

## SOCA Youth VCCL Travel Program Rules of Play

Except as indicated in this summary, the VCCL Travel Program will use the international soccer rules as established by FIFA and set forth in the USSF annual publication, **FIFA Laws of the Game, Guide for Referees, USSF**.

The ball sizes and game duration for the various programs and age groups are as follows:

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Ball Size</b>	<b># of Players</b>	<b>Match Length</b>
U-11	4	8	2 x 35 min. halves
U-12	4	8	2 x 35 min. halves
*U-13	5	11	2 x 35 min. halves
*U-14	5	11	2 x 35 min. halves
U-15	5	11	2 x 40 min. halves
U-16	5	11	2 x 40 min. halves
U-17	5	11	2 x 45 min. halves
U-18/19	5	11	2 x 45 min. halves

There will be 5-minute intervals between halves.

Regular season VCCL matches ending in a draw at the end of regulation will remain tied.

**\* For spring season only, add 5 minutes to each half.**

### Exceptions

1. Both teams will provide you with a game-day roster listing all players who will participate in the match and their jersey numbers must be given to you prior to the start of the match.
2. When the color of jerseys is similar or identical and you deem necessary, the home team must change colors.
3. No jewelry of any kind may be worn (excluding corrective glasses.) Players who are wearing corrective glasses may be allowed to play at your discretion.
4. Casts are permitted if properly padded.
5. All coaches, players, and spectators will remain eighteen (18) yards from the goal lines. Coaches and players are to take opposite sides of the field from the spectators. No coaching may take place from behind the goal lines. All coaches and spectators must remain at least one (1) meter from the touchline at all times.
6. Substitutions may be made with your consent, at the following times:
  - a. Prior to a throw-in by the team in possession
  - b. Prior to a goal kick by either team
  - c. After a goal has been scored by either team
  - d. At the beginning of the second half of play

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- e. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play
  - f. After the issuance of a caution, for the offending player. Opposing team may also substitute an equal number of players.
7. You may suspend or terminate a match due to weather conditions, i.e., lightening, rain, fog, etc. before or during a match. If at least half of the match has been played, the match shall be deemed completed and the score shall stand.
8. The Official Match Report is used to verify
- a. The match was played on the date, time, and location scheduled.
  - b. Teams participating in the match.
  - c. Final score of the match. **Have the coaches initial the report at the end of the match.**
  - d. Cautions and ejections issued during the match, reasons for the same and other comments pertinent to the conduct of the match.
- Return the Official Match Report to the Referee Box located at the SFSP Concession Stand at the end of the match.**
9. You do not have to check player passes before the match unless the Director of either club asks that the passes be checked.
10. Your authority begins when you arrive at the match site and continues until you depart the match site.
11. Under no circumstances shall a player, coach, parent or spectator enter the field of play during the match unless you invite them. The coach is responsible for the actions of parents and spectators on the sidelines. The coach can be sent off the field or banned from future games for their misbehavior. Parents and spectators can be asked to leave the playing site, and if the request is refused, you can at your discretion terminate the match. If any player, substitute, or coach refuses to leave the playing site immediately after an ejection, you may terminate the match, and the match will be scored as a forfeit with the offending team losing by a score of 3-0.
- You have the discretionary power to suspend or terminate a match whenever, by reason of the elements, interference by spectators, or other causes that you deem such stoppage necessary.
12. A coach receiving a Red Card from you must leave the field and the area surrounding the field for the remainder of the match. In addition, the coach is prohibited from participating in the next match and is not allowed to be present at the field or in the area surrounding the field.