



Rules for the 2022-2023 Season

Coaches

1. All coaches must have background checks within the last 5 years. This includes PA criminal, PA child abuse, FBI clearance or FBI affidavit with PA residency of 10 years. Any club not in compliance will be removed from league play and games forfeited until in compliance. The League Director may require background check verification at any time.

Facility

2. All players must complete the kiosk waivers upon arrival in the lobby.
3. Players/teams should not come into the team area/playing area prior to the previous game/training session concluding.
4. NO FOOD, GUM, OR DRINK ON FIELDS. This includes halftime.
5. The St. Luke's Sports Rink and Fieldhouse allows for cleats, indoor cleats, or sneakers. No metal cleats.
6. No numbers are required on jerseys.

Game Play

7. Referees get paid in cash (exact change) prior to game starting. Half-field games are \$15 per team per game. Full-field games are \$18 per team per game.
8. The home team on the schedule must supply a game ball.

9. Referee will control the clock. Halves are 22 minutes long with a 3-minute halftime.
10. All players must wear shin guards.
11. The home team must change uniform or wear pinnies if the referee determines there is a color conflict.
12. U9, U10, U11, and U12 girls and boys will play on half fields with 6 players (5 field players and a goalkeeper).
13. Middle School and High School teams will play on full field with 8 players (7 field players and a goalkeeper).
14. Coaches can choose to play with less than the number of players listed above but can not require the opponent to do the same.
15. There are no center kickoffs on half-field games. Kickoffs will occur as goal kicks for half-field games only.
16. No offsides.
17. The ball is considered out of bounds when it makes contact with any part of the facility not in play: netting, ceiling, and endline.
18. Defenders must be at least 10 feet from the ball on free kicks or restarts.
19. The outdoor pass back rule to a keeper is in effect. Keeper must have one foot in the penalty area to touch the ball with their hands.
20. After gaining control of the ball, the keeper must distribute the ball with a throw (no punting or drop-kicks).
21. Goal kick must touch a player or the floor before entering the goal.
22. Sub on the fly. Players should be off the field before sub enters. Keeper may hold the ball longer than 5 seconds to allow subs at referee's discretion.
23. FIFA rules apply unless specified otherwise. Calls and penalties are at the referee's discretion.
24. No hands on the walls. No using the wall to shield the ball.
25. No boarding.

26. No slide tackling.

27. Referees have the ability to issue a 2-minute penalty to any player **without** necessarily giving them a Yellow or Red card (or a combination of penalty and card). Teams who receive a 2-minute penalty must play down a man until the referee indicates their penalty is over.

28. Penalty kicks are taken 1 v 1, (attacker against keeper) for 5 seconds or one shot. Attacker begins with the ball at about midfield and the keeper begins on the goal line. Play stops after 5 seconds or after the shot. Ball must be in the air before 5 seconds expires. Restart would be a goal kick if time expires, shot is saved, or out of bounds off the attacking team.

29. If a player receives a YELLOW CARD, that player will receive a 2-minute penalty. Goalkeepers who receive a YELLOW CARD will also be required to serve a 2-minute penalty. If a player receives a second YELLOW CARD, that player will be out for the remainder of this game and the team will play short one player for the remainder of the game. If a goalkeeper receives two yellow cards the team will play short one player but you may put in another goalkeeper.

30. If a player receives a direct RED CARD, that player will be out for the remainder of the game and the team will play short one player for the remainder of the game. If a goalkeeper receives a red card the team will play short one player but you may put in another goalkeeper. A player who receives a RED CARD is prohibited from playing in any game at that age group for a minimum of the next 8 days. Any coach receiving a red card is prohibited from coaching during any game at that age group for a minimum of the next 8 days. If a player or coach receives a second RED CARD during the season they will be prohibited from participation with any team at the St. Luke's Sports Rink/Fieldhouse for the remainder of the season.

31. NO PROTESTS ALLOWED.

Cancellations and Reschedules

32. If a game is canceled due to weather conditions, coaches will be emailed. All game changes will be posted on www.slsportsrink.com and on the Tourney Machine App.

33. Reschedules will be made up at the end of the season unless otherwise notified.

Standings

34. Win =3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points
35. Tiebreaker Criteria if Needed
 - a. Head-to-Head Competition (2-Team tie only)
 - b. Total Goal Differential Maximum (Maximum 6 goal differential per game)
 - c. Least Total Goals Allowed
 - d. Least Red Cards Received/Least Yellow Cards Received

Communication

36. There will be a St. Luke's Sports Rink/Fieldhouse site manager present who can speak to about facility related issues, concerns, and/or injuries.
37. Please note, we realize there is always room for improvement but we will not be implementing mid-season changes. At the conclusion of the season, you will receive a survey to provide feedback on the season.
38. The Winter League Director has final say over all league matters.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact the league director; Tara Mrazik via email at tara@sportsrink.com phone at 610-360-1050. Thanks!