

U8 World Cup Festival Rules

General Rules (most rules will remain the same as current U8 season)

- Location: Arapaho Park
- Home team shall wear pinnies if the colors are the same. The World Cup Festival is allowing teams to dress like their allocated team name, i.e. England, USA
- Build Out Lines – Players will be asked to retreat past the build out line when the GK has the ball in their hands and also when they have a goal kick. This is to support playing the ball out from the back and to encourage players to receive the ball with more time and less pressure. Opposing team players can cross the build out line once the ball has been received by an intended recipient from the Goalkeeper.
- All free kicks are indirect (must pass to or touch another player before goal being allowed)
- Defending team will be a minimum of 5 yards (15 feet) away for indirect kicks.
- Teams can substitute on any stoppage of play.
- No punting – if the goalkeeper punts the ball they will receive a warning and allowed an opportunity to throw or pass the ball into play. If this occurs a 2nd time with the same Goalkeeper an indirect free kick will be awarded on the edge of the goal area parallel to the infraction.
- No heading – indirect free kick given to the opposition if player deliberately heads the ball from where the infraction occurred. If the ball accidentally hits someone's head play should continue. If a defender heads the ball in their own penalty area the opposing team shall be awarded an indirect free kick on the edge of the goal area parallel to the infraction. · All players must wear shin guards under their socks.
- Each game will have two 12 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.
- Scheduled home team provides the referee.
- All players shall play a minimum 50% of each game.
- Game MUST start on scheduled time.
- Have fun!