

FCYSL/AFC Lightning Small Sided Rules for Referees

	U8 Recreation	U8 Lightning
Ball	Size 3	Size 3 or 4 (Check with coaches)
Number of Players	5v5, one player is goalkeeper who should be changed every quarter.	Some may play 5v5 but at other times it may be 7v7 on a U10 field. If it is 5v5, play as the recreation U8's do. If 7v7 see U10 rules below.
Game Duration	4 x 10 minute quarters	Work it out with the coaches
Offside	None	None
Fouls	No deliberate headers	No deliberate headers
Free Kicks	All are indirect Defenders 6 yards away	All are indirect Defenders 6 yards away
Penalty Kick	None	None
Throw In	Second try if they mess up. Help them!	Second try if they mess up.
Goal Kick/Corner Kick	Normal	Normal
Pre-Game Paperwork	No rosters No passes	List of players names and numbers. No need to check passes, though teams should have them if there is a question.
Post-Game Paperwork	Scores are not reported. Yellow cards are not reported. Red cards (hopefully it won't get to that) reported to FCYSL. See fcysl.org for link.	Scores are not reported. Yellow cards are not reported. Red cards reported to Georgia Soccer at gareferees.com
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	U10 Recreation	U9 or U10 Lightning
Ball	Size 4	Size 4
Number of Players	7 v 7, one is goalkeeper who should be changed at the half	7 v 7, one is goalkeeper
Game Duration	25 minute halves	25 minute halves
Offside	Yes - Use build out line as offside line	Yes - Use build out line as offside line
Fouls	No deliberate headers	No deliberate headers
Free Kicks	No change	No change
Penalty Kick	Yes	Yes
Throw In	Normal	Normal
Goal Kick/Corner Kick	Opposing players must retreat behind the build out line until the ball is in play	Opposing players must retreat behind the build out line until the ball is in play
Pre-Game Paperwork	List of players names and numbers. Check player passes. Guest player with pass allowed. Max on game roster is 12	List of players names and numbers. No need to check passes, though teams should have them if there is a question.
Post-Game Paperwork	Scores are not reported. Yellow cards are not reported. Red cards reported to FCYSL.	Scores are not reported. Yellow cards are not reported. Red cards reported to Georgia Soccer at gareferees.com
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	U12 Recreation	U11 or U12 Lightning
Ball	Size 4	Size 4
Number of Players	9 v 9, one is goalkeeper	9 v 9, one is goalkeeper
Game Duration	30 minute halves	30 minute halves
Offside	Yes	Yes
Fouls	No changes	No deliberate headers for U11 No changes for U12
Free Kicks	No change	No change
Penalty Kick	Yes	Yes
Throw In	Normal	Normal
Goal Kick/Corner Kick	Normal	Normal
Pre-Game Paperwork	List of players names and numbers. Check player passes. Guest player with pass allowed. Max on game roster is 14	List of players names and numbers. Teams should have players passes, but you don't have to check them
Post-Game Paperwork	Scores are not reported. Yellow cards are not reported. Red cards reported to FCYSL.	Scores are not reported. Yellow cards are not reported. Red cards reported to Georgia Soccer at gareferees.com
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