



Santa Clara Youth Soccer League Recreation – Class 4 League Information

Players participating in the Recreational (Class 4) level of soccer represent the majority of SCYSL's membership. Our League provides soccer from ages Under 6 through Under 19. Emphasis is on player development and soccer enjoyment.

Our League utilizes small-sided game formats in our U6, U8 and U10 age groups to maximize skill development. Our U6 through U10 recreational teams are often referred to as "House Teams" since they play against other teams within our League. U10 teams may wish to participate in the District Cup Jamboree.

Under 5 and Under 6 Playing Rules

SCYSL U6 Coordinator, Kim Bettencourt u6gcoordinator@scyouthsoccer.org

Players in our U5 & U6 divisions play 3 versus 3 on the field with no goalkeepers. Every player gets to play at least 50% of each game. Teams usually have 6 players each and play two 20 minute halves with stoppage for substitutions at about 5 minutes of play. The coaches are also the referees. The practice location, time of day, and day of week are up to the coach, but for these age divisions, the players can only practice once a week for an hour and games are on Saturdays. Coaches usually start contacting players the last week of August.

Under 7 Playing Rules

SCYSL U8 Coordinator, Matt Heintz u8gcoordinator@scyouthsoccer.org

Players in our U7 division play 4 versus 4 on the field with no goalkeepers. Every player gets to play at least 50% of each game. Teams usually have 8 players each and play two 20 minute halves with stoppage for substitutions at about 10 minutes of play. The practice location, days of week, time and length are up to the coach, but typically for this age division, the players practice twice a week for about an hour and games are on Saturdays. Coaches usually start contacting players the third week of August.

Under 8 Playing Rules

SCYSL U8 Coordinator, Matt Heintz u8gcoordinator@scyouthsoccer.org

Players in our new U8 division play 6 versus 6 on the field plus goalkeepers. Every player gets to play at least 50% of each game. Teams usually have 11-12 players each and play two 20 minute halves with substitutions during appropriate stoppages in play. The practice location, days of week, time and length are up to the coach, but typically for this age division, the players practice twice a week for about an hour and games are on Saturdays. Coaches usually start contacting players the third week of August.

Under 9 and Under 10 Playing Rules

SCYSL U10 Coordinator, Paul Stevens u10coordinator@scyouthsoccer.org

Players in our U9 & U10 divisions play 7 versus 7 on the field plus goalkeepers. Every player gets to play at least 50% of each game. Teams have no more than 13 players each and play two 25 minute halves with substitutions during appropriate stoppages in play. The practice location, days of week, time and length are up to the coach, but typically for these age divisions, the players practice twice a week for about an hour and a half and games are on Saturdays. Coaches usually start contacting players the second week of August.

Under 12 to Under 16 Playing Rules

SCYSL U12-Up Coordinator, Larry McNally 12coordinator@scyouthsoccer.org

U12 to U16 teams compete in the West Valley 'Play-Through' League. All teams play three pre-season games and then are classified into divisions. The U12 to U16 teams may also apply to any Class 4 or 5 tournament and Association Cup.