

# **OCEANSIDE U11-U18 LEAGUE RULES**

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## **POLICIES, RULES & REGULATIONS**

The purpose of the U11-U18 Oceanside League is to foster and promote youth play at a competitive, but recreational level for the club teams involved. Leagues for boy and girls teams are offered from U11 to U18.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

All officials and volunteers involved in the Oceanside League must be in compliance with UISA District risk management policies. Team officials are responsible to ensure that neither they nor their supporters harass game officials or players in any manner contrary to BCSA policy. All coaches, assistant coaches, managers and assistant managers are required to have read and signed a copy of the BCSA Employee/Volunteer Background Checks, as per BCSA request (Form A).

## **LEAGUE STRUCTURE & OPERATION**

### **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- a) All players must register and play for their HOME club as outlined in the UISA Registration Manual
- b) Players wishing to play outside of their HOME club must request an inter-club transfer on the appropriate Oceanside form
- c) Teams must confirm participation in the Oceanside League by August 1st of each year
- d) Team rosters are submitted to Oceanside Registrar by October 15th, through each Club Registrar.
- e) The last date for player transfers is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **LEAGUE ORGANIZATION**

There are separate leagues for boys and girls and for each of the following age groups.

U11, U12, U13, U14/15, U16/17/18

The configuration of the leagues may change from year to year due to enrollment numbers. League configuration will be confirmed by August 1 at time of confirmation of participation.

### **START UP OF LEAGUE PLAY**

The League starts the third weekend of September each year.

## **SCHEDULING**

- a) All League games will normally be scheduled for Saturdays (U11-U15) and Sundays (U16/17/18).
  - b) The schedule will be set from September to the end of January, using February for make up games if necessary.
  - c) Make-up games are the responsibility of the two teams involved and should be played as closely to the schedule as possible.
- If agreed upon by both teams games may be made up on either Saturday or Sunday.
- d) Any games not made up by the last weekend of February will not be rescheduled. No points will be awarded to either team.

## **REPORTING OF SCORES**

- a) All teams are required to report scores online through the league schedule. Codes and passwords will be distributed to the coaches.
- b) Goal differential will be recorded up to 5.

## **FIELDS**

The Home Club will be responsible for making sure that the designated field is properly lined. The home team will be responsible for the setup of goal nets and corner flags.

## **GAME OFFICIALS**

A referee is required for all league games and if available two assistant referees for each game U16-U18. One line official should be of sufficient training to be able to take over the referee position should the referee not show up or become injured in the game. The referee should be a ticketed official at least two years older than the players involved in the game. If a properly appointed, scheduled referee is not available then one of the line officials shall assume the responsibility of the referee. The two teams must then agree upon a replacement line official or each team shall appoint a person to line one half of the game. If line officials are not available, each team should supply a linesman. The referee should not start the game until linesmen have been appointed, one from each team. If an official cannot be agreed on, and the game is not played, the home team will be responsible for contacting the scheduler and advising that the game was not played. It is the responsibility of the home team to reschedule the make up game with the scheduler. In the exceptional case when the game is postponed, due to the unavailability of game officials, the two coaches may decide whether to play and exhibition using any available person.

## **CANCELLATION OF GAMES**

Once a game is scheduled that game must be played unless:

- a) The scheduler postpones the game due to field availability.
- b) The referee decides at the field (prior to game time) that the game should not be played due to field or weather conditions. The referee is to phone their Referee Coordinator indicating the date, which game has been cancelled, and reasons why the game was cancelled.
- c) The appointed referee does not show up and the coaches cannot agree on an official and cannot each appoint a person to officiate one half of the game.

## **RESCHEDULING**

a) When inclement weather forces closure of the home team's fields then the game shall be played on the opposing team's field. The original home team is responsible for the payment of the referees and assistant referees. When possible 24 - 48 hours notice should/must be given so that the opposing team can confirm field usage.

b) The League Scheduler will only consider requests for the rescheduling of regular league games in very unusual circumstances i.e. Heavy team involvement in a special school function or illness or injury which reduces the team roster size below eleven (11) players

c) Requests for rescheduling must be received no less than 7 days prior to the scheduled game. The request must include the reason for the request and, where appropriate, the names of players involved

## **GAME FORFEITURE**

A game shall be forfeited and awarded to the opposing team by a 1-0 score upon protest (as per BCSA constitution) if:

a) A team uses an unregistered player; a player, coach or team official under suspension; a player registered to another team; or an over-age player.

b) If one team fails to field SEVEN players within 15 minutes of scheduled start of the game (no protest necessary)

c) If a game is forfeited due to 'no show' by visiting team, the home team retains home game advantage for next game.

## **GAME REGULATIONS**

Game regulations are generally as detailed in the BCSA constitution (Competition Rules and Regulations)

**A) GAME DURATION** (NOTE: Game time and ball size is set by the younger age group unless mutually agreed to be otherwise.)

Under 18	2 halves of 45 minutes each	Overtime	2 halves of 15 minutes each
Under 17	2 halves of 45 minutes each	Overtime	2 halves of 15 minutes each
Under 16	2 halves of 40 minutes each	Overtime	2 halves of 10 minutes each
Under 15	2 halves of 40 minutes each	Overtime	2 halves of 10 minutes each
Under 14	2 halves of 35 minutes each	Overtime	2 halves of 10 minutes each
Under 13	2 halves of 35 minutes each	Overtime	2 halves of 10 minutes each
Under 12	2 halves of 30 minutes each	Overtime	2 halves of 10 minutes each
Under 11	2 halves of 30 minutes each	Overtime	2 halves of 10 minutes each

## **B) CONDUCT AT GAMES**

i) Coaches, team official, and players are not permitted to be within 1 meter of the touchline, in fairness to the game officials

ii) Coaches, team officials, and players must stand within 15 meters of the centre line.

iii) Coaches, team officials, and players of opposing teams must stand on the same side of the field on opposite sides of the centre line. All spectators should be on the opposite side of the field.

- iv) No coaches, team official, players or spectators will be allowed to stand behind the goal line, corner to corner.
- v) Coaches, team official, players, parents or spectators will not harass (verbally or physically) the referee, linesman, players or other parents
- vi) Female teams with all male staff need one female official on the bench and vice versa (as per CSA regulation)
- vii) Failure to comply with the above rules could result in disciplinary action against offenders (official warnings leading to suspensions) if repeated; OR at the referee's discretion, the game could be called.

### **C) LEAGUE PLAY**

1. Games will consist of regulation time only, no overtime
2. Three points will be awarded for a win, one for a tie, and zero for a loss (when standings recorded).
3. Unlimited substitutions are allowed
- 4) Goal differential of 5 will be recorded for all league games.

### **D) LOCAL COMPETITION**

All teams in each division will participate in a year end tournament. Unlimited substitutions will be allowed. If games are tied on goals after regulation time then winner will be determined by shoot out.

### **LEAGUE STANDINGS**

League standings will be used for placement of the top two teams into separate pools in the tournament.

1. The top two teams will be placed based on league standings.
2. League standings will be kept up to date by the Oceanside Scheduler.
3. Any disagreement with the standing shall be put in writing to the club representative who will forward them to the Oceanside Scheduler.
4. Teams will only be permitted to have 5 goal differential recorded.
5. All teams must submit their scores online by Monday 10:00pm
6. Teams tied in points at the end of the season may have to play off to decide final standings

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Referee must make a written report regarding, all cautions, ejections and failures to comply with game regulations. The proper forms must be provided by the home team (online forms are available). Written reports must be sent to the Oceanside referee-in-chief within 24 hours of the game.

### **PROTEST RULES**

1. The Club representatives will hear and rule on all protests arising out of games scheduled by the Oceanside League.
2. Protests will be dealt with according to District and BCSA rules, regulations and guidelines.

3. Protests must be in writing and be accompanied by the current fee within 48 hours. The fee will be refunded if the protest is sustained and forfeited if the protest is denied.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) All Oceanside League correspondence (both 'in' and 'out') should be directed through the Club Representative
- b) Only written correspondence will be discussed or acknowledged by the Oceanside Executive or League Scheduler

### **DISCIPLINE**

All discipline arising from specific games will be dealt with under BCSA Policy Guidelines under the direction of the Oceanside Discipline Committee.

- a) Any player receiving a RED card or team official sent from sidelines. MUST sit out there next game (league or cup) automatically without appeal.
- b) Discipline hearing for players will be done at the club level
- c) All other discipline will be dealt with under the Oceanside Discipline committee