

SWYSA 2019 Rules of Competition Chart

	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13-U14	U15-U16	U17-U19
# of Players on Field	3	4	4	5	7	7	9	9	11	11	11
Max # of Players on Roster	6	8	8	10	12	12	16	16	18	22	22
Max # of Players for a Game	6	8	8	10	12	12	16	16	18	18	18
Recommended Roster Size	6	8	8	9	11	11	13	13	16	16	18
Game Time Period (Minutes)	4x8	4 x 8	4 x 8	2 X 20	2 x 25	2 x 25	2 x 30	2 x 30	2 x 35	2 x 40	2 x 45
Time Between Periods (Minutes)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Ball Size	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Field Width (yards)	15-25	15-25	15-25	15-25	35-45	35-45	45-55	45-55	50-75	50-75	50-75
Field Length (yards)	25-35	25-35	25-35	30-40	55-65	55-65	70-80	70-80	100-115	100-115	100-115
Prefered WxL (yards)	20x30	20x30	20x30	25x40	40x60	40x60	50x80	50x80	70x110	70x110	70x110
Build out Line	Half Line	Half Line	Half Line	Half Line	Half Line	Half Line	Half Line	No	No	No	No
Center Circle Radius (Yards)	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	10	10	10
Goal Area (Yards)	none	none	none	none	4x15	4x15	6x18	6x18	6 X 20	6 X 20	6 X 20
Penalty Area (Yards)	none	none	none	none	10x30	10x30	14x40	14x40	18 X 44	18 X 44	18 X 44
Corner Arc Radius (Feet)	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Goal Size (feet)	4x6 to 6x6	4x6 to 6x6	4x6 to 6x6	6x8 to 6x12	6x12 to 6.5x18.5	6x12 to 6.5x18.5	6.5x18 to 7x21	6.5x18 to 7x21	8 X 24	8 X 24	8 X 24
Goal Size (feet)	4x6	4x6	4x6	6x8	6x12	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	8 X 24	8 X 24	8 X 24
Slide Tackling	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heading	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goalkeeper	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goalkeeper Punts & Dropkicks	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Offside Rule ****	No	No	No	No	No **	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Assistant Referee (linesmen)	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Penalty Kick Distance (Yards)	No	No	No	No	7	7	8	8	12	12	12
Direct Free Kicks	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Kick Defender Distance (yds)	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	10	10	10
Retake on Throw-In or Kick-Off	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Throw-In Defender Distance (yds)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Goal Scored From Goal Kick	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

These format guidelines apply to all teams and games in SWYSA's recreational leagues. For a complete description of all modified format guidelines at U12 and younger, see the modified SWYSA Rules and Regulations. Teams in regional, select and RCL premier leagues should check with their league registrar regarding rules and regulations.

This chart incorporates changes to U12 play beginning in fall, 2019, as recommended in the newest US Soccer Standards Chart, and voted on by the SWYSA Board of Commissioners.

U8 rules are unique to SWYSA with continued evaluation, adding a 5th player to the field (goalkeeper)

Field Sizes are recommended dimensions. Adjustments to fit physical constraints or permanent markings is acceptable.

The offside rule will not be enforced for U6-U8. However, players cherry picking or standing in front of the opponent goal will be called offside U9; Soft Offside - Allow players to be a step or 2 ahead of the opponent, but not to be positioned for a break away or "cherry picking".

Buildout line; retreat by opposing team will continue until the ball is in play by receipt of the ball by teammate beneath the build out line.

If ball is played quickly, opponent may cease retreat to buildout line when ball is received by teammate. If ball is intercepted by opposition beneath buildout line, restart of goal kick.