

Academy The BASICS Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

U7

Format: 4v4 – No Goalie

Roster Size: Player pool roster

Tournament roster will be used for games

A minimum of 4 players must be on roster to be active

- Field size: 25x35
- Goal Size: 4x6 Bownet Style
- Ball Size: 4
- Game length: 4 - 10 min quarters with a 2 min break in between 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 quarters with a 5 min half time.
- Coach and Assistant Coach will be allowed for one season only to serve with a Grass Roots waiver while actively working on their 4v4 Grass Roots license. Proof of grass roots license will be required for the following season.
- Players NOT on roster are NOT allowed to play – Use Tournament rosters
- Present rosters to referee at each game
- Referee: 1 center ref cost \$15 per game per team (\$30.00 Total to be paid at the field)

U8

Format: 5v5 – 4 players plus a Goalie

Roster size: Player pool roster

A minimum of 5 players must be on roster to activate

NO U6 players allowed on roster

Tournament rosters will be used for games

- Field Size: 48x30
- Goal Size: 6 x 12 Bownet Style will be at the field
- Ball Size: 4
- Game length: 4 10 minutes quarters
- Players NOT on roster are NOT allowed to play – Use Tournament rosters
- Present rosters to referee at each game
- Coach and Assistant Coach will be allowed for one season only to serve with a Grass Roots waiver while actively working on their 4v4 Grass Roots license. Proof of grass roots license will be required for the following season
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Guest Play for U7 and U8s

- Teams will be allowed to “borrow” other players from other teams within their own club
- Only the coach and team managers who are on the roster in Affinity have access to guest play a player
- Coach must designate the players on roster who are guest players and who is not playing
- NO Playing down allowed

Complaints about a referee/coach/team or player?

Please wait 24 hours BEFORE you lodge a complaint. You can email them to Wendy Roberts at cawerob@msn.com. All complaints will be sent as well to the Region 2 President and copied to the participating Member Organizations, who need to be informed of an issue within their organization.

Find Field addresses and coach contact info?

After you log into Affinity, click on a team. Both field info and coach contact info is found in Affinity. Click on the field name on your schedule for the address.

How We Play The Game

Set Up Rules Applicable to ALL age groups:

NO scores are kept. Why do we not keep scores? In keeping with the spirit of creating a fun, healthy environment & to foster development in our younger players we felt keeping scores creates an unnecessary sense of competition for our younger teams. We believe in development before results. Tournament rosters are to be used at each game.

Ref Fee is \$15 per team at each game.

Coach & Assistant MUST have a Grass Roots waiver and actively working on their 4v4 Grass Roots license.

Coaches & Asst. Coaches are expected to show respect for the laws of the game and demonstrate good sportsmanship towards players, referees, other coaches and parents.

NO ROSTER, NOT ON ROSTER.... NO PLAY – no need to explain this. Home team wears dark - If a conflict arises, home team changes. Jerseys, T-shirts and Pennies: teams may play in any of these as long as they are of the same color. Numbers are not required.

Home team provides the game ball. Size 4 in all games

Sidelines: Coach/Team and Parents on one side. Opposing team on the other sideline. Home team chooses side.

Parent/Sidelines should show respect for the laws of the game and demonstrate good sportsmanship towards players, referees, other coaches and parents. NO Earrings are allowed.

Referees in the Academy will mostly be new or younger persons. Please remember to treat them with respect. They will make mistakes and not make every call to your satisfaction. There is only 1 referee on the field and missed calls will be made or not made. It happens at all levels of play.

Contact Wendy Roberts with any issues
cawerob@msn.com
Text: 801.564-2559

Rules to be called for U7

- **Kick –in:** are given when the ball crosses the touchline. Players must give 5 yards to allow space for the kick in
- **Foul:** a foul is committed when a player trips or kicks an opponent, charges or slides from BEHIND and or holds onto his/her opponent. An indirect kick will be awarded
- **Corner Kick:** is given when the ball is kicked passed the goal line by the defending team
- **Goal Kick:** is given when the ball is kicked passed the goal line by the offensive team
- **Halfway retreat:** when a goal kick is awarded the defending players must stand at least at the halfway line until the ball is in play. The position of the defending players is so that the attacking team has a chance to play the ball out of their penalty area. Teams are encouraged to inter-pass the ball in order to advance up field.
- **Punting:** will not be allowed
- **Handball:** is called when a player INTENTIONALLY touches the ball with arm or hand resulting in advantage. HOT button topic. The players are 3 feet tall almost everything is a handball. An Indirect Kick to be awarded
- **Substitution:** can be made at anytime
- **Heading:** will not be allowed. An indirect kick will be awarded at the spot of offense.
- **No Penalty kicks are to be awarded**
- **Rules to be called for U8**
- **Breakout Line:** located halfway between the end line and half way line. The defending players must stand at least at the BOL until the ball is in play. Opposition players are not allowed in area until pass is made to play out. Players are considered “offsides” from the BOL to the goal line.

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- **Heading:** will not be allowed. An indirect kick will be awarded at the spot of offense.
- **Handball:** is called when a player INTENTIONALLY touches the ball with arm or hand resulting in advantage. Indirect Kick to be awarded
- **Throw-in:** are given when the ball crosses the touch line- U8 players
- **Substitutions:** can be made at any time
- **Offside:** a player is considered offside if she/he is past the last defender when receiving a pass. A player is not offside if they have the ball in their possession or on a throw in. CHERRY PICKING IS NOT ALLOWED and should be enforced by an obvious offside call.
- **Direct Kick:** is a free kick awarded to a team after a foul has been committed.
- **Indirect kick:** is a free kick after a foul is committed, however the ball must touch another player before scoring.
- **Penalty Kick:** is given after a foul is committed INSIDE the goal box.
- Referee Fee Reminder

U7 and U8 YDL referee fees are paid ON THE FIELD (\$15 per game per team) at the time of the game. The YDL is not part of the state gaming league. Please do NOT pay your referee fees to the state office.

Schedules & Reschedule Policy

Scheduling Questions: Jenni Breckenridge (scheduler@uysa.org)

Schedules Will be posted online through the UYSA website

HOME team must give a 5 day notice to the referee coordinator (listed below), field assignor and game scheduler to cancel the game.

Field coordinator will give alternate dates and times for new game. **BOTH** teams must agree on the new date and time. Once teams agreed on new date and time, re contact the field coordinator and game scheduler with the agreed upon date and time.

Affinity will send all parties an email with new date, time and location of rescheduled game.

To Cancel: Email to coaches/ref assignor/scheduler **to cancel** a game should include the following information: **Game #**, Date to be played, location and Time

To Reschedule: Email to coaches/ref assignor/reschedule **to reschedule** a game should include the following information: **Game #** and NEW Date (agreed on by both parties) to be played, location and Time

Know Before You Go...Game Cancellation

All games are to be played regardless of weather. Decisions to close fields or not play will typically occur at 3:00pm.

If the league does not cancel the game by 3:00pm you are scheduled to play. Referees will show and expect to be paid for a game. If at game time the conditions are bad, a referee will make the call. All the games cancelled by the league will be rescheduled by the league. Both coaches will be contacted in a group email/text to work out a new date.

Any game cancellations prior to 3pm will be sent out via text message to coaches.

Any weather cancellations after 3pm will be made at the field.

Just because a state U9-19 game field has been closed, does not mean the Academy games have been cancelled.

Use Weather Bug Sparks app in conjunction with the referee on the field to determine playability.

Lightning within 10 miles warrants removal to a safe location until the lightning passes.