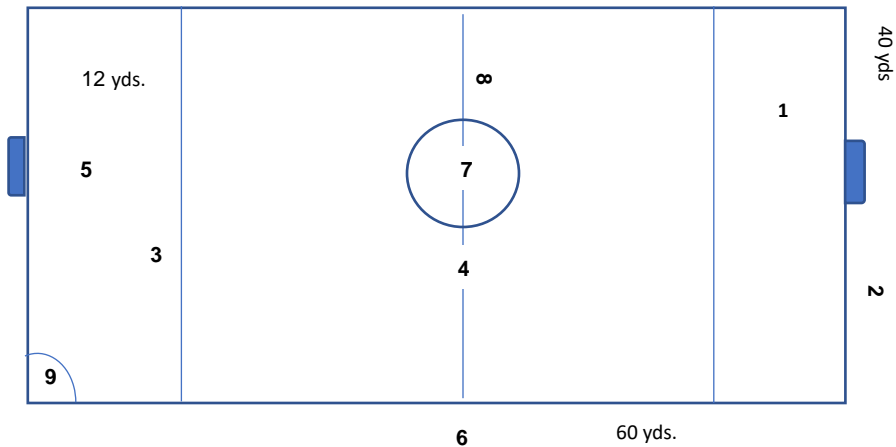




## Summer Night Soccer 7v7 Rules



1. **Goalies may use their hands in this area**
2. **Goal kicks are taken from here**
3. **A goal kick is not in play until it crosses here**
4. **Goal kicks may not land past here**  
If a goal kick lands past midfield, an indirect free kick is given where it crosses this line
5. **Players can be ruled offside if they are in this area**  
The ball is out of play when the whole ball crosses the whole line here
6. **Substitutions may be made on the fly but should be made here**
7. **The 10 second penalty shoot-out is taken from here**
8. **Until the kicker takes the penalty shot on the goalie, all other players must stay behind here**
9. **Corner kicks are taken from here.**

All players must be a member of Tucson Premier League (TPL) or another Arizona Youth Soccer Association affiliate. No pass, no play, no exceptions. The referee will check for player cards and player equipment for both teams on the pitch prior to the beginning of the match.

AYSO teams/players must also provide written permission from their regional commissioner and have a valid players card.

Any sanctions placed upon any player or coach during these games will be honored by all USSF soccer entities.

Summer Night Soccer is intended to be a fun, healthy family oriented program promoting soccer as a

year around sport. You are expected to conduct yourselves and your side lines in a professional manner. If you force us to ask you to get you or your side line in order, you will have only one chance to do so before the match is canceled. Please inform your spectators. This rule applies to everyone and is intended to return the match to the players.

Absolutely no smoking, cursing, or alcoholic products are allowed at or near the fields during TPL Summer Soccer. Smoking is allowed in the parking area only. If you or your sideline/ fans are smoking, cursing, or drinking the game may be stopped until the situation is corrected.

You are expected to clean all drink containers, snack wrappers, athletic tape etc., from your sideline after each match.

### **Rules in General:**

Summer Night Soccer reserves the right to limit registration and refuse any applications, teams or players. This decision may be based upon but not limited to past team sideline and player conduct. This is an extension of regular season play.

### **No Dissent:**

Referee interpretations are final. However, the referee may allow your captain's brief questions at match stoppages to explain an interpretation of the law. A coach or a manager may not walk onto the field, nor talk to the referee during a match unless the referee has asked them to do so. The referee may discuss the match with the manager after the match, however, only if time permits.

### **No @#%?^\*+! Cursing:**

It does not matter to whom. This is a family event and TPL will not accept anything less than family-oriented conversation. Any violations will result in an automatic red card.

D & R will consist of the TPL D&R committee. The D&R Committee will make determination of sanctions to be levied.

Automatic Sanctions are as follows:

**Double Yellow:** One game suspension.

**Red card:** (except for fighting) Automatic two weeks or two game suspension, whichever is greater. Player card to be held. Fighting: Suspends all participants for the balance of the season, or 6 weeks whichever is greater (Regardless of who started fight).

Fighting by two or more members of either team suspends the entire team for the balance of the Summer Night Soccer season. (Regardless of who started fight)

Tucson Premier League is concerned about the increasing amount of violence in soccer today. If your team has a red card incident more than one time during a session, your team may be sanctioned.

### **The Match:**

The match is played similarly to regular soccer with the following exceptions:

Under 8 through Under 19-play 7 V 7 and must field 5 to play.

U8-U19 will play 20-minute halves. 5-minute half time

NO Overtime.

Goalies may use their hands in goal area

Goal kicks are taken goal line

A goal kick is not in play until it crosses goal box

Goal kicks may not land past half way line

If a goal kick lands past half way line, an indirect free kick is given where it crosses this line

Players can be ruled offside if they are in this area

The ball is out of play when the whole ball crosses the whole touchline

Substitutions may be made on the fly but should be made at the half way line

The 10 second penalty shoot-out is taken from halfway line. Until the kicker takes the penalty shot on the goalie, all other players must stay behind halfway line

Once the game begins the match is in the total control of the referee. All infractions will be determined by the D & R Committee. In the opinion of Summer Night Soccer, (If the referee does not call it ..... it did not happen).

### **Goalie**

The only way the goalie can put the ball back into play after touching it with his/her hands is by rolling or throwing the ball out.

The ball must be kicked by another player before the goalie can kick it with their foot.

**No drop kicks or punts** are allowed by the goalie.

On all kicks the defender must allow appropriate distance as indicated by the referee to enable the ball to be put back into play.

No goal kicks can land past the half way line. (Infractions result in an indirect free kick at the half way line nearest to where the offense occurred.

Goal kicks are to be taken anywhere on the goal line. The kick must clear the box before it is played by any other player.

Penalty kicks are taken from half way as a shootout. All players except the goalie must remain at the half way line until the shot has been taken. The goalie can come off the line when the ball has moved forward. Player has 10 seconds to shoot the ball. The shooter must move toward the opponent's goal. Play is live after the shot for all players.

Substitutions can be made at any time the play would not be affected. You do not need the referee's permission, but the player who is being called off the field, **MUST BE ALL THE WAY OFF OF THE FIELD** before the new player comes on. Players entering and leaving the field must do so at halfway. If the referee feels that the substitution was not done legally, the referee may caution the players involved as well as the coach by showing them the yellow card.

Please keep your spectators, and equipment well off the touch line to enable play to continue.

The ball is considered out of play when the whole of the ball has passed over the touch line or goal line.

Offside is judged by the referee and only if the receiving player is within the 12yd. goal box.

**Competitive Balance Rule:**

U-8 to U-14-When a team is 3 goals behind their opponent, they can add a player, and after each goal thereafter until they have fielded 9. If they can field no additional players the team who is ahead must remove one player until they have fielded 5.

U-15 to U-19-When a team is 3 goals behind their opponent, the team who is ahead must remove one player after each goal thereafter until they have fielded 5.

In the interest of sportsmanship and honor, Summer Night Soccer requests that teams avoid heavy scoring in the event of an opponent mismatch. Summer Night Soccer hopes that the scores exemplify the spirit of the game and ask that your team allow lesser skilled teams the opportunity to enjoy every game. At the referee's discretion, examples of unsportsmanlike conduct are cautionable with a yellow card.

Official time starts when the referee blows his whistle.

**Loan players:**

Loan players are encouraged and freely allowed although, no player can participate in more than two matches in one evening. AYSO players may not loan onto AYSA teams and vice versa.

Summer Night Soccer matches are intended to be "friendly" matches. Summer Night Soccer encourages coaches to allow loan players but only to supplement their team, allowing their permanent team members the maximum opportunity to play. Teams who consistently abuse this freedom will be flighted accordingly.

**Sorry, No Refunds after your team is accepted.**

Summer Night Soccer cannot accept responsibility for the weather. We attempt to schedule your teams for 6-8 matches a session, however we are unable to provide field space for make-up games.

Should your team not be able to field five players:

- 1) You must contact us via e-mail or phone message at least one week prior to your game, so we can schedule another team to take your place for that game. If you can't do this, show up at the field with what you. Loan players are encouraged to fill your team.
- 2) At game time, find legal players hanging around the park, or borrow some from the other team, but **play the game.**

**Have Fun!**