

Highland Soccer League - Under 9 Jamborees

Soccer Clubs in the Highland region organize a few one-day jamborees over the summer for Under 9 teams from each club. Clubs can send as many teams as they choose, separate teams for boys and girls where possible.

Jamborees are usually hosted by 4 of the Highland clubs – Guysborough United (Guysborough), Antigonish Celtics (Antigonish), Northen Nova United (Stellarton), and CC Riders (Truro).

Each host club is responsible for organizing the jamboree (schedules, fields, officials, etc.), and all a/ending clubs are expected to let the host club (at least a week in advance if possible) know in advance how many teams they will be sending.

Jamborees will follow these guidelines as closely as possible:

- Field Size – 30 x 35 Yards
- Goal Size – 5 x 8 or similar
- Play – 4 v 4 and a goalie (total of 5)
- Game duration – 25 mins (2-4 min half (me))
- Minimum of 3 games per team

These are similar to the Soccer NS Grassroots Guidelines that are shown below:

CRITERIA	U5-U6	U7	U8-U9
Match format (maximum)	No formal matches	3v3	4v4 (no GK) or 5v5 (with GK)
Coaching qualification	Active Start + MED + RiS + Making Headway + EAP	Fundamentals + MED + RiS + Making Headway + EAP	Fundamentals + MED + RiS + Making Headway + EAP
Maximum match duration	Informal play	30 minutes	40 minutes
Maximum match time per player per day	N/A	60 minutes	60 minutes
Minimum rest time between matches	N/A	Duration of one (1) match	Duration of one (1) match
Maximum goal size	Pop-up goals 3ft [0.91m] x 5ft [1.52m]	Pop-up goals 3ft [0.91m] x 5ft [1.52m]	5ft [1.52m] x 8ft [2.44m]
Field size	N/A	Width: 18-22m Length: 25-30m	Width: 25-30m Length: 30-36m
Ball size	3	3	3 or 4 (or 4 super light)
Number of memorable events (maximum)	N/A	N/A	Two [2] per year
Referee or Game Leader	N/A	Game Leader	Game Leader or Referee
Restarts from Sidelines	N/A	Pass in or dribble in	Pass in or dribble in