



Brunswick Youth Soccer League

Division 2/3 Rules and Roles

In this division, players will continue to develop fundamental skills previously introduced. They will be asked to use these skills in a more formal game situation. The field is scaled down with smaller goals to provide players with more ball touches. There will be ***EIGHT*** players on the field at a time (seven field players plus a goalie). The game ball for this division is a size four. Division 2/3 games consist of two halves, and a short break between halves. There is no overtime play.

Substitution of players occurs on throw-ins, goal kicks, goals, injuries, and at the discretion of the referee. There are no direct kicks or penalty kicks. However, indirect kicks are taken on minor fouls. Offside will not be called unless consciously used to gain advantage as determined by the referee. The referee's decision is final. If there are no referees present, the coaches will act as referees.

In a goal kick situation the defense will be given the ball to clear by kicking from inside the goalie box. The attacking team must return to the half way line and setup their defense.

A player is given two chances to make a successful throw-in. The referee may instruct the player on the correct procedure after the first throw. A second incorrect throw results in possession of the ball by the opposing team by throw-in.

There will be only one practice session a week, not to exceed 90 minutes. Coaches will set the schedule for a weeknight.

The major objectives for this division are ball control, passing, throw-ins, rule comprehension, defense, learning the positions, corner kicks, and teamwork.

All players MUST wear shin guards with socks covering the full shin guard. Players should not wear jewelry, hooded sweatshirts or hard hair clips to either practices or games.

Games are played unless there is a heavy rain. Postponement will be announced by a phone call from your coach, at least 1/2 hour before game time. If you do not receive a call, then assume the game is to be played. Cancellations will be placed on the Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department Cancellation Hotline at 725-6656.

Spectators should remain at one sideline and give the players room for throw-ins and corner kicks. There shall be no spectators or coaches behind the goal area or on the goal line. Only coaches and medical personnel are allowed on the field after the referee determines they are needed.

It should be the goal of coaches to have every player play an equal amount of time in the games.

Play continues (running time) until a period is finished. Time will be kept by the referee. Teams will switch ends at half-time. There is no overtime.

BYSL strongly discourages you from bringing your dog to games and practices. Under no circumstances should a dog be on the players bench, or unleashed.

PARENTS' ROLE

BYSL parents have the greatest influence on each child's level of enjoyment. Your child, his/her teammates, and opponents should hear only encouragement from the sidelines. The coach should be the only one "coaching" during the game. Encouraging your child and his teammates after the game is very important for young children. Teaching good sportsmanship in victory and defeat is an important skill that can begin at home. Practice and preach commitment and the idea that soccer is a team sport in which one relies on the others.

The league goal is that participants have fun and that everyone participates. If your child is not having fun, please speak to the coach or one of the league officials.

All parents are asked to volunteer when possible, to become familiar with league rules and to join in the fun. Parents are also asked to transport their child to practices and games on time and notify coaches when an absence is anticipated. You should check with the coach about his/her policy for parents leaving children at practices and games. ***It is your responsibility*** to be on time to pick up your child.