

2024 Bunny Blitz Tournament

Rules and Guidelines

	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11
Ball Size	3	3	4	4
Shifts	5 Min shifts -25 min halves	5 Min shifts -25 min halves	5 Min shifts -25 min halves	5 Min shifts -25 min halves
Game Format	7v7 Including GK	7v7 Including GK	7v7 Including GK	7v7 Including GK
Offside	No	No	No	No
Freekicks	Indirect, no PKs and no goals directly from any restart kick	Indirect, no PKs and no goals directly from any restart kick	Indirect, no PKs and no goals directly from any restart kick	Indirect, no PKs and no goals directly from any restart kick
Retreat line	Half line	Half line	1/3 line	1/3 line
Throw-ins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field size	Top 18 to top 18 (on Techniplex third)	Top 18 to top 18 (on Techniplex third)	Techniplex third	Techniplex third
Net	Small Grey	Small Grey	Small Grey	Small Grey

General Notes:

- Referees to double-check and remove jewelry before the game, check shin pads and proper soccer footwear etc.
- NLSA bibs will be available if teams are the same color. U15 Provincial Team players to make sure bibs are returned post-game.
- Referees to wear a bib if their shirt color clashes with a team.
- Game times: all games are 2 – 25-minute halves, 5-minute half time, then 5 minutes to cross over the games. Field marshall to assist the referee with keeping to the schedule. Halves and shifts may need to be shortened to keep on schedule. If a team

takes 2 minutes for a line change that impacts the time they will be on the field, so encourage quick changes, but keep the games moving on a running clock. We do not have extra field time, so games must end on schedule and games must start on time.

- If a game is significantly lop-sided, and a team is winning by a 6-goal difference, the score will be officially recorded at that point, but the losing team will have the option of adding an extra player to balance the play and the teams can continue playing to end of time.
- Field Marshalls: Mark the retreat lines, halfway for the U8s and U9s, and 1/3 line for U10s and U11s. Also, mark the goal area for the U8s and U9s with flat cones. Place nets at the top of the 18 for the U8s and U9s to shorten the field.
- Scores: Field Marshalls and Referees are to advise the NLSA staff of the score after the game. Scores are to be written on paper during the game.
- Retreat line: Once the keeper has the ball, the other team drops back behind the line, they can pressure only when a member of the goalkeeper's team touches the ball. If they enter the area inside the retreat line before a player touches the ball it restarts with the keeper. Retreat line marked by cones. Keepers can play over the retreat line and the ball is live with anyone allowed to touch the ball on a long kick. Drop kicks are allowed.
- There will be one prize for each winner of the division. No other medals will be awarded.
- The top two teams after the group stage will play in the championship game, in a 1v2 format. The remaining rankings will play in consolation games, for 3v4 and 5v6 where applicable. There will likely be a need for a tie break format please note the rules below.
- Tie-Break Rules:
 1. Most points in group matches
 2. Head to Head if applicable
 3. Greater goal difference in all matches
 4. Greater number of goals scored
 5. Coin Toss

Any additional issues or rule questions can be referenced in the NLSA tournament rules for youth and Megs on the NLSA website should the need arise.

These rules are only applicable for the Bunny Blitz Tournament, and are not indicative of the rules for any other tournament. Adjustments have been made due to the nature of an indoor field and limited sizes and field times.

