

# Crown Point Youth Soccer Club, Inc.

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<http://www.cpsoccer.org>

## U-8 Instructional Guidelines

- Games start as scheduled at the top of the hour.
- The game field is available for warm-ups and final words of encouragement at 5 minutes before the hour.
- All players must wear shin guards, **no exceptions.**
- Soccer or gym shoes only. **No football or baseball cleats allowed.**
- Coaches and game day captains check in with the referee 2 minutes before game time for the coin toss. The team that wins the coin toss selects which goal to defend or to have the ball first.
- Each game consists of four (4) quarters.
- Each quarter is eight (8) minutes in length. A running clock is used for all play stoppages.
- There is a two (2) minute break between quarters.
- If in doubt about whether games will play due to weather. Check the CP Soccer website [www.cpsoccer.org](http://www.cpsoccer.org) or the Club Phone 776-8000.
- In case of rain or other early stoppage; two (2) complete quarters played equals an official game. An unofficial or cancelled game is made up during the following week. All games times are 6:00 pm. Please note that no referees are provided for the make-up games.

Saturday game	Weekday	Field
9 am	Monday	Same
10 am	Tuesday	Same
11 am	Wednesday	Same
12 pm	Thursday	Same

If poor weather prevents make-up game play then the acting coaches for each team are responsible for contacting an In-House Coordinator, see below, to confirm the next day and time for the make-up game.

### **Each coach should call the other coach as a reminder for play date and play time.**

- A maximum of one cancelled game per season is permitted. Special circumstances not withstanding.
- Game Day Rosters
- Each player is scheduled for a minimum of 1 quarter on offense and 1 quarter on defense per game.

- In the case where a player has exceptional abilities and scores two goals in a single quarter, his/her coach should encourage passing the ball to the other offensive players. If three goals are scored in a single quarter by a single player than the coach should move him/her to goalie or defense.
- **Offensive Players are permitted to move around the entire field.**
- **Two defenders must remain on their defensive side of the field at all times.**
- **The Entire Field includes the goalie box. Encourage offensive players to follow ball into the goal box and defensive players to clear ball from the goal box. OFFENSIVE PLAYERS MUST NOT ATTACK THE BALL AFTER THE GOALIE HAS ESTABLISHED CONTROL. ANY GOAL SCORED IS NULLED AND A GOAL KICK IS AWARDED.**
- If a team is being outscored by 3 or more goals in a single quarter then the acting coach may add an additional defender for the duration of that quarter only.
- Player substitutions during a quarter are allowed only when a player is injured or traumatized.
- No player is scheduled for goalie in two consecutive games.
- No player plays goalie more than one quarter per game.
- Field of play
  - Game format is 6 vs. 6. Three (3) offensive, two (2) defensive and a goalie.
  - Soccer ball size #3
  - Sideline Out of bounds result in a throw-in for the other team.
  - End line Out of Bounds By the defense results in a corner kick for the offense.
  - End line Out of Bounds by the offense results in a goal kick.
  - All free kicks are in-direct. No free direct kicks at the goalie ever.
  - Hand balls results in an in-direct kick for the other team.
  - Pushing is not allowed and may result in an in-direct kick for the other team.
  - No Slide Tackles are allowed; an in-direct kick is awarded for the other team.
  - No Hooking or Holding is allowed and may result in an in-direct kick for the other team.
  - Offside is not called. Coaches are encouraged to teach the players what offside is and how to avoid it. “No Cherry Picking”
    - Offside - An offensive player is behind all defensive players before the ball is passed to him/her, no pass then no offside. “Dump and Run” strategy is legal as long as an offensive player is not behind the last defender when the ball is “dumped in”. The goalie does NOT count as a defender, regardless of his/her position on the field.
  - There is no winning or losing team since no score is kept.
  - No Win / Loss records.
  - Every team is a winner if the kids have fun!

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