

## **U8-12 Season Guidelines**

### **January 2007**

Oahu League (OL) U8-12 games are to follow the guidelines below (and those detailed in the Coach and Referee Advisories and website information) in the administration of games and the season:

1. U8 -10 teams play with a maximum of eight players (including goalkeeper) at one time; the minimum number of players required for a game to occur is five (including goalkeeper).

U11 - U12 teams play with a maximum of eleven players (including goalkeeper) at one time; the minimum number of players required for a game to occur is seven (including goalkeeper).

2. For U8 games each half is 20 minutes in duration; halftimes are 5 -10 minutes.  
For U9 and 10 games each half is 25 minutes in duration; halftimes are 5 -10 minutes.  
For U11 and 12 games each half is 30 minutes in duration; halftimes are 5 -10 minutes.
3. The U8s have no offsides; the U9s, 10s, 11s and 12s have offsides.

Items 1, 2 and 3 are summarized below:

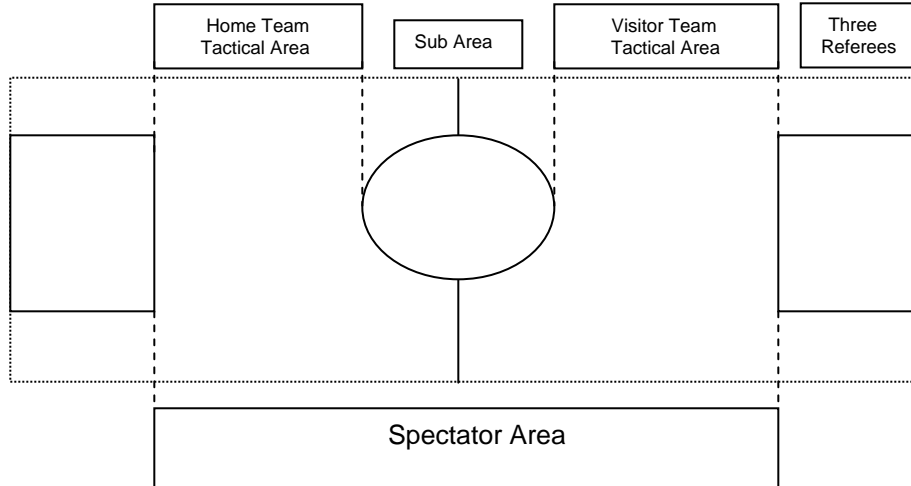
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Half (minutes)</b>	<b>Minimum no. Players</b>	<b>Maximum No. Players</b>	<b>Offsides</b>
8	20	5	8	no
9	25	5	8	yes
10	25	5	8	yes
11	30	7	11	yes
12	30	7	11	yes

4. Players must have passes and their names must be pre-printed on the game card (roster) to participate in the game; no player write-ins are allowed on the pre-printed game card; players whose names are not pre-printed on the game card are not eligible to participate in the game. The head coach is listed on the game card and there are lines for four additional coaches to sign-in as the coach of record for the game. A coach must have two passes – the “Risk Disclosure Pass” and the league/state coach pass. There are no exceptions to these rules unless a referee has been notified in advance by the Assignor, Registrar or President. The coach must fill-in the top left portion of the game card and sign the game card before presenting it to the referee; referees are not to accept game cards unless they are completely and legibly completed.

Coaches, DOCs and ADOCs will wear their two passes on a lanyard around their neck at all times. Only four coaches, DOCs or ADOCs will be permitted in the tactical area at any one time. Only those coaches, DOCs or ADOCs with a lanyard and pass and sign-in on the game card will be allowed in the tactical area. The lanyard and cards must be worn in such a way that they are always visible.

5. Both teams will be assigned a designated sideline and tactical area on the same side of the field. Players and coaches must remain within the designated tactical area. The tactical area is from the edge of the center circle to the edge of the penalty arc.
6. All spectators will be located on the opposite side of the field. Spectators will not be allowed on the team side of the field.
7. Referees will not start the game until the team, coaches and spectators are in the required locations.
8. Referees will function as three-referee team entering and exiting the field together and locate themselves away from spectators, coaches and players near the corner flag on the team side of the field (or some other remote location, i.e., under the trees at Waiiau).

9. Substitutions will only be made at the mid-field line. Coaches and players will not yell “sub” to indicate that a substitution is occurring; the referee will know that a substitution is wanted by seeing the player(s) standing at the mid-field line **before** the stoppage of play occurs.
10. Diagram of field arrangement:



11. Games must start and end on time. Referees may shorten the halves equally to remain on schedule, i.e., two 25 minute halves for an U12 game. Coaches are to be ready to start at the scheduled time. Do not allow the games to run late as delays up to 30 - 60 minutes can easily occur. It is very important that the first three games of the day remain on time as the last game at 4:30 may start at 5:00 or later. This may be your game!
12. Game cards are due to the OL by the Tuesday following the Saturday/Sunday game with accurate scores and proper notations for yellow and red cards.
13. If a club line is used they may only make in-and-out-of-touch calls; they may not make offsides calls. To assist referees in making the off-sides call, club lines should stay even with the last defender at all times.  
  
***Club lines are eligible to receive payment for serving as a linesperson. For payment to occur they need to complete and submit the on-line Club Line Payment Form. Referees only need to note the club line name on the game card.***
14. Referees are to give the coach a “courtesy warning” when spectators are dissenting or being abusive. The coach will then deal with the situation. If spectator dissent or abuse continues after the coach has had an opportunity to correct the situation, the referee may issue a misconduct to the coach for the spectator dissent or abuse.