

CARROLLTON BOOSTER CLUB, INC.
FALL 2023 SOCCER RULES
U – 8 BOYS & GIRLS

1. Each team will field **five** players. Ball size is **#3**.
2. All players must wear shin guards, soccer cleats or tennis shoes, and their Carrollton team shirts and socks in order to be eligible to play. Baseball cleats are prohibited. All watches and jewelry must be removed.
3. Games will consist of four ten-minute quarters. Teams switch goals at the start of the second half. All players must play at least one quarter in each half. Thus, anyone can play the first or third quarter, but *at the end of the first and third quarters, all players not currently playing must be substituted in*. No other substitutions are allowed, except in cases of injury or illness. Any player removed from the game due to injury or illness who is able to return should be substituted back in whenever there is a break in play.
4. Any player arriving after the second quarter has commenced will be ineligible to play in that game.
5. One sideline is designated for team members and coaches, while the other sideline is designated for parents and other spectators. No one should be on the end line or in the goal area.
6. **One coach** per team is allowed to be on the field to coach the players and to referee the game.
7. The coach/referees are part of the game and anytime the ball hits them, it remains in play. Coach/referees are not to use whistles and should exercise discretion in calling the game. A professional coach may not serve as the game coach, nor may a team be assessed fees for the hiring of a professional coach/trainer.
8. The ball is in play when it rolls forward or backward on kick-off. A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-off, nor may a goal be scored when kicked directly from beyond mid-field.
9. Kicking, tripping, holding, pushing or slide tackling an opponent is a foul and will result in an **indirect kick** for the opponent. Repeated misconduct may result in removal of player from the game.
10. **Throw-ins** should be made with two hands from directly over the head and while at least parts of both feet are touching the ground. A goal may not be scored directly off of a throw-in.

11. A **corner kick** will be awarded to the attacking team when the defending team is the last to touch the ball prior to the ball leaving the playing field over the end line. A **goal kick** will be awarded to the defending team when the attacking team causes the ball to leave the field over the end line. **Opponents must retreat to midfield for all goal kicks.**
12. No penalty kicks will be taken. All free kicks will be indirect.
13. **No goalkeepers.** Players must stay outside of the goal box in front of their defensive goal. Defensive players should be encouraged to move up when the ball is on the other side of the field and not stay back near the goal. Honor system. Abuses should be reported to the League Coordinator, who has the discretion to reprimand the offending coach and/or reposition the offending player.
14. Offside will not be called. However, players must not remain near their offensive goal, ahead of all the defenders but be encouraged to move back when the ball is in the defensive half of the field. As in Rule 13, honor system will be used.
15. There will be no official standings. No official score is kept.