

# Scottsdale Soccer

## RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

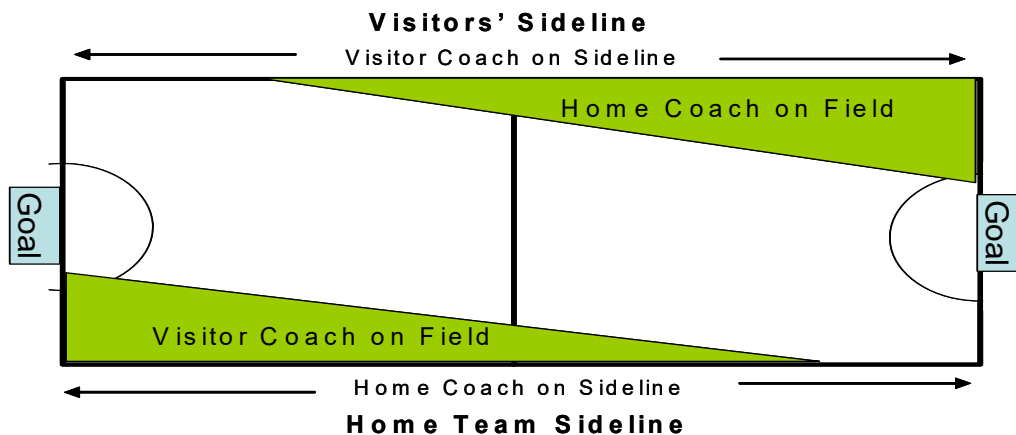
### Modified Rules For Preschool and Kindergarten – Fall Program

#### Player Participation:

- Regardless of playing ability, all players will play at least half the game.
- Coaches should not be too concerned about set 'positions' at this age. The concept of positions can be introduced when the players are older.
- Instructions during the game to players should be positive in nature and targeted at providing tactical information to the player.

#### Game Field / Game Operation

- The home team supplies the game ball.
- The home team sits on the East side of field; the away team sits on the opposite side.
- Substitutions are made only at the quarter breaks and halftime.
  - Water breaks can be taken during hot weather as mutually agreed by both coaches.
- No one is allowed to view the game from behind the goal.
- Only one coach from each team should be on the field during the course of play.
  - Coaches should avoid being in the center of the field while the ball is in play.
  - See the below figure for preferred positions of coaches.



#### Check-In Procedures:

- Review any rule clarifications with the other coach.
- Equipment check
  - Socks MUST cover shin guards (shin guards required)
  - No toe cleats; no sharp cleats
  - NO JEWELRY
  - A player can play while wearing a cast only if both coaches agree it is safe to do so.
  - Rosters may be spot-checked by field marshal. This roster is also the trophy order list so make sure your roster problems are resolved with [recsoccer@scottsdallesoccer.com](mailto:recsoccer@scottsdallesoccer.com)

### **Rules That Apply To Preschool and Kindergarten (U6)**

1. Teams will use a size three ball.
2. Slide tackling is not permitted.
3. Deliberately heading the ball is not permitted. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
4. Offsides will NOT be enforced.
5. Kick-ins will be used instead of throw-ins. The ball will be placed on the touch line with appropriate space allowed for the kick in. The kick will be an indirect free kick.
6. All fouls will result in INDIRECT free kicks, which shall be taken at least fifteen feet away from the defending team's goal. There will be no direct free kicks or penalty kicks.
7. Each team shall supply a qualified individual to act as a referee for half of the game. The referee shall be completely impartial while on the field and shall not coach while acting as referee.
8. For goal kicks, all players for the opposing team need to be at midfield before the kick is taken. Once the kick is taken the players from the opposing team can again move about the whole field.
9. Fields will be marked with a semicircular goal area with an eight foot radius. No player from either team will be allowed in this goal area unless the ball has entered first. No player from either team may stand directly in front of the goal area.

### **Specific rules for Preschool**

1. Teams play three per side (no goalkeepers). Teams can play with a minimum of two players.
2. Games will be divided into four six minute quarters with a two minute break between quarters and a five minute break at the half. Teams switch sides at the half.
3. Opponents must stand at least ten feet away from the ball for kickoffs and indirect free kicks; and eight feet away for corner kicks.

### **Specific rules for Kindergarten**

1. Teams play four per side (no goalkeepers). Teams can play with a minimum of three players.
2. Games will be divided into four eight minute quarters with a two minute break between quarters and a five minute break at the half. Teams switch ends of field at the half.
3. Opponents must stand at least twelve feet away from the ball for kickoffs and indirect free kicks; and ten feet away for corner kicks.