



Welcome to the Callaway Youth Soccer League. Below, you will find an addendum list of the rules that will govern this league in conjunction with US Club Soccer, NCSAA, USA and IFAB.

### LEAGUE DESCRIPTION

All games will be played at the Callaway Recreational Complex on Hwy. 22 in Callaway.

Local rules:

- NO SMOKING
- NO alcohol
- NO foul language, yelling, cursing at referees, parents or coaches.
- NO unsportsmanlike behavior
- No personal coolers – ONLY TEAM COOLERS for game days



Violation of League rules may result in suspension without a refund of dues from the Callaway Soccer or Arsenal program. The Panama City Soccer organizations, including the Callaway Youth Soccer League and Board of Directors reserve the right to revoke membership at any time during the current season for any reason or specific violation.

Age Group	Game Length	Overtime Periods*	Ball Size
U18 - 19	8v8 (2)35 minute halves	(2)10 minute halves	#5 Ball, 27-28in. (4-16ozs.)
U13 - U17	11v11 (2)30 minute halves	(2)10 minute halves	#5 Ball, 27-28in. (4-16ozs.)
U12 - U15	9v9 (2)30 minute halves	(2)10 minute halves	#5 Ball, 27-28in. (4-16ozs.)
U11	8v8 (2)25 minute halves	(2)10 minute halves	#4 Ball, 25-26in. (11-13ozs.)
U9 - U10	8v8 (2)25 minute halves	NONE	#4 Ball, 25-26in. (11-13ozs.)
U8	6v6 (2)20 minute halves	NONE	#4 Ball, 25-26in. (11-13ozs.)
U5 - U7	5v5 (2)15 minute halves	NONE	#3 Ball, 23-24in. (11-12ozs.)
U4	3v3 (1)20 minute period	NONE	#3 Ball, 23-24in. (11-12ozs.)

Halftime is 10 minutes in length. \*Overtime periods only apply to tournament play and if the game is still tied after both periods, IFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” rules apply to determine the winner.

League eligibility and the age division a player is eligible for will be based on a January 1<sup>st</sup> cut-off with the exception of the U-4/5 divisions. A player can play up an age group with the parent’s permission, but usually will rarely play down. Exceptions may be granted on an individual basis but only under a unanimous decision made by the Soccer Board. A letter requesting this change must be received and approved prior to the player’s participation in any practices or games. Copies of birth certificates are required for ALL players. Non-US citizens may submit a copy of a passport. No shot records or physicals will be required.

## PLAYERS

Players must wear the **entire uniform** provided by the league. There will be no exceptions for shorts. Pants, jackets and long sleeve shirts may be worn due to weather conditions but must be worn underneath the issued uniform. Shin guards must be worn at all times and under socks. No jewelry such as earrings, bracelets or necklaces can be worn during the game. Exceptions will only be made for players who have recently had their ears pierced and are wearing stud earrings with protective backs. Hair accessories made of metal or hard plastic are not permitted. A player can wear tennis shoes for clinics or camps but cleats are required for games. No football style cleats with metal studs or screw-in studs will be permitted.

## GAME RULES



All games will fall under IFAB laws, at the discretion of the referees with the following exceptions:

- NO SLIDE TACKLING
- Offside rulings will only apply to age divisions U-12 and above.
- Throw-ins will only be referee assisted in age divisions U-9 and below. After two attempts, at a proper throw-in, possession of the ball will defer to the opposing team. This rule is designed as a learning tool and will only be used at the discretion of the head referee.
- During U-4 thru U-9 games, if an injury occurs, the referee will pause the game causing players to take a knee. Once every player has stopped and taken a knee, the respective coaches may reposition or instruct players as needed. No delay of game will be allowed and the controlling team will ensure both teams are ready before play continues. Excessive delays will be grounds for game extension but only at the agreement of both teams (if fields are available).
- U-4 through U-7 games will NOT be played with goal keepers. All players must remain outside the box markings around their goal unless they are involved in play. If no field markings are available, a 4 foot perimeter should be observed.
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches should remain in their approved boxes beside their specific team benches. Coaches and Parents are not permitted to coach players from the touchlines or goalie area (U-4 through U-8 coaches are the exception and may remain on the field without interference. Only one coach from each team may be on the field, excluding the official). U-4 through U-8 coaches referee their own games. Each team selects a coach to officiate a half.

Keepers will be utilized in the U-8 and above age divisions under the following exceptions outside IFAB Laws:

- Goal keepers may kick the ball out of their hands, while in their own box, after making a save or catching the ball.
- Goal keepers can use over arm and underarm throws when distributing the ball.
- For U-8 Games, NO opposing players are allowed to enter the goal keeper's box; this will result in a free kick, determined where by the referee.
- If the ball goes out of play behind the goal by the attacking team, the goal keepers places the ball on the edge of his/her box and must take a grounded goal kick.
- A Goal keeper may use any part of their body when trying to prevent a goal.
- It is advised the goal keeper only keep the ball in their hands for 6 seconds after making a save, this helps continue the flow of the game, although the referee will be lenient please make sure your keeper does not waste time.
- A U-8 goal keeper may pick the ball up at anytime; there will be no pass back rule.
- It is recommended that all goal keepers wear protective goal keeping gloves but is not required.
- Parents are not allowed to sit behind the goal keepers or goal area.
- A goal keeper must wear a jersey or top that is different from his or the opposing team



## FIELDS

Callaway Soccer Fields will be considered Home Fields. Callaway Leisure Services is responsible for the safety and maintenance of the soccer fields. Only they may line or change field positions. Tim Legare is the Leisure Service Director and can be contacted at 874-0031.

- Practice fields must be assigned and approved prior to any practice sessions
- If game fields are not lined coaches must cone off the touchlines/boxes
- Player benches are for coaching staff and players only
- Parents/Spectators are not allowed on the players side of the field during game play
- Goals are not playground equipment and should be treated with care
- Coaches must check each goal on their field to verify it is properly placed & secure
- Players should not hang on goals or dig at the soccer field, creating holes
- The City of Callaway will only allow Team Coolers and Team Snacks to be brought onto the fields; individual coolers are not permitted and no outside food is allowed.



## COACHES

An adult coach must be present at all times. Unsporting conduct by a coach is not tolerated.

All coaches and “team moms” are required to do the following:

- Attend coaches meetings
- Become knowledgeable in the sport
- Complete US Club Soccer and CYSL demo sheets, submit to a background check
- Submit Injury Reports and Statements when they occur
- Organize field setup & cleanup volunteers

Coaches are responsible for the behavior of fans and assistant coaches of their team. A required one-hour practice will be scheduled for one night a week. Additional practices can be held but are not mandatory. Any comments or situations with another coach, referee or parent, please contact your Division Coordinator.

## DISCIPLINE

Most disciplinary rules apply to the U-12 and above age groups.



- A player receiving 3 yellow cards during one season or one red card must be suspended for (1) one game or more if found necessary by league administration. A player receiving a red card for violent (non-accidental) behavior may be subject to league banishment determined by league committee.
- If a player receives 2 yellow cards in a game (which is equal to a red card), the offender will sit out the next game. These yellow cards will not count towards the total of 3 for the season.
- If a player receives 2 red cards in a season he/she may be suspended for the rest of the season including playoffs as determined by league committee.
- A player striking or assaulting a referee, player or spectator is automatically suspended for the balance of the season or longer and may result in criminal action.
- A player receiving a red card must immediately leave the field complex (parking lot). If they have not left within 15 minutes, the referee can forfeit the game against the offenders' team.
- Appeals against a referee's decision on a red or yellow card can be made only through your team representative and decided by an administrative staff.
- Callaway Soccer (a SAY and US Club Soccer affiliate) is the lead title of the league and their laws of basic moral conduct must be respected and may be punishable by referees and Board Member up to and including banishment.
- Any individuals damaging, intentionally altering or otherwise disrespecting any field equipment, fencing, benches, building or signs will be immediately banned from league play and may face criminal charges.

## **GAME TERMINATIONS/RESCHEDULING**



A game is considered complete at the end of the first half if the second half cannot be completed or field conditions become dangerous for players.

Regular season games that get rained out **may** be rescheduled provided there are appropriate scheduling dates available. Notification of any rescheduling will be made at least one-week prior to changes and will be made by your Division Coordinator.

The City of Callaway has the right to close fields in use and declare them unsafe at any time.