



# Springfield FC

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July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

SFC Rec Academy

Rules & Regulations

Adopted July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

## GENERAL

The following section includes general information.

Calendar Board Meetings Monthly, generally the 2nd Wednesday of every month

Coaches Meetings Minimum of 1 before each season, mid season as needed

Annual General Meeting At Spring Coaches Meeting Spring Registration Period

## RULES

All soccer games will be covered by FIFA rules with any exceptions noted in this section. There can be exceptions (on occasion) to any rule for extenuating circumstances; the rules must always support an educational and fun experience for the players and what is in the best interest for the community and the league.

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1. Sportsmanlike conduct is expected from every player, coach, assistant coach, team manager, parent, and spectator.
2. An SSA uniform is required to play (see Uniforms for more information)

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3. The current age divisions of Springfield Soccer Association are U4, U6, U8, U10, U12, and U15. SSA reserves the right to modify this at any time as a result of the number of registered players per season.

4. Players may play “up” one age bracket if requested by a parent and approved by a board member.

5. Players may not play “down” under any circumstances.

6. Any player not registered with Springfield Soccer Association will not be allowed to participate in any game.

7. The following grid displays the current format, roster size (min, recommend, max) ball size, and playing time. SSA reserves the right to modify this at any time as a result of the number of registered players per season.

Level	DOB	Year	Play Format	ALLOW HEADING?	OFF SIDE?	Min Roster	Sugg. Roster	Max Roster	Ball Size	Playing Time
U4	'13-'14		3v3	NO	NO	4	5	8	3	4x6 min qtrs
U5	2012		3v3	NO	NO	4	5	8	3	4x6 min qtrs
U6	2011		3v3	NO	NO	4	5	8	3	4x6 min qtrs
U8	'09-'10		6v6, GK	NO	NO	9	10	11	4	4x12 min qtrs
U10	'07-08		7v7, GK	NO	NO	7	10	12	4	2x25 min halves
U12	'05-'06		8v8, GK	NO	YES	9	11	13	4	2x30 min halves
U15	'02-'04		6v6, GK	NO	YES	7	10	12	5	2x35 min halves

8. All games are played at Homecoming Community Park at 7807 Angola Road Holland, OH 43528 in Springfield Township, OH.



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9. Practices are held at Homecoming Community Park at 7807 Angola Road Holland, OH 43528 in Springfield Township, OH and SSA has the rights to the soccer fields from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Monday – Friday during the “normal” season times as established each season between SSA and Springfield Township. Each SSA team is guaranteed ½ a field one night per week. In the event the number of teams exceeds the number of “fields” available, other accommodations may be made.
10. It is requested that no pets are brought to the park.
11. It is the rule of SSA that no alcohol is brought to the park.
12. No jewelry or hard hair accessories may be worn during any game.
13. During game play, both teams (including all recognized coaching staff) must be on the same side of the field. All spectators must be on the opposite side of the field.
14. The league does not allow slide tackling. A direct tackle is an intentional foul and the referee will issue a yellow card. A red card will be issued if persistent slide tackling continues.
15. Heading may be coached and used during game play beginning at U15. For divisions under U12, the restart for an offense is an indirect free kick for the opposing team from the spot where the ball was headed.

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16. Substitution rules;

- Players must line up at the mid-field sideline to be recognized by the referee.

Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee at the following times;

- Prior to a throw-in, by either team
- Prior to a goal kick, by either team

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- After an injury when the referee stops play, in order to substitute an injured player
- After a yellow card, the carded player may be substituted
- After a goal

17. If a player is injured during the game, the play will be stopped at the discretion of the referee. If the coach is called onto the field, the injured player must leave the playing field. Another player may be substituted in their place.

18. If a team is going to be short players, than other SSA players from the same age division may play to ensure the team can play. The team that is short may accept guest players until they have one sub. This may only be done with prior approval of a board member. Players may play up a division in the same case, but—again—only with the approval of a board member. Players may never play “down” an age division.

19. Goalkeepers are not used for U4 or U6. Goalkeepers are used for U8 on up.

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## 20. Weather;

- Games will only be cancelled should there be an immediate danger to the general public or if there is risk of significant damage to the fields.
- In the event of lightning, the referee, coach, and/or board member present will suspend the game immediately and all players and spectators will be sent off the fields until such time that it is safe to play.

## 21. Off sides will be enforced starting at U12.

## 22. Any player issued a red card will not be eligible to play in the next game.

Substitution may not be made for any player sent off the field. Any player sent off the field must remain on the sidelines with the team until the end of the game, unless accompanied off the premises by a parent or legal guardian. Names of players receiving a red card shall be submitted by the referee to the Vice President.

23. Any coach, assistant coach, team manager, parent, or spectator who creates a negative disturbance on the sidelines with their behavior, interrupting and/or distracting the players or referees, will be asked to cease the behavior or leave the field. If said person does not comply, the game will be suspended and/or terminated by a Board Member.



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24. Any player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager who physically abuses anyone will be automatically suspended without appeal.

25. Any player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager who verbally abuses a referee and/or players on any team will be suspended.

26. Casts will be permitted the discretion of the referee. If—in the judgment of the referee—the cast is unsafe, the player will not be permitted to play.

## UNIFORMS

Uniforms are required to play. A uniform consists of a reversible Springfield Soccer Association jersey, black shorts, and black socks. Soccer cleats are recommended but not required. Cleats for any other sport including but not limited to football or baseball are not permitted. Shin guards are required to play. Players are permitted to wear knit hats. Players are permitted to wear sweat pants under their shorts. Players are not permitted to wear jeans or cut-offs. Sweatshirts are to be worn under the jersey. No jackets or coats or anything with buttons or zippers are permitted. Hoodies are permitted provided the hood is tucked into the jersey. Gloves are permitted at any time for any player. The goalkeeper must follow these rules with the exception of the jersey requirement as they may wear any other “shirt” as long as it does not present a danger to any player and is different in color than the regular jersey.

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