

## Clayton County Soccer Rules governing Team play (Revised December 2015)

Clayton County Soccer in an endeavor to introduce and develop soccer players in our community has decided to adopt the following in accordance with Georgia State Soccer Association:

- All U-4 and U-6 teams will adopt the new ball rule
- U3 & U4 Divisions – Kids age four and younger will be divided into U3 and U4 playing divisions.
- Ball Size – Kids in the U3 and U4 divisions will play with a size 2 ball.
- All parents will stay on one side of the field, players and coaches will stay on the other side and absolutely no one behind the goal lines during the games. This will apply to all age groups
- All U-4 and U6 games will be officiated by the coaches on the field
- In an effort to promote soccer skills and maximum involvement and for the safety of the child coaches must refrain from having players standing in the goal. Remember there will be no goalkeepers for the age groups U-4 and U-6
- The games are played in quarters, there will be no breaks between quarters, however, there will be reasonable break between halves
- Each quarter will be 10 minutes and the half time break will be 5 minutes
- The teams will change sides after the half-time break
- All players will play one half; players cannot be barred from playing even if they do not show up for practice. However, players will not be allowed to participate without proper equipment (such as shin-guard)
- All of the above and other rules which will be advised of and revisited from time to time will be in effect throughout the season
- U8 Division – The U8 teams will play 4 v 4, with no goalkeeper.
- U10 In-House Division – The U10 In-House teams will play 4 v 4 with no goalkeeper. This is a developmental league geared to better prepare players for moving onto the Recreational travel teams. Games will consist of two(2) 25 minute halves with a five(5) minute half time period.
- Clayton County Soccer is a Recreational League and ALL age groups will recognize a Mandatory Play Rule that ensures that ALL participants will have equal playing time.
- The rescheduling of games will be the sole responsibility of the Program Coordinator so that all parties involved are aware of any and all changes to the schedule. This includes informing Coaches for both teams and referees when they are required so that the Program does not have any undo cost.