

U6-U10 CROSSFIRE SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL

Please do not use alcohol or tobacco products. Please watch your language.

No Pets Allowed: Brothers Park does not allow dogs and is a youth park.

Please keep children from playing on the goals.

Please do not park in the emergency access area. Leave the handicap parking for those who need it. This applies if you are in your car and the car is idling.

If you have a concern, look for a Field Marshall. We are in the green/yellow neon vests.

Stay on the spectator side of the field, which is opposite of the players and coaches. Also, do not stand or sit behind the goals.

Do not keep score!

- This is a development league and the focus should be on the improvement of the players skills. "Winning" the game is counterproductive to skill development.
- Applaud all players when good skills are showcased or when a particular player improves their skills. Remember, next season your player may be paired with an opposing player(s).
- If you have something negative to say, keep it to yourself.
- Good sportsmanship is expected (Note: kids love the parent tunnel at the end of the game).
- Rate the quality of the game by the development of the players and their experience.
- There will be plenty of time to keep score later in life.

Support our young referees. They are also developing their skills and experience. Referees have the highest rate of turnover of all our positions (coaching is second). This is mainly due to the poor behavior of the adults.

U6-U8

No goalies. The intent of this rule is typically misunderstood. The purpose is to keep kids from hiding on the field. It also encourages the players to pursue the ball all the way back to the goal. Most young players will stop pursuing the ball when there is a goalie present. The purpose has nothing to do with increasing the number of goals scored. Remember, we don't keep score.

TYPICAL MISCONCEPTION OF RULES:

- Most U6 and U8 players are not intentionally "pushing". The majority are focused on the ball and oblivious to their surroundings and actions.
- Players can legally "charge" (push) another player when they are shoulder to shoulder (no hands, arms or elbows) and when they are within playing distance of the ball (1-10 feet). Also, the player must be playing the ball and not the player.
- Hand ball is when the hand intentionally strikes the ball and not when the ball strikes the hand. Arms are considered part of the hand in soccer.
- There is no offside rule in U6 & U8. Offsides is taught in U10.
- A ball is out or a goal scored only when the ball has completely crossed over the line.

This is the kid's game and not the adults. Enjoy the experience and the privilege to watch them play.

We are always short of volunteers. Please approach us if you have an interest in helping.