



Brunswick Youth Soccer League

Kindergarten Rules and Roles

In the kindergarten division, teams meet once a week on Saturday's and have a 30-minute practice and a 30-minute game. There is no overtime, no penalty kicks, no offside, and absolutely no slide tackles. Kindergarten soccer is about becoming comfortable with ball, learning the team concept, and learning the basic rules. The basic skills of dribbling, passing and throwing the ball into play are also covered. Coaches from both teams instruct as well as referee on the field during play. The game ball is a size three. Parents are encouraged to actively participate with their child as long as they don't interfere with the play of the game.

The simplicity of these modified pre-soccer games allows children with a wide range of interest and ability to enjoy playing soccer at their own developmental level. These games provide each child with lots of chances to touch the ball. Very young children stay interested and enjoy the game when "ball touch" is high.

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.

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.

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.

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 others.

BYSL's goal is to develop a passion for soccer in your child. 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.