



Charlotte County Soccer Federation

Modified Rules of Play

By CCSF BOD

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2008/2009 SEASON

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Charlotte County Soccer Federation

Dear Parents/Guardians/Players/Coaches/Sponsors:

As President of Charlotte County Soccer Federation I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in joining our exciting soccer league. My goal, along with the Board of Directors, is to provide the children in our community the best possible training, sportsmanship and knowledge of the game of soccer. We have gone to great lengths to put into place many opportunities for the children and the parents to get involved in our league. We provide classes for potential referees, clinics for potential coaches as well as soccer camps for the children. We want the children and the parents from our community to get involved in every aspect of the league because together we will keep Charlotte County Soccer Federation successful in the future.

I would like to also mention some of the things we have to look forward to this Fall Season 2008. This season I am very excited to announce that along with over 30 recreational teams, several of which will be traveling, we also have 8 competitive teams that are now playing in the **USA**. We will once again strive to show off our talent in the community. The county is now in the process of opening our fourth playing field, and adding lights to both our third and fourth fields. The completion of this project will include the building of a concession which will all be ready for our 2008 Fall Season. When completed our four lighted soccer fields at North Charlotte Regional Park will allow us the ability to host tournaments, which will help generate more revenue for Charlotte County Soccer Federation. This will afford the league, a non-profit organization, the ability to provide even more opportunities for the children of our community.

I am dedicated to seeing to it that Charlotte County Soccer Federation becomes the most successful soccer organization in the state of Florida. Together we can ensure that our children have all the opportunities that a soccer league can provide, but most importantly their experience with us will be one that they will always remember.

Sincerely,

Philip Cahusac
C.C.S.F. President

“For The Kids”
Charlotte County Soccer Federation
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Modified Recreation Rules

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNANCE; The Association shall be governed by its Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, and **Playing Rules**, except when these provisions are superseded by the governing authority of USSF and its divisions or by FYSA with whom the Association is affiliated.

Rules of play, except as modified herein, shall be in accordance with FIFA “Laws of the Game” as modified by FYSA By-Laws and Rules 2007-2008.

Law 1 – The Field of Play

- A. The field of play will vary depending on the age group and game location. (See table 1)
- B. One touchline will be for the sole use of the players and coaches, with each team occupying a separate technical area in their half of the field. (See **Miscellaneous Federation Rules – F. Technical Area.**)
- C. The other side of the touchline will be designated as a spectator area. A restraining line will be drawn at a minimum of two yards from the touchline. **All spectators must remain in the designated area.** (See **Miscellaneous Federation Rules – G. Spectator Area.**)

Law 2 – The Ball

See Table 1.

Law 3 – The Number of Players

- A. See Table 2.
- B. Unlimited substitutions at the following times with the permission of the referee. For ball out of play situations, the substitute must be positioned at the half way line prior to the ball going out of play.
 - (1) Ball out of play
 - a. Prior to a goal kick by either team,
 - b. Prior to a throw in by the team in possession,
 - (2) After a goal by either team,
 - (3) Between periods by either team,
 - (4) After an injury, either team if the referee has stopped play.
 - The injured player must be substituted. Parent of player must fill out incident report.**
 - a. Following issuance of a caution, the cautioned player only may be substituted as the discretion of the referee.
 - b. Substitute a goalie on a penalty kick with referee’s permission with only a player that is already on field.
 - c. Notify referee when changing goalie otherwise player will be sent off.
 - (5) Each coach must present a valid team roster prior to the start of each scheduled game. A valid roster is one that is signed by the District Commissioner. Changes to the roster must be made by the CCSF Registrar. **Pen and ink changes are not allowed.**
 - (6) A player who arrives at the playing field after the pre-game ceremony may enter the game **only** after being checked by the referee/assistant referee and verified against the roster.

Law 4 – Player’s Equipment

- A. Metal tips on molded cleats and metal screw-in cleats are not permitted.
- B. No caps permitted
- C. No jewelry permitted. This includes no earrings of any sort.
- D. All players must wear shin-guards **under** uniform socks.
- E. Players with oral braces must wear mouth guards in order to play
- F. Shirts must be tucked into the pants at all times.
- G. Sleeves may be rolled up but not cut off.
- H. Socks must match and be the same color as those provided with the team uniform.
- I. Captain bands can be on arm or leg.

Law 5 & 6 – Referee and Assistant Referee

- A. Every attempt will be made to have one neutral referee for each game in U8.
- B. Every attempt will be made to have three neutral referees for each game in U10 and older age groups.
- C. 15 minutes prior to game start time, the referee will
 - (1) Check team roster to ensure each player is properly registered with CCSF and FYSA,
 - (2) Check the equipment of each player,
 - (3) Perform the coin toss. The visiting team will call the coin toss. The home team is the team listed first on the schedule.
- D. Immediately following the game the referee will
 - (1) Complete the Referee Game Report, to include player name and registration number, and deliver it to the designated collection area.
 - (2) Deliver disciplinary report concerning any send off, to the designated collection area.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

- A. See Table 1.
- B. A game called by the referee prior to the start of the second half may be rescheduled and played in its entirety subject to field and date availability, **except in the case of Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct, item B.** A game called by the referee after the start of the second half will constitute a full game and will not be rescheduled.
- C. Goal differential (U10 and up) at the end of the first half if one team has gained a **8 goal differential** or its secures such differential during the second half, the match shall be ended.
- D. Tie games.
 - (1) Regular Season. Games tied at the end of regulation play will remain tied.
 - (2) Post Season. If the game is tied after regulation play, the teams will proceed to overtime (see table 1). If still tied, then a 5-player penalty-kick shootout until a winner is decided.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

- A. Each team shall have the minimum number of players at the scheduled game time in order for the game to begin. (See Table 2.)
- B. The schedule start time of a game is the time indicated on the league game schedule. Teams will be afforded a 15-minute grace period in which to field a team. Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game, beyond the grace period, shall forfeit the game.

- C. In the event that both teams fail to appear for a scheduled game and the referee rules the grounds playable, then both teams will be assessed with a loss.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

No change.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

- A. No score is kept for U6 and U8.
- B. Standing and score are kept for U10 and up.
- C. Game scores cannot be protested.

Law 11 – Offside

No offside for U6 or U8, but offside will be used for U10 and up.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- A. Each team is permitted up to **three** (Head & two Assistants U10 and up) coaches in their technical area and on their team. If all three are “send off”, the game will be forfeited.
- B. Players, managers, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of “The Laws of the Game” **and the CCSF Coaches, Players and Parents Codes of Conduct and Ethics**. CCSF officer and/or the Field Marshal has the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the vicinity of the playing field for abuses to good conduct. In addition, they can enforce any disciplinary action brought about by other authority (law enforcement).
- C. Any player, coach, or manager ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for at least the next scheduled league game. He/she may be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with FYSA By-Laws and Rules 2007-2008, Section 502.
- D. For U6 and U8, all infractions must be explained to the player/s with one retake (i.e. throw-in, kick-off, goal handling ball outside of box, etc).

Law 13 – Free Kicks

For U6 and U8 indirect free kicks only. All kicks from outside the goal area.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

None for U6 and U8; indirect kick from outside the goal area.

Law 15 – The Throw in

U8 receive a second chance after explanation of proper method.
No change U10 and above.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick

No change.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick

No change.

TABLE 1 - SPECIFICATIONS					
Age Group	Game Length	Overtime Periods	Size Ball	Max Field (Yards) & Goal Size	Free Kicks & Distance
U6	32 Minutes 4x8	None	3	30x25 4x6	Indirect 3
U8	40 Minutes 4x10	None	3	35x30 6x12	Indirect 5
U10	50 Minutes 2 2x25	None	4	60x45 6x18	Indirect/ Direct 8
U12	60 Minutes 2x30	Two 10' Halves	4	70x55 7x21	Indirect/ Direct 10
U14	70 Minutes 2x35	Two 10' Halves	5	130x100 8x24	Indirect/ Direct 10
U16	80 Minutes 2x40	Two 10' Halves	5	130x100 8x24	Indirect/ Direct 10

TABLE 2 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS, GAME SIZE, ROSTER			
Age Group	Game Size	Roster Size	Minimum Players Playing
U6	4v4	8	3v3
U8	5v5 (Includes Goalie)	8	4v4
U10	7v7	11	6v6
U12	8v8	13	6v6
U14	11v11	15	8v8
U16	11v11	15	8v8

Miscellaneous Federation Rules

- A. **Scheduled Games.** The Federation Vice President of Recreation or his designee is the only individual authorized to reschedule games prior to their schedule start time. They will coordinate with their division coordinator who will contact the appropriate team (s) to notify them of the change.
- B. **U6 On-Field Coach.** U6 teams will be allowed one (1) coach per team on the field during the game. Coaches from each team will facilitate the game by covering their own half of the field and will remember to explain all calls to the players.
- C. **Weather.** All teams must come to the field on game day where it will be decided by the Vice President of Recreation if games will be canceled due to the weather (rain) and/or to include lightning. All **U8 teams and below** games will not be rescheduled if cancelled.
- D. **Water Breaks.** All teams will have water breaks. FYSA have mandated that at the mid point of each half a water break will be given for all teams in U14 and below. During periods of excessive heat, either coach may request of the referee that a two minute water break be taken every 15 minutes for U15 and up.
- E. **CCSF Incident Reports.** Incident reports are available upon request and there are located with the Field Marshal, Coaches and at the Concession Stand. They can be filled out by anyone (such as a parent, league official, coach, etc). An online version is available on our website at <http://www.ccsfsoccer.com>.
- F. **Technical Area.** During the game, the coaches and players must remain in their Technical Areas. Coaches are not permitted to roam the touchlines. The technical area shall conform to FIFA specifications of “1 yard on either side of the designated seated area and extends forward up to a distance of 1 yard from the touch line.”
- G. **Spectator Area.** All spectators must view the game from the designated spectator area, no closer than 5 feet from the touchline. Spectators are not permitted to coach the players or move up and down the touchline, nor sit or stand behind the goal lines or player bench area, regardless of whether or not they are behind a fence.
- H. **In the U6 age groups,** a coach cannot place a player in a “goal keeper” position as a “defensive player.” (This is not in keeping with the intent of not having a goal keeper in this age group.) All players must be involved in the entire field of play.
- I. **Slide Tackling is NOT** allowed in the U6 and U8 age groups.
- J. **Player Participation.** Soccer is a team sport and practices are a vital part of the game. As such, players are expected to attend scheduled practices. **Each player** on the team **must be allowed to play a minimum of half of each game**, including play-offs, **provided the coach has not imposed restrictions on playing time for disciplinary reasons.** In such cases the coach must inform the division coordinator by filling out incident report outlining why the restriction was imposed.

K. Charlotte County North Regional Park (O'Donnell Park) Field Rules.

- (1) **No Tobacco Products allowed.** This includes, but is not limited to
 - i. Chew
 - ii. Cigarettes
 - iii. Cigars
 - iv. Pipes

- (2) **No Dogs allowed.** Please refrain from bringing your pet to the park. They are not allowed on the fields and it is not advisable to keep them locked in a vehicle.

- (3) **Park in designated areas only.** Please refrain from parking in areas marked as NO PARKING.

- (4) **Stay within the confines of the park.** O'Donnell Park borders several different areas and they may have potentially hazardous and are marked No Trespassing. Parents are responsible to closely supervise their young children to make sure they stay within the park area.



PLEASE DO NOT LITTER

If you bring it with you, take it home with you
Or
Place your trash in a trashcan.

Coach Responsibilities and Rules

1. Coaches must provide to the referee, valid player and coach identification prior to the start of each game. A valid roster from the registrar will be that verification.
2. Coaches should make every effort to ensure each player plays a **minimum** of half of each game. (See **Miscellaneous Federation Rules J. Player Participation**)
3. We suggest you review the **Parents Code of Ethics** with your parents and emphasize the positive attitudes we want to display for the benefit of our players. Parents are encouraged to cheer for their teams, but using vulgar/insulting language and jeering at other players, coaches, and the referees is not acceptable. CCSF officials may have parents removed for violating any part of this code.
4. Please ensure that your team technical area is cleaned-up after the game prior to your leaving the field. We should take enough pride in our teams and our league to clean up after ourselves.
5. Incident reports are to be used to report all problems. The federation can only deal with issues if they are presented in writing. They may be filled out online on our website, or downloaded and mailed to our P.O. Box or turned in at our concession stand. At games incident reports can be obtained from the Field marshal, Coaches and at our Concession Stand.
6. Please, review your **Coaches Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics**. We will not tolerate coaches teaching or encouraging players to play rough to the point of injurious play. We are supposed to be setting a good example to our players, teaching them fair play and wanting them to have fun.
7. U6 players that are on the field should be directly involved in the game and there should not be any player guarding the goal.
8. U6 will not keep any score, but U8 will keep score and U10 and up will keep standings. Coaches should refrain from emphasizing goals scored during a game, rather elaborate on overall player performance.
9. **If a coach plays a player who is under suspension, that player will not be allowed to play for the remainder of the season and the head coach will be removed from coaching at a minimum of; the rest of the season.**
10. Coaches are responsible for informing their spectators to move to the designed spectator area in order to watch the game. If a coach is unable to control a spectator then that spectator may be removed from the park by federation officers, or the field marshal, lastly through the use of law-enforcement personnel if necessary.

11. Coaches should contact division coordinators with any questions they may have. This includes questions about uniforms, trophies, and plaques. Please do not contact vendors directly. They cannot produce our work if they are busy dealing with coaches. We have committees set up to handle all functions of the federation and the committee heads are the only ones with the authority to deal with our vendors. Also, please provide your division coordinator with requested information and items (logos, uniform sizes, etc.) in a timely manner. This will facilitate smooth running of the federation functions. Your coordinator will need to know your team name, sponsor, and practice location as soon as you have that information.

12. Any roster changes need to be accomplished through your coordinator, one week after you have received your roster. The change must be approved by the registrar and a new roster signed by the District Commissioner before any new player can participate. No refunds after uniforms are ordered.

13. **Some of our teams may be short the maximum number of players during the season. In the spirit of fair play, when possible, please match the number of players the other team has fielded (playing down) if the other team has fewer than the maximum. Note: *While you do not have to play down to your opponent's strength if it would prevent any of your players from playing half a game, you should match it as close as possible.***

14. As a sign of good sportsmanship following the game, both teams will congratulate each other for a game well played by lining up and shaking hands of their opponent. **Any coach or player that does not do this will be suspended for the next scheduled game unless that coach or player is injured. It is strongly recommended that when a player is injured all players should take a knee to show good sportsmanship.**

Thank you for your involvement in CCSF soccer.

Let's have a Great Season!

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