

XL Mt. Laurel Youth League Rules and League Information

Number of Games: 8

Number of Players on a Roster: minimum of 11 players (10 for U8 - U10)

Number of Players on the Field and Ball Size:

- U12 and under: 7 v 7 (including keeper) - Size 4
- U13 and up: 6 v 6 (including keeper) – Size 5

Game Duration: All youth games will consist of two 20-minute halves. The clock will run continuously except in the case of serious injury or when the referee deems it necessary to stop the clock. No time-outs may be called by any team. Youth games are designated to a 45-minute time slot. No warm-up time will be permitted prior to or during the half of each game. The clock will start promptly at the designated game time and will not be delayed due to lack of players for one or both teams.

Eligibility: To be eligible all players must be registered in the league and have a Facility Release form on file and an active membership. Coaches must provide proof of age for their players. All players must be registered to the team through DASH/Daysmart, have an active waiver and an active membership. XL Sports World shall determine which players and teams are in good standing. If a player is deemed ineligible, no refund or credit will be issued. In the event a coach is found using ineligible players intentionally, XL Sports World reserves the rights to take suspension action against the coach and the players involved.

Adding Players: Players can be added to your roster by Friday at 2 pm to play in the league on the weekend.

Uniforms: All players must wear shin guards. All players must wear shirts of the same color and the goalkeeper must wear a color that will distinguish him/her from the field players on both teams. No uniform shirts, shoes, or socks will be allowed displaying any foul language. In the event two teams have the same color jersey our facility will supply pinneys. All jewelry will be removed or covered with tape for safety of all players. Earrings and neck chains must be removed. If they are not removed, players assume all liability for injury caused by these articles. If leg or arm braces must be worn, all metal areas must be covered with a bandage or rubber covering. **No Cleats: The only shoes that will be permitted on the field**

will be either smooth soled sneakers, indoor soccer shoes, or turf shoes. No exceptions!

Bench Areas: Only team players and two coaches will be allowed in the bench area. All teams aged U19 and below must have an adult present (Over age 22) on the bench during all games. If the registered coaches cannot attend – they must notify the League Director prior to attending the game of the adult who will stand in. Absolutely no food or drinks will be allowed in the bench area, excluding water and/or sports drinks. Absolutely no smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the building or on the premises of the property during youth league activity.

Inclement Weather: XL Sports World will be open and league play will be held unless it is impossible for our staff to make it into the building. In the event of a severe snowstorm we do our best to post any closing/cancellation as early as possible. If you have a 7:00 am game, please check the website prior to leaving your home. It will be updated no later than 5:45 am. Go to our website on the main page and you will see Closing/Cancellation. We will post any cancellations on our website xlmtlaurel.com. We always try to give a few hours' notice when closing the facility for any reason. We update the website site often during any storm to alert you to any potential cancellations. If it is short notice, we will contact the coach. **PLEASE PASS THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON TO YOUR PARENTS.**

Rescheduled Games Due to Weather: Any games that are rescheduled due to the weather will be at the discretion of management. No refunds will be issued. XL Sports World Reserves the right to reschedule these games on days that teams may not have registered for.

Referees: We ask that you keep in mind that referees are on the field to officiate the game by using a set of prescribed rules set out by the facility management. At times, their interpretation of the rules may differ from yours. The referees are instructed to officiate in the best interests of both teams and the facility, whereas your interests are solely concerned with your team. Please do not expect an XL Sports World manager to either remove a referee or alter his/her administration of the game. All coaches, parents and players are always expected to be respectful to the referees. Any coach, parent or player who is disrespectful to the referee will be asked to leave the facility. Referee assessment forms are available for coach's evaluations of the referees and the management team is continuously evaluating the referees.

Score Reporting and Posting: All games scores are recorded and reported to our facility by the referee. Coaches do not need to call in the scores. Scores are updated each Tuesday. We do not keep standings or awards for teams participating in our youth leagues.

Substitutions: All substitutions will be made through the field doors. Jumping over boards may result in a two-minute penalty. Be advised that the referee will not hold up the game to allow a substitution on the fly when a penalty has been called. Once the ball is placed ready for play, the referee will start the five-second count and/or the opposing team may place the ball in quickly. It is your responsibility to make certain that you have the proper amount of field players on the field. Substitutions will be allowed on the fly before a kick-in, after the ball has left the field of play, after a goal has been scored, after a time penalty has been called, and to replace an injured player.

Restarts: If the referee stops the game for an official time-out, the team with possession will restart the game with the ball. If no clear possession can be determined, a drop ball will commence play. Possession will be determined by who had possession at the time of stoppage or by who played the ball last and to who it was going to. If play is stopped due to an injury, the injured player must leave the field of play before play can resume.

Youth games only: The goalie may punt the ball if it does not go over the halfway mark on the field without being touched.

Slide Tackling: Slide tackling is prohibited in all leagues. This rule also applies to the goalkeeper if it is the judgment of the referee that the goalkeeper, while sliding for the ball, puts himself/herself or any other player in a dangerous play. It is not an automatic dangerous play or a slide tackle if in the judgment of the referee the player was going for the ball.

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