**PSC Classic - 5v5 Soccer [U8]**

1. The field of play must be rectangular. Length: 105 feet, Width: 80 feet. There will be a centerline. It is recommended to use cones to help mark the sidelines and touchline. Corner flags are not needed.

2. Game Duration: Two halves with no time stoppages or time-outs.

* **U8: 20-minute** halves with a 5-minute halftime

3. **Goalkeepers are used in 5v5**. (4 field players and one goalkeeper). **No punting!**

4. Goals should be no larger than 6 feet H x 12 feet W. Goals provided at the field.

5. Shin guards are required.

6. Regulation Ball Size:

* **U8: Size 4**

7. Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any time.

8. All games will start with a kickoff by the visiting team, with the home team choosing which goal it will defend. When a goal is scored, the non-scoring team will restart the game with another kickoff.

9. Enforce out of bounds; this will help the game flow better.

* **U8:** All balls called out of bounds will be **throw-ins.**

10. Stop play when the ball is being played behind the goal. Goal kicks are used to restart play when the ball goes over the end line. **Goal kicks are taken from the top of the goalie box.**

* **U8: Will have Corner Kicks.** Balls over the end line by the defensive team will be a **Corner Kick.**

11. Opponents should be back at least 5 yards on all restarts.

12. All fouls will result in an in-direct free kick. There will be no penalty kicks. The closest free kick allowed will be 6 yards from the goal. Make sure all players are back at least 3 yards. Fouls should be rarely called unless blatantly intentional and repetitive.

13. **No offside.**

14. **No Sliding or slide tackles** at any time. If a player deliberately slides, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the slide or slide tackle.

15. **No Heading** at any time. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the infringement.

16. **Teams & Spectators:** The coaches and players of both teams are to set up on the same side of the field. The parents, fans and all spectators are to be on the opposite side of the field on the same half as the team they are cheering for. There is no coaching allowed behind the end line.