



Santa Barbara Soccer Club 2023 Fall 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 Fourth Grade. (Pre-K to - 4th).

Game Day

- A size 3 ball will be used for the PreK-K coed division.
- A size 4 ball will be used for the Girls and Boys Division (1st/2nd & 3rd graders).
- 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 4:00-6:00 pm 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 in **PlayMetrics?**

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 (4 players per team).

Tie Break system: First Tie Break: Head to Head record; Second Tie Break: Goals Against.

Playoffs/Championship

For Divisions with 4 Teams (All 3 division: PreK/K coed, Girls Division 1, Boys Division 1)

On week 10, there is a Championship game between the 2 teams with the most points from the first 9 weeks. 3rd and 4th place teams will also play a match this week. All games that end tied will be decided by penalties.