

HARTSELLE YOUTH SOCCER 4U DIVISON

BALL: Size four (3)

Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of (4) players.

Player Equipment: All players must be legally equipped with shin guards covered by team socks and soccer style cleats (steal cleats not allowed). Players must remove any jewelry including earrings, necklaces, or bracelets during the match.

Game: (4) 5 minute quarters

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

Offside: There is no offside penalty called in this age division.

Official: A coach designated from each team will officiate the games in this division and work together to create a positive experience throughout the match. Fouls will not be called on either team, but it is necessary that each coach work with the players to help them learn the rules and regulations of a soccer match.

Goal Kick: Is awarded to the defending team when the ball goes out of the field of play by crossing, either on the ground or in the air, the goal line, without a goal being scored, when the last person to touch the ball was from the attacking team.

Kick-In: Throw-ins are not allowed at this age division when the ball crosses the out of bounds line the coach will select one player from the team awarded the kick-in to place the ball back into play. The player may pass to a teammate or dribble from where the ball was placed once the coach whistles the ball back into play.

Corner Kick: Corner kick is the method of restarting play in a game when the ball goes out of play over the goal line, without a goal being scored and having last been touched by a member of the defending team. The kick is taken from the corner of the field of play nearest to where it went out.

No slide tackles to be allowed in this age group

No heading the ball to be allowed in this age group, if a player does strike the ball with his/her head the ball will be blown dead by the official and awarded to the other team as a free indirect kick.

Soccer Match Recommendations and Regulations

Parent/coaches, non-participating players and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the kids.

Spectator and team benches should be on opposite sides of the field.