

OKC United FC Youth Soccer Rules and Regulations U8



2019-2020

OKC PARKS MISSION

Provide cultural, social and recreational opportunities to residents and visitors so they can have enriching life-long experiences.

OKC PARKS VISION

OKC Parks seeks to inspire our community to explore, learn, play and grow.

The Youth Soccer Program is supervised by OKC Parks. Decisions rendered by OKC United FC are final. Official soccer rules as established by US Youth Soccer and FIFA .

COACHES:

1. Coaches, above all, will have the safety and welfare of each child as his/her main objective.
 2. Coaches must have a reasonable knowledge of the game.
 3. Coaches shall act as an example of good conduct and sportsmanship to his/her team in all league matters.
 4. Emphasis of the program shall be to participate, enjoy and learn the fundamentals and skills of soccer within an environment of fair play.
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TEAMS:

- 1. Age divisions for boys' and girls' leagues shall be established by US Youth Soccer**
- 2. Minimum number of players per team shall be 5 for all divisions. Incomplete teams will be filled to the minimum of 5 players by the Program Coordinator.**
- 3. Players must submit a player contract with their registration form and fee, properly signed by a parent or guardian, prior to participation in league. Parents Code of Ethics must also be signed before the first game of the season.**
- 4. Parents and children that are not participating in games must remain on the opposite side of the coaches and players**
- 5. No smoking, drugs, or alcohol permitted on OKC Parks property.**

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT:

- 1. Required uniform consists of a jersey with number on the back furnished by the league or team. Players' names may appear on the uniforms at the cost of the parent(s), no additional printing shall be on the jerseys. Team uniforms will be provided. Players must be in uniform to participate. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must distinguish teams. Shin guards are Mandatory for both practices and games, and must be covered entirely by socks. If needed teams can distinguish by scrimmage vests.**
- 2. Cleats are to be worn. Football cleats will not be allowed**
- 3. Jewelry of all types is prohibited. The only exception to this rule is pierced earrings which cannot be removed or a medical alert bracelet. If worn, the earrings must have tape over them.**

Ball Size: 3

GAME TIME:

1. Games will start promptly as scheduled. The match shall be divided into four(4) periods of not more than 10 minutes, based on the energy and motivation of the players. There shall be a maximum of a five (5) minute break between each period . The four periods do not have to be of equal duration. . A 10 minute grace period is allowed from scheduled starting time. If a team does not have four uniformed players after the 10 minute grace period, an automatic forfeit will occur.
2. All teams must play on assigned dates and times. Failure to do so is an automatic forfeit. Games may be rescheduled at the discretion of OKC Parks.

PLAYING TIME:

- 1.A match is played by two teams , each consisting of not more than four players. There are NO goal Keepers.
- 2.Substitutions: At any Stoppage of play and unlimited
Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. It is the coach's responsibility to enforce this rule. Teams and matches may be coed
Maximum team roster size is 8

START AND RESTART OF PLAY:

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game, with the exception that the defending team is at least five (5) yards from the ball until it is in play. Remember, let them play and do not interfere for technicalities.

GAME CANCELLATIONS:

1. Games that have been canceled by OKC Parks shall be rescheduled at the discretion of OKC Parks/OKC United FC
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FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that all fouls shall result in an indirect free kick.

When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area [if one is being used], the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.

The game official must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct.

N.B.: A hand ball infraction occurs when a player handles the ball deliberately. The “hand” includes the entire arm up to the top of the shoulder. Instinctive, self-protective reactions are not penalized at this young age. Accidental contact (ball striking hand or arm) is not an offense and should not be penalized.

PRACTICE & ATTENDANCE:

Practices are an important part of youth recreation programs, but cannot be made mandatory. It is usually not the child’s fault when they miss practices and the child shouldn’t be punished by not playing. If a player on your team is consistently absent from practice without an excuse, try to talk to the parents and see why the child hasn’t been at practice. If it continues to be a problem, make sure the program coordinator is aware of it.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Team members, coaches and spectators shall exhibit appropriate behavior towards other players, officials, league staff and spectators. Unsportsmanlike conduct from team members and/or associates, including spectators, will result in one or more of the following:

- 1) Player, coach or spectator ejection from the game.
- 2) Player, coach or spectator ejection from the league.
- 3) Player, coach or spectator suspension.
- 4) Forfeiture of game.

During the game, the officials have the authority to eject players, coaches or spectators. Anyone that is ejected from a game will be suspended a minimum of one game. OKC Parks has the final authority on determining the duration of the suspension or other penalty. Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game must leave the soccer complex . Failure to do so may result in the forfeit of game.

FIELD OF PLAY:

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

Length: minimum 25 yards maximum 35 yards

Width: minimum 15 yards maximum 25 yards

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line.

Optional: A circle with a radius of five (5) yards should be marked around the center mark.

The Goal Area: None.

Optional: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line four (4) yards from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of five (5) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

The Penalty Area: None.

Flagposts: Corner flags are optional.

The Corner Arc: None.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corners and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The recommended distance between the posts is six (6) feet and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is four (4) feet. Goals for this age group may be smaller.

Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.

RULES ADAPTED FROM US YOUTH SOCCER AND FIFA

**THANK YOU FOR PLAYING WITH OKC UNITED FC!
HAVE A GREAT SEASON!**

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