

Clover Rec Soccer Rules and Regulations  
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I. Eligibility:

The soccer age for the 2018/2019 season is determined by birth year, players must be born in 2015.

II. Field of Play:

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

The U4 division field dimensions will be 20 yards by 30 yards.

III. The Ball:

The U4 division ball shall be a size #3.

IV. The Number of Players:

Players in the U4 division will be assigned to their teams based on the elementary school the child attends/will attend.

Each team will have a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 8 players on their roster. Each teams' roster shall be frozen after they have completed their second match. Any changes to the roster can only be made by the Program Coordinator.

A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 4 players (No goalies allowed in this age group). A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than 4 players.

*Substitutions: Unlimited at any stoppage (regardless of possession) of play. Teams will not be permitted to make substitutions in the last two (2) minutes of each period.*

*Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.*

V. The Players Equipment:

The U4 division shall conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Metal cleats are prohibited in the U4 division. All hard casts must be wrapped in a soft padding, inspected and approved by the coaches before the start of a match. All shin guards must be underneath the player's socks.

VI. The Authority of the Referee:

There will not be assigned referees for matches; however, a coach from each team will function as the referees for matches. Each match is controlled by these coaches who have full authority to



enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they are refereeing. The decisions of the coaches are final.

VII. The Duration of the Match:

The U4 division ball shall conform to FIFA with the exception of the match being divided into 4 equal, 6 minute periods. There shall be period intervals of 2 minutes at the end of the first and third periods and a half-time interval of 3 minutes. The Home team's coach is responsible for appointing a timekeeper.

IX. The Start and Restart of Play:

The U4 division shall conform to FIFA with exception that the Home team shall have the first possession of the match and the Visiting team shall choose which goal to defend (possession alternates at the start of each period and the defending goal changes after the second period).

X. The Ball In and Out of Play:

The U4 division shall conform to FIFA (The entire ball must be outside the line).

XI. The Method of Scoring:

The U4 division will not keep score.

XII. Offside:

There will be no offside offense in the U4 division.

XIII. Fouls and Misconduct:

The U4 division shall conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick.

XIV. Free Kicks:

The U4 division shall conform to FIFA with the exception that all free kicks are direct and all opponents must be at least six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play. There will be no free kicks taken inside the goal area; the ball shall be placed immediately outside the goal area where the foul occurred.

XV. The Penalty Kick:

There will be no penalty kicks in the U4 division.

XV. The Throw-In:

The U4 division shall conform to FIFA with the exception that an unlimited number of attempts will be allowed if the player commits a foul on their initial attempt (Coaches are encouraged to assist players with throw ins to help learn the proper technique with both hands and ball completely behind the player's head and both feet on the ground).

XVI. The Goal Kick:



The U4 division shall conform to FIFA with the exception that all opponents must be at midfield until the ball is in play.

XVII. The Corner Kick:

The U4 division shall conform to FIFA.

\*Sliding Tackle/Sliding Kick:

Sliding tackles and any sliding kick attempt or kick while on the ground within four (4) feet of another player (opposition or teammate) is prohibited in the U4 division.

*Penalty: A free kick will be awarded to the opposing team.*

Procedures To Determine The Winner Of A Match And A Tournament:

There will be no score recorded and standings will not be maintained.

