

BRANSON PARKS AND RECREATION  
Youth Soccer League – 2016

**U8 Soccer League – 5 vs 5**

**Player Eligibility/Roster**

1. Players must be 7 years or 8 years old by the age cut-off date set by Branson Parks and Recreation.
2. Team Entries: Maximum number of players on a team: 10

**By-Laws of the Game**

3. FIFA laws of the game will be used.
4. Players must have a team shirt to play. All jewelry must to be removed for safety. Earrings must be removed prior to the contest. NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. Games will consist of four 10 minute quarters with a 5 minute half time.
6. The game will start with a coin flip to determine who gets the ball first.
7. Maximum number of players on the field for each team will be 5, minimum of 4.
8. Coaches are not allowed on the field.
9. Playing Time
  - ❖ **Recreation League:** All players must play half of the time.
  - ❖ **Competitive League:** Playing time is left to the discretion of the coach.
10. Substitutes are allowed at any stoppage of play. Each sub must come in at the half line and be waived in by an official.
11. There will be a goalkeeper used for this age division.
12. Penalty Kicks
  - ❖ **Recreation League:** There are no penalty kicks (direct and indirect kicks will be taken).
  - ❖ **Competitive League:** Penalty kicks will be awarded.
13. Goal Kicks, Corner Kicks, Inbounding
  - ❖ **Recreation League:** All in bounds will be throw-ins from the sideline. No end-line throw-ins. (NO goal kicks or corner kicks)
    - A second chance for a proper throw-in will be allowed.
  - ❖ **Competitive League:** Goal and corner kicks are allowed.
    - A second chance on throw-ins will NOT be allowed.
14. A size 4 ball will be used.
15. Offside will not be called.
16. Slide tackling is not allowed.
17. All players must wear shin guards and they must be covered with socks.
18. No metal cleats will be allowed! Baseball cleats can be used if the toe cleat is smoothed down or removed.

**Conduct**

19. There shall be two coaches allowed on the bench during games. Coaches should remain in the bench area for the duration of the game. No coach should position themselves at the goal.
20. Any player who receives a yellow card will be required to sit out for two minutes before returning to the game.
21. Coaches and spectators who conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner will result in a yellow card for their team. If a second yellow card is received, he or she will be ejected from the facility immediately and face possible suspension from the program.
22. As a coach, you are responsible for your team's crowd and their actions. If a problem occurs in your team's crowd, you will be given a warning to take care of the situation. If the problem persists, the coach will once again be notified and the referee will issue a yellow card against the offending crowd team's coach. Further problems will result in forfeit of the game and possible suspensions of team, coaches or fans.

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23. The Branson Parks and Recreation Department requires that players, parents and coaches sign a “Code of Conduct” prior to the season starting that relates to behavior and sportsmanship to which ALL will be held accountable. Sportsmanship violations, including foul language, intimidation, and threat of infliction of bodily harm against game officials, staff or other participants, coaches and spectators will not be tolerated and those in violation will be subject to ejection from the game and suspension from future games at the discretion of the Parks Staff.

**Miscellaneous**

24. The program supervisor will make final determination on any rules or interpretation that may arise throughout the season.