

Delco Fall 2008 Rules

The Delco League membership voted in at the AGM in April 2008 the following amendments to the rules for the Fall 2008 season. These rules were voted in for this year only on a trial basis to be revisited after the season. Coaches are asked to file an incident report along with their weekly game reports if any opponent or club violates these policies and rules.

2008 Mandatory Sideline Policy

The home team selects one end of one sideline, along which all players and coaches must remain. All visiting team players and coaches must remain along the other half of the same sideline. Supporters of both teams must remain on the opposite side of the field. **Only carded players and coaches are permitted in the team areas.** The sideline positioning **may not** be changed by the teams. This will be reported as a League rule to the Referee's Association. The Referee may alter this positioning if, in his/her opinion, it is necessary to maintain order. If the referee does alter the positioning it must be reported to the league.

Updated rules for U-09/U-10 games ONLY

U-9 and U-10 Modified Playing Rules:

1. The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline shall be greater than the length of the goal line. The field of play shall be a minimum of 45 yards and maximum of 55 yards wide and a minimum of 65 yards and maximum of 75 yards long.
2. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated a midpoint of the halfway line. The center circle shall be an 8-yard radius.
3. The goal is 6 feet high and 18 feet wide or 7 feet high and 21 feet wide. Goals must be securely anchored to the ground.
4. There shall be a penalty area at both ends of the field defined as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, fourteen (14) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play for fourteen (14) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made ten (10) yards from the midpoint between the goal posts. An arc of a circle with a radius of 8 yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.
5. A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, six (6) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play six (6) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.
6. *U-09 Goal kicks are taken from within the penalty area. U-10 Goal kicks are taken from within the goal area.*
7. Corner kicks are taken from the corner of the field.
8. Penalty kicks are taken from the penalty spot.
9. Defenders must be at least 8 yards away on all free kicks.
10. Teams play 8 v 8 (7 field players and a goalkeeper).
11. Unlimited substitutions are allowed at any stoppage of play excluding field restarts.