For Divisions with 8 teams (G PreK-K)***

Each team will play the other teams in the division over the first 7 weeks.

**Week 8** will bill the **Quarterfinals** (QFGame #1: 1st place v 8th place, QFGame #2: 2nd place v 7th place, QFGame #3: 3rd place v 6th place, and QFGame #4: 4th place v 5th place).

**Week 9** will be the Semifinals and consolation matches (**Semi #1**: Winner of QFGame #1 v QFGame #4, **Semi #2**: Winner of QFGame #2 v QFGame #3, **Week 9 Consolation Games** are between the teams that did not win the QFgames (games#1v4 and games#2v3).

**Week 10** will be the **Finals** between the winners of the 2 Semifinals. There will be **NO consolation games** in week 10.

All games from weeks 8, 9 and 10 will go to penalties if tied at the end of the games.

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

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 set the 2 teams up with penalties immediately after (field tbd.)

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***For Divisions with 20 teams (B 1-2)***

These divisions will be split into 2 brackets of 10 (Brackets A and B). Each team will play the other teams in their brackets over the first 9 weeks. Week 10 will be the playoffs with **NO consolation matches**. The Quarter Finals and Semifinals matches on week 10 will be 25 minute matches. QFs are 5:45-6:10PM. Semis are 6:15-6:40PM. Finals are 50 minutes from 6:45-8:40PM. All week 10 matches will go to penalties if they end in ties.

**25 minute matches:**

**Quarterfinal match #1** will be 1st place from bracket A v 4th place from bracket B.

**Quarterfinal match #2** will be 1st place from bracket B v 4th place from bracket A.

**Quarterfinal match #3** will be 2nd place from bracket A v 3rd place from bracket B.

**Quarterfinal match #4** will be 2nd place from bracket B v 3rd place from bracket A.

**Semifinal match #1** will be between the winners of QFmatches #1&4.

**Semifinal match #2** will be between the winners of QFmatches #2&3.

**50 minute match:**

**The Finals** will be between the winners of the 2 semifinals.

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