



2026 Founders Cup 8U Guidelines

- Per AYSO guidelines this is a non-competitive division; no scores or standings are kept, and teams do not advance to medal rounds.
- There will be one center referee. Please be advised, however, that the intent at 8U is not to make every call, but to let the kids play.
- Three quarter play is the rule. All players must play three quarters.
- Barring injury, substitutions may occur only at designated quarter breaks.
- Handballs should not be called in 8U unless it's egregious (e.g., player picks up the ball or swats the ball with hand).
- Players must throw-in from out of play (no kick-ins). Egregious throw-in infractions should be penalized by giving possession to the other team to take the throw-in.
- No coaches on the field.
- Teams should sit on opposing sidelines.
- The build-out line will be used. Players must retreat behind the build-out line when there is a goal kick or when the goalie has possession of the ball in their hands.
- Offsides infractions should not be penalized.
- If an egregious penalty/handball is called within the box, then a PK should be awarded.
- Players can only represent and play on one team.